[San Francisco SPCA Day - April 18, 2024]

Resolution recognizing April 18, 2024, as San Francisco Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) Day in the City and County of San Francisco.

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SF SPCA) was founded on April 18, 1868, making it the fourth oldest animal welfare organization in the United States and the first animal welfare organization on the West Coast; and

WHEREAS, The SF SPCA has been at the forefront of animal welfare for over 150 years, introducing the first horse ambulance in 1884 and founding the No-Kill Movement in 1994; and

WHEREAS, The SF SPCA has positively impacted the lives of millions of animals in San Francisco through its unwavering commitment to animal welfare and its strong connection to the community; and

WHEREAS, The SF SPCA finds forever homes for over 5,000 animals annually and provides over 10,000 spay/neuter surgeries to help reduce pet overpopulation; and

WHEREAS, The SF SPCA has provided high-quality, affordable veterinary care to over 45,000 animals in the San Francisco community in 2023, underwriting $2.4 million in free and reduced cost veterinary care; and

WHEREAS, The SF SPCA's advocacy efforts have led to significant improvements in animal welfare policies in San Francisco, including leading successful support efforts on behalf of AB 1399 which allows for the use veterinary telemedicine in California; and

WHEREAS, The SF SPCA has also successfully advocated around SB 669 which authorizes Registered Veterinary Technicians (RVTs) to administer vital vaccines to California pets while a veterinary is off-site in some locations; and

WHEREAS, Both AB 1399 and SB 669 will have real-life positive effects helping families receive critical care for their pets, in part thanks to the advocacy from SF SPCA; and

WHEREAS, The SF SPCA also offers a multitude of programming including a community veterinary clinic providing high-quality, low-cost preventative care to pets, a mobile vaccine clinic providing no-cost essential vaccines and flea and tick control, a spay and neuter clinic, and more; and

WHEREAS, The SF SPCA has made great significant impacts on San Francisco communities, from providing residents with the tools needed to provide their pets with happy and healthy lives to helping pets find their forever homes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors recognizes and designates April 18, 2024, as San Francisco SPCA Day.