



Happy 150th birthday SF SPCA!

When James Sloan Hutchinson founded the San Francisco SPCA in April 1868, he was driven by a fierce dedication to stop animal abuse and suffering. His activism inspired 15 fellow civic leaders and, together, the fledging Society sparked a movement that fought for animal rights in the courts, in the classroom, and on city streets.

That drive and determination lives on in our work today, 150 years later.

Supported by our generous donors, a compassionate crew of hardworking staff and volunteers, and an increased awareness of and respect for the human-animal bond, we continue to honor Hutchinson's innovative spirit by remaining at the forefront of animal welfare. From our humble beginnings, we built an organization that has spearheaded many innovative programs, helping make San Francisco one of the most humane cities in the world. But the real power of what we do is in the work we do every day to prevent surrenders, support pet guardians, educate the community, and ensure that the animals who do come through our doors are humanely housed, treated, cared for, and placed with loving families.

There is still work to do, which is why we this 150th anniversary is as much about the future as it is about the past. Our next 150 years will focus on furthering our efforts to improve the lives of animals and the people who love them and sharing our expertise with other shelters, animal welfare organizations, and vet clinics up and down the state, across the country, and around the globe.

150 years ago, it took just one person to make life better for San Francisco's animals. It's still possible for one person to make a difference for our City's animals—and that person is you!

We encourage you to play a part in advancing Hutchinson's legacy by committing to helping vulnerable animals survive, thrive, and find loving homes. When you **adopt**, **donate**, **volunteer** or attend one of our community events, your support is instrumental in making the lives of thousands of animals and the people who love them better, safer, and full of love!

Throughout 2018, we will be celebrating our 150th birthday with you, San Francisco! There will be something for everyone, from historical exhibits to a cat movie night to a street festival in October. Please be sure to look for updates at sfspca.org/150.

Thanks for your generosity—the animals we save, the lives we change and the communities we touch are all made possible because of people like you!

Donate to support our next 150!