

# SF Animal Care & Control is the City's only open-door animal shelter

## OUR HISTORY

In 1989, San Francisco Animal Care & Control (SFACC) was established to provide animal care and control services to the City of San Francisco. These services were originally provided by contract through the San Francisco Society for the Protection of Animals (SFSPCA). That relationship remained for over a century, but when the SFSPCA did not renew its contract in 1988 for the following year, the City established San Francisco Animal Care & Control. SFACC has been providing these services as a municipal agency ever since.

Our current building was provided by the City. The space was adapted from a purchasers warehouse built in 1931. It was never intended for long-term use as an animal shelter, and other than changes in the veterinary room, the building has not been altered since its original conversion. But standards of animal care have changed dramatically since 1989, as has the role animals play in our society.

## HOW WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

**Animals make our lives better.** We can make theirs better. We accept every animal found in San Francisco that comes through our doors. We believe all animals deserve an amazing life, but every day animals suffer in San Francisco because they are abused, neglected, lost, and unwanted. We do all we can to care for these animals—both domestic and wild. Our goal is to create a safe environment for all animals in San Francisco and deliver animal welfare programs that educate and serve the community.

**SFACC serves both animals and people.** On average, we take in 10,000 animals a year: dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, chinchillas, birds, reptiles, fish, farm animals, and many others. In addition, we provide care to many species of wildlife. We are the first responder to any animal emergency.

**We also support hundreds of people every year.** Some are experiencing homelessness or a physical or behavioral impairment. Some are served by SFACC's Safe Pets program for individuals and families fleeing domestic violence. When people are unable to give their animals a stable home due to displacement, safety, physical or behavioral impairment, or institutionalization, SFACC steps in and cares for their animals.



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We work every day to rescue and reunite animals with their guardians or find them new homes. We also assist wildlife, enforce all state and local animal control and welfare laws, and serve as the first responder for animals in natural disasters and citizen emergencies.

## new building improvements

- Seismically secure and functionally supportive building conditions for employees, volunteers, and animals
- Animal enclosures that enable cleaning with minimal disruptions to the animals
- A staging area for emergency response and volunteer classes
- Comfortable, modern, and safe dog kennel enclosures that match best-practice industry standards
- Modern cat enclosures that give their residents space and comfort
- Wildlife enclosures that ward against disease transfer and separate predators and prey
- Space for SFACC vehicles to mobilize quickly for emergency response
- Expanded quarantine space
- Noise abatement features
- Veterinary space that allows for multiple procedures at a time, including vaccinations, medical treatments, blood testing, and microchipping
- Outdoor space for animals to exercise
- Public spaces for classes and workshops

## why now?

**After decades of serving San Francisco's animals and its residents as the City's open-door municipal shelter, our current building is no longer fit to function.**

The building is seismically unsafe and could collapse in an earthquake.

It is prone to flooding; it has a deteriorating roof; and there is no space for the required emergency water supply. In the event of a natural disaster that might disrupt the entire city, our building will not be able to act as a place of refuge for affected residents and their animals. The lack of seismic safety and space available in our current building endangers the animals and the people who care for them.

Modern animal care standards have advanced, while our facilities have not. Additionally, we don't have enough space or a warm and welcoming environment to adequately serve the public.

It is time to leave our old and outdated building. We must have a modernized, more efficient, and more effective space to better serve the needs of San Francisco.

## what's next?

**The City is constructing a new animal shelter at 1419 Bryant Street.** It is an opportunity to recover and protect a piece of San Francisco history and convert it into a public space all San Franciscans can visit. The building at that site was built in 1893; it served for many years as the power station for MUNI, and until recently was used to house MUNI's overhead lines repair shop. The building is one of the few historic, unreinforced masonry buildings still standing in San Francisco and needs a complete seismic overhaul before the animal shelter can move in.

Our shelter will be a state-of-the-art animal service and rescue facility specifically equipped to serve our animals and the needs of San Francisco. The new shelter incorporates best practices in disease, noise and odor control, improving the overall well-being and adoptability of the animals. The design optimizes the space with designated enclosures that allow for less stress on the animals, leading to happier animals that are adopted out sooner. SFACC will be able to use the new shelter to provide emergency services during an earthquake or other natural disaster and take in people's displaced pets. The building will be seismically sound and meet the seismic code for buildings that operate for critical needs. The building will include a generator and domestic water tank capable of maintaining the building off the grid for three days.

## cost

**The needs of our domestic and wild animals exceed the current financial resources available.** To fund the numerous programs that are not provided for by the City and raise funds for the new facility, Friends of SFACC is embarking on an historic five-year comprehensive campaign to secure the resources needed to realize this vision. The funds raised in this campaign will not only transform the interior of the building into the state-of-the-art facility that we need, but it will raise enough funds to support the critical programs and services SFACC provides to the people and animals of San Francisco.

The projected cost for a new, state-of-the-art facility is \$76.5 million. The City has demonstrated its commitment to the animals of San Francisco by providing over \$70 million to our cause. It has asked us to raise three percent (3%) of the total project budget as a symbol of the community's passion for the work we do. In addition to that 3%, we are raising additional funds to ensure the perpetuity of programs that save animals' lives. Our goal is to raise \$4.3 million over the next five years through this comprehensive campaign. Our commitment ensures that animals in San Francisco will have a safe and healthy place to thrive.

Construction on our new home is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2019, with an anticipated completion date of early 2021. With our new and improved facility, through direct services, veterinary care, animal behavior and training, and community education, we will create a sustainable community for all San Francisco animals—homeless, injured, lost, abandoned, wild, or domestic.

thank you for your support.



- We will have space for a state-of-the-art veterinary suite to tend to all animals that are sick or injured and dental services to the animals in our care. Good dental care provides a crucial role in the health and adoptability of animals.
- The improved HVAC system will allow us to provide true isolation rooms for sick animals to prevent the spread of disease.
- We will nearly double our indoor space and more than double our outdoor play space. Our current shelter has a 29,500 square-foot building plus 4,000 square feet of yard space. The new building will be 56,000 square feet plus have 9,000 square feet of yard space, allowing us to increase the animal play space from one to four yards. We'll also have space for cats to play and stretch.
- All the animal enclosures for dogs, cats, wildlife, reptiles, birds, and small animals will be up to industry standards and have appropriate space to prevent injuries and allow for the comfort of each animal.
- The new building will have air conditioning that will provide better comfort for the staff, volunteers, and animals. Comfort for the animals helps to lower their stress levels and improve behavior, improving the animals' chances for successful adoptions.
- Currently we have no place to hold hearings or public education and events. The new facility will have several conference rooms and open spaces of varying sizes for meetings, training, public events, and a children's camp.

# Friends of San Francisco Animal Care & Control

Friends of San Francisco Animal Care & Control (Friends), the 501(c)3 affiliate of SFACC, is the only organization dedicated to raising funds to support SFACC programs that are not funded by tax-payer dollars. Friends helps to establish, enable, and enhance programs and services that otherwise would not exist. These additional programs help us to maintain the level of excellence San Francisco deserves.

Between what the City has budgeted for animal care and control services and the additional programs supported by Friends, we are able to provide the following services to all San Franciscans:

## Rescue, care for, and rehome domestic animals

- Animal adoptions
- Custody animals
- SAFE Pets program
- Disaster preparedness

## Services for animal guardians

- Pet licensing
- Lost and found
- Service and support animals
- Pet surrender
- Commercial dog walker permits
- Humane euthanasia
- Spay/neuter at monthly clinics
- Rabies/microchip clinic

## Animal welfare services

- Investigating animal cruelty and neglect
- Animal services for clients in supportive housing

## Wildlife rescue services

- Report found or injured wildlife
- Living with wildlife tips
- Educational services
- Behavior & training resource library
- Safety around animals

## For donations, please contact:

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