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A Chat with a Life Long Animal Lover

Becky Christian-Solvik, animal advocate and SF SPCA donor, shares why she supports the SF SPCA and how she intends to make a difference.

Q1 Why did you get involved with the SF SPCA?

An animal lover since birth, I came to San Francisco nearly 20 years ago for grad school, and was drawn to the SF SPCA because it does so much good for the animals of this city I've grown to love so much. By rescuing homeless animals, providing charity veterinary care, and by creating new animal advocates, the SF SPCA is making a real difference—and I wanted to be a part of that.

Q2 The SF SPCA couldn't function without donors like you who put the needs of animals foremost. How has the SF SPCA made a difference in your life?

I will be forever thankful to the SF SPCA for helping to complete my furry family. We already had three boys at home (dogs Homer and Thor and cat Eli) so we weren't necessarily looking to expand our brood. However, while attending an event for the Society's Heart of Gold supporters, we met Clio. She was three pounds of pure joy and we knew in an instant that we had to give her a home. The first female to join our pack, Clio is literally the belle of the ball and a perfect addition to our home.

Q3 What's next?

Together with my husband Peter (an animal conservationist and activist who is Chair of the Board of WildAid), we plan to devote our time to work on behalf of the animal kingdom. Ideally, we would like to start a sanctuary of our own—a space where we can rescue and protect all types of creatures and inspire change in the way society views and treats animals.



Loads of Good

The SF SPCA employs two people from the ARC San Francisco—a lifelong learning and achievement center for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD)—to help run our laundry department. Nationwide, more than 14% of adults with IDD are unemployed, which is more than triple the national average. When everyone is given an equal opportunity, we've experienced firsthand how people with IDD can make loads of wonderful things can happen. Like lots of loads of laundry—more than 591,000 pounds worth in 2016!

Joe Boothby, Director of Information Services, Technology, and Facilities for the SF SPCA said about the pair: "The morale boost these young men provide is priceless—they make anyone who encounters them smile, and we're invested in their growth and happiness."

Thanks to Jesus and Joseph and ARC for all that you do for the SF SPCA.



Making Spirits Bright

Thanks to all the volunteers, donors, staff and adopters, we had another record-breaking Holiday Windows!

857
Adoptions

Adoptions at Macy's and our Mission and Pacific Heights locations over the course of the holiday season.

\$97,485
Donations

Up more than 8% over last year, which will help us do our work.

1,169
Volunteers

Amazing volunteers put in more than 4,420 man hours.



1,625 lbs.
of laundry per day