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EDUCATORS  
*Empathy through Education*

Humane Educators,

The Association of Professional Humane Educators (APHE) is deeply saddened to hear about San Francisco SPCA's planned closure of various programs, including their humane education department. APHE membership will be forever grateful for the San Francisco's SPCA Humane Education department's contribution to humane education. However, all is not doom and gloom. In fact, humane education has never been in a stronger position across the US. For example, many organizations have expanded upon their humane education program adding community engagement elements to reach those in the most need. New agencies are developing to help organizations create humane education programs. Additionally, much needed research is being conducted to support the need for community wide humane education.

APHE knows that educating ALL members of a community, including children, is one of the best ways to end animal abuse and promote the well-being of pets in the future. It is humane education that teaches children to be the voice of our nation's homeless animals. No organization should go without a plan for developing future animal advocates.

APHE will continue to lead the way stewarding humane education and inspire educators in their careers. We look forward to serving our membership through excellence at our yearly conferences, new and updated resources, and uplifting stories from those in the field. Our work continues as long as animals and communities need our help.

Sincerely,  
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APHE President