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Laura started working at the San Francisco SPCA in 2001, enjoyed a variety of roles within the Shelter Medicine Department, ranging from Veterinary Assistant to Foster Coordinator, and has now settled in the position of Shelter Medicine Outreach Programs Manager. She is passionate about education and finding workable solutions within the shelter community. In 2012, Laura received a small grant from the SF SPCA board to start the SPORE Program that now saves over 350 animals with ringworm yearly. SPORE, Shelters Preventing Outbreaks of Ringworm through Education, is a program that teaches shelters how to better detect, treat and manage ringworm in the shelter setting. Starting out her training locally, focusing on municipal shelters in the Bay Area, she soon discovered a niche that would help to save countless of innocent lives. With the help of Maddie's Fund, more than 80 shelters from over 25 different states have come to the SF SPCA to receive training from the SPORE Program, are currently treating ringworm at their facility, eliminating fear through education in their community and saving lives.