

SOCIEDAD PROTECTORA DE ANIMALES
DE SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE, A.C.



February 2019



Paws & Claws

HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED

From the Director

EXCITING NEWS! A great opportunity has opened for S.P.A. dogs! Tammy Belden, a devoted dog volunteer, experienced in and knowledgeable about getting dogs adopted, has made it her mission to find loving homes for S.P.A. dogs in the U.S.A. But, first, we have to get them there! So, please help Tammy and the S.P.A. by supporting her effort to raise money (\$15,000 USD) for a used, reliable van, dog crates, and other necessities to bring S.P.A. dogs on a regular basis from SMA to the U.S.A. for adoption. Please spread the word to your animal loving family members and friends and give them the opportunity to participate in this venture.

Not only will a successful campaign result in forever homes for so many S.P.A. dogs, but getting them adopted will create space and allow the S.P.A. to save more dogs from the streets of San Miguel de Allende, something that I know is near and dear to your hearts. Donate here: <https://chuffed.org/project/the-dogs-of-san-miguel-de-allende-mexico-need-homes> Please act now—the fundraiser ends February 27. More information is in Tammy's article on page 4 of this issue.

Improve your pet's dental health and overall health, quality of life, and general well-being by having her teeth cleaned. During February, our normal price of 700-1,000 pesos for teeth cleaning (cats and dogs) has been reduced by 20% (includes anesthetic and professional cleaning with ultrasonic scaler/polisher). Call 152-6124 for an appointment. Those kisses that your pet bestows on you on Valentine's Day will be that much sweeter!

-Megan Gabel, General Director

Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
January	3	6
YTD	3	6

Clinic/Office Hours:

Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri: 9am - 3pm
Tue, Sat (**Discount Days**): 9am - 4pm

Adoptions, Visits, Volunteers:

Mon - Sat: 11am - 2pm

Los Pinos 7, Col. Lindavista
San Miguel de Allende,
GTO 37736 Mexico
Ph: 415.152.6124

U.S. Mailing Address:

S.P.A., PMB No. 18
220 N. Zapata Hwy. #11,
Laredo, Texas 78043-4464 U.S.A.

Easy Links

Website:

www.spasanmiguel.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel

Donate-Sponsor a Casita-Become a Member-Remembrance Tree Leaf:

www.spasanmiguel.org/how-you-can-help/support-fundraising/

Volunteer Info: www.spasanmiguel.org/how-you-can-help/volunteer/

Dogs available for adoption: www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-dogs/

Cats available for adoption: www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-cats/

Membership questions: MembershipSPA@gmail.com

Casita questions: SPACasita@gmail.com Foster questions: SPAFosters@gmail.com

Donate

January Adoptions

January dog adoptions: Macarena, Scout, Penny

January cat adoptions: Luna, Quest, Reina, Zeus, Zoe, Hanna



Penny



Macarena



Scout



Luna



Quest



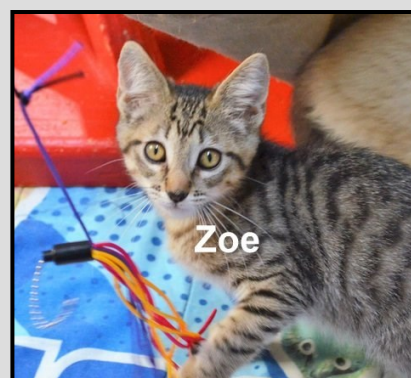
Zeus



Reina



Hanna



Zoe

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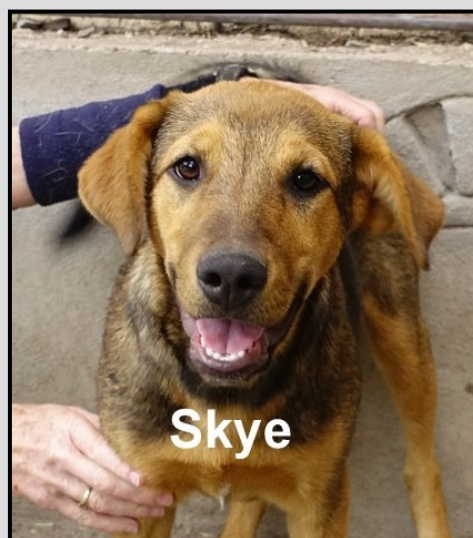
February Pets of the Month

By Megan Gabel and Jayn Corral

Celebrate Valentine's Day with an S.P.A. sweetheart! Holly, a blond beauty, likes to cuddle and is calm and very loving. Skye, an adorable, playful girl, loves getting attention. Both eight months old, they will quickly work their way into your hearts.

Gypsy, a beautiful tortie, prefers to be the only cat in the household. At first, she is wary of strangers but as soon as she knows she can trust them, she shows her love. Delphi, a petite, long-haired, girly-girl tabby, is independent and loves to have her belly rubbed. Both girls enjoy watching the world from their own sunny spots.

Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during February and receive a free adoption kit. Our adoption fee is 500 pesos and includes all current vaccinations, deworming, and sterilization (and more). Preview all our animals at www.spasanmiguel.org (Adopt Me! pages) and meet them at the S.P.A., Los Pinos #7, Monday-Saturday between 11 and 2.



Homes in the U.S.A. Are Waiting for S.P.A. Dogs

By Tammy Belden

In 2018, the number of dogs adopted from the Sociedad Protectora de Animales de San Miguel de Allende was 36, perhaps the lowest number it has ever been. It seems that, unless something is done, most of the S.P.A. dogs may end up languishing their entire lives in the shelter, never knowing the pleasures of living in their own homes with loving families.

As an S.P.A. volunteer, this situation disturbs me. I have worked in rescue for years and have placed over 80 dogs in families around the Washington, DC area where I live. I want to help the S.P.A. dogs by bringing them to the States so they can be adopted. I know I can find these dogs homes, but not without having a way to transport them to the US.

Flying the dogs really won't work due to red tape and cost. We need to drive them up. To do that, we need a van (in relatively good shape) and dog crates. A couple of times a year, we will load up five or so lucky dogs (such as Macarena and Gigi) and bring them from Mexico to the DC area where foster families will be waiting, ready to start house-training them and preparing them for adoption.

So, with the enthusiastic endorsement of the S.P.A., I have launched a crowdfunding campaign whose primary focus is to raise money (\$15,000 USD) to buy a used, but reliable, van and other necessities to bring these wonderful dogs to the States for adoption. If you would like to join in this effort, you do not need to give large amounts of money - anything will be appreciated (including crates you might be able to donate). Give the opportunity to others to participate by spreading the word to friends, family, and fellow animal lovers.

The campaign is time-sensitive and is set to end the morning of February 27. Donate by credit or debit card through this link: <https://chuffed.org/project/the-dogs-of-san-miguel-de-allende-mexico-need-homes> Then click on "Donate Now" on the upper right side of the page. There is an additional small processing fee and an optional donation to Chuffed.org that will automatically be completed, based upon the donated amount. This optional amount can be changed by using the drop-down menu - click "other" and enter 0 if you do not want to donate to Chuffed.org.

When we succeed in this campaign, we will then be able to make repeated trips to the States with a new group of dogs each time. Not only will this result in forever homes for so many S.P.A. dogs, but getting them adopted will create space and allow the S.P.A. to save more dogs from the streets of San Miguel de Allende. If many of us work together, we can get this done and, you, too, can enjoy the success of helping current and future S.P.A. dogs. If you have questions, please email info@spasanmiguel.org Thank you for your help!



Meet Sassy

By Jayn Corral

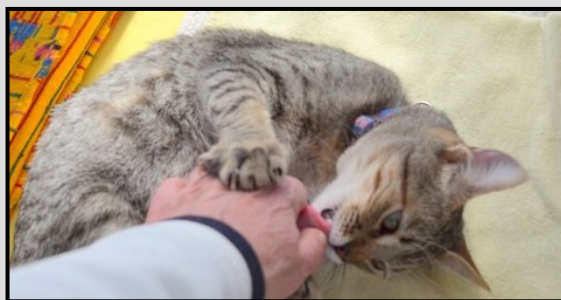
Sassy would be her name; the volunteers knew upon meeting her. This young tabby came to the S.P.A. in mid-2018 after being chased by dogs into a family's garage. The family could not keep her. Having been injured and traumatized, Sassy was not a happy girl. She bit the woman who caught her to take her to the S.P.A. "Sassy" fit her perfectly.

The S.P.A. volunteers thought she might be feral, but Sassy seemed more frightened than feral. Our veterinarian agreed, predicting that her behavior would improve with time in a safe, loving place. At first, Sassy was hissing and spitting, but that only served to inspire the S.P.A. volunteers to focus on working with her every day. They sat with her, lured her with treats and toys to encourage her to come out of her hiding space. With time she began to allow volunteers to pet her.

Nowadays, Sassy still prefers her hiding space in the cat tree and loves to share it with her roommates. However, when volunteers reach in to greet her, the fruit of their patience is apparent. Sassy puts both paws around their hand and pulls the hand to her so she can lick it to show her appreciation for their visit. She rubs her head toward them and rolls over to have her belly rubbed. She will come out of her safe place when people she knows are there, but still retreats when strangers are around.

She has won the hearts of the regular volunteers who know what a special girl she is. She will require a patient family, but we hope she will find a home where she will feel safe and loved.

As illustrated by the transformation of Sassy, volunteering at the S.P.A. is rewarding. We invite you to meet all our cats, including Sassy (who will likely hide until she gets to know you) and our dogs. Volunteer and adoption hours are Monday-Saturday, 11-2, Los Pinos 7, 152-6124. We look forward to your S.P.A. visit. It will do Sassy good to expand her horizon of friends.





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San Miguel de Allende
on one Online Website

www.DiscoverSMA.com

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- ⇒ Things to do/Places to See
- ⇒ Tours/Transportation
- ⇒ Local Business Listings
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- ⇒ Classes and Workshops
- ⇒ Real Estate Rentals and Sales

For more information please send an email: ron@discoversma.com

THANK YOU, ROSS MACDONALD FOR HELPING THE S.P.A.!

Waiving the normal fee for delivery service available through Extending Lives (www.extendinglivesmexico.com/) is a HUGE benefit to the S.P.A.!

We appreciate Ross's help and support!

Did you know that:

-the S.P.A. has been around since 1980 and is the only no-kill shelter for cats and dogs in San Miguel?

-we house an average of 100 animals (cats and dogs), providing food, vet care (including vaccinations and sterilization), and shelter for them until they are adopted?

-the S.P.A.'s clinic is a community clinic, open to the public?

-the S.P.A. relies SOLELY on donations to survive—we receive no government support?

Please consider helping us by becoming a member of the S.P.A., sponsoring a casita, and supporting other S.P.A. fundraisers. Our website details our fundraisers here: www.spasanmiguel.org/how-you-can-help/support-fundraising/ and itemizes how to donate by PayPal, check, or cash. Call us if you have questions: 152-6124. Thank you!

Every dollar and peso you donate helps the S.P.A. survive.

Cocoa

By Harry Burrus

When we'd drive from Houston to Austin to play in the Texas Major Zone Tennis Tournament, we always stopped at the DQ in La Grange on North Jefferson. I enjoyed its soft serve vanilla ice cream with a variety of choices for toppings, a sienna-colored one being a particular favorite. Cocoa's markings, a light caramel ochre swirl starting in her face and becoming a dance of light yellow/browns across her back and legs with white highlights, remind me of that delicious treat.

When I head towards Cocoa's casita, I savor the anticipation of just going—our walk is not how far we go, but that we go. It's an arcadian moment. Our stroll is a mini road trip, scattered with walk-candy—sniffing a wall, smelling a bush, chewing a little grass, even dipping into reverie. She defines herself against this varied backdrop. She calmly, but fully, engages.

Often, when we encounter a street dog, my interpreting skills are challenged. Like the troubadours of the Middle Ages, Cocoa has a poetic song. She emits a high semi-squeaking sound. My first inclination is it's a song of invitation, a greeting. She comes in peace and wants to meet, strike up a friendship. This is quickly followed by the same sound—twice—which I think might be conveying, "I may sound friendly, but stay away." I tend to be prudent so without breaking stride, we continue our sensory inventory. She's fine with that. No glancing backwards.

Cocoa informed me the source of her name goes back more than 4000 years. Cocoa comes from the Spanish cacao, which is derived from the Nahuatl. Our lovely girl, however, points out she's a young 6-1/2 year-old. This beauty is temperamentally hospitable—a fine quality. She's open to diversity—she'll walk with a new person. She's willing to go and go fast to the street. Come see this attractive lady with the King Tut gold eyes at the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7, 152-6124, Monday-Saturday between 11 and 2. You can also meet our other cats and dogs available for adoption and highlighted on our website's "Adopt me" pages – www.spasanmiguel.org



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Win-win result: Forever homes for S.P.A. dogs lead to space at the S.P.A. to save more dogs from the streets of SMA. The campaign ends February 25.

<https://chuffed.org/project/the-dogs-of-san-miguel-de-allende-mexico-need-homes>

Questions? Write info@spasanmiguel.org



The Poetry of Adorableness





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Los Pinos 7: 152-6124

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Tuesday & Saturday
(discount days)
9 AM—4 PM
By appointment is best.

www.spasanmiguel.org
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HIGH QUALITY PET CARE AT THE S.P.A. CLINIC!

The S.P.A. can meet your pet's needs, from routine preventative care to diagnosis and treatment of problems to surgical procedures and more. We have a well-equipped clinic and offer packages to help you save on vaccinations and sterilization.

Please call 152-6124 for an appointment with our vet, Dra. Adriana Rivera.



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Routine and preventative dental care
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February Special: **20% Discount** (Regularly 700-1,000 pesos)

Please call for an appointment

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The Remembrance Tree exists in a prominent position, right at the inside entrance to the S.P.A. It is a permanent, beautiful, and impressive eight-foot copper-colored structure with branches containing leaves for honoring a departed pet.

Volunteer **Jane Dill** of Jane Dill Design (www.janedill.com) (thank you, Jane!) inscribes on a leaf the pet's name, the owner's name, and a personal message, if desired. The one-time cost of each permanent leaf is \$100 US (or peso equivalent).



To purchase a leaf or learn more, please email: SPARemembranceTree@gmail.com



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Questions? Call the S.P.A. office: 415-152-6124

* or peso equivalent

The S.P.A. Needs YOU! Volunteer NOW!!

If you love cats and dogs and can spare some time, we would love to have you come and volunteer! Volunteer hours are Monday-Saturday from 11-2. If you are interested, please come to the S.P.A. during that time and Christina will show you the ropes. The cats and dogs eagerly look forward to your visit!



Preferred Providers

Our Preferred Providers offer a range of goods and services at a discount to S.P.A. members. Just show your current S.P.A. membership card at the time of purchase to receive the discounts specified below. Please patronize our Preferred Providers as a way of thanking them for their support of the S.P.A.

VETERINARIANS

MVZ RICARDO LOPEZ LANDEROS - Rio Grijalva No. 10 - Nuevo Mexiquito - Ph. 152 6977

Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-2pm; 4pm-7pm Saturday 9am-2pm

Consultations - 10%, X-Rays - 10%, Regular Teeth Cleaning - 10%, Vaccinations - 10%

MVZ EDGARDO R. VAZQUEZ OLMOS - Plaza Primavera #16 on Salida a Queretaro - Ph. 152 6273

Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-2pm; Saturday 9am-12 noon.

Consultations - 10%

MVZ MICHAEL KRONISH - Salida a Celaya #57 - Ph. 415 185 8185 - 415 109 9957

Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-6.30pm; Saturday 9am-2pm.

Consultations - 10%, Routine Vaccinations - 5%, Spaying/Neutering - 5%

MVZ ALMA RUTH MIRANDA - Stirling Dickinson #27 - Ph. 152-2341

Hours: Monday-Saturday 9am-6pm

General Surgery - 10%, X-Rays & Ultrasounds 10%, Hospitalization - 10%, Medications - 10%,
Vaccinations - 10%

RETAILERS AND GROOMERS

EL DESPACHO - Las Moras #13 - Colonia Guadiana - Ph. 154-7195

Hours: Monday-Saturday 9am-3pm; 5pm-8pm

Food - 5-10%

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Hours: Monday-Friday 10am-6pm

Diamond Naturals - Dog/Cat Food - 10%, Regular Teeth Cleaning - 20%, SPA Bath Only - No Clipping -
By Appointment - 10%, Pet Supplies - 10%

Being able to take advantage of our Preferred Providers program is just one benefit of becoming a member of the S.P.A. Members receive a 10% discount off the S.P.A. vet consultation fee every day.

If you are a member or join at the time you adopt, you will receive 10% off of the adoption fee (400 pesos for cats and 450 pesos for dogs). Please JOIN US! Individual memberships are \$40 US/500 pesos and family memberships (2 person limit) are \$50/600 pesos.

Join online here www.spasanmiguel.org/how-you-can-help/become-a-member/ (via PayPal) or in our office. Please email MembershipSPA@gmail.com if you have questions.



At the Organic Market Saturday, February 2

In addition to the S.P.A. T-shirts and caps pictured below:



Check out our range of T-shirts & caps for both cat and dog lovers.

Unisex T-shirts come in white or black (youth, S, M, L, and XL).

This is a brand new style, perfect for both cat and dog lovers and a meaningful souvenir of San Miguel de Allende!

All T-shirts are 200 pesos each.



(Front)



(Back)



Women's T-shirts are available in red, white, or black (S, M., L. and XL).

Men's T-shirts come in white or black (M, L, XL, and XXL).

Caps are available in red, black or khaki for a donation of 150 pesos each.

Pick up one for yourself, a family member, and as a terrific present: Available at the S.P.A. and at the S.P.A.'s Organic Market's table — **Saturday, February 2.**



Rewarding Memberships

We would like to thank our newest members to the S.P.A for joining our family. Please join me in giving a big welcome to **Leslie Glick** and **Emily Moore** (family)! We're glad to have your support. We would also like to thank **Jane** and **Bill Wilkinson** (family), **Gregory** and **Irene Diamant** (family), **Stephen Weideman** and **Sue Smith-Weideman** (family), and **Britt Zaist** and **Henry Vermillion** (family), **Denis Robert** and **Perle Vandette** (family), and **Gerry Evans** and **Ben Perrone** (family) for renewing their memberships. To all of you, we couldn't do what we do without you. Thanks for your support.

Join or renew online at www.spasanmiguel.org/how-you-can-help/become-a-member/ (via PayPal) or in our office (by cash or check). See our website for other options or email MembershipSPA@gmail.com if you have questions. We accept checks for membership dues as follows: (1) by check (U.S. or Mexican) to **Sociedad Protectora de Animales de San Miguel de Allende, A.C.** (full name required for banks); or (2) by U.S. check to San Miguel Community Foundation (*for a U.S. tax receipt*) (mark for S.P.A.). Your membership dues (\$40/500 pesos-individual, \$50/600 pesos-family [2 members]) will help the S.P.A. continue its wonderful work caring for many of the unwanted cats and dogs of San Miguel while they wait for their forever homes.

-Randy

Learn About Us and Our Cats and Dogs

***Visit the S.P.A.** Look around, sign up to volunteer, walk a dog and get fit at the same time, and cuddle with puppies, cats, and kittens. Monday-Saturday, 11am-2pm, at Los Pinos #7, Colonia Lindavista, 152-6124.

***Come to the S.P.A.'s table at the Organic Market – Saturday, February 2, at Ancha de San Antonio 123, from 9 to 3:30** (lower level, turn right). We have beautiful and unique hand-crafted items, perfect for cat and dog lovers, and S.P.A. T-shirts and caps. We welcome donations to the S.P.A. at our table and we're happy to answer your questions about our shelter.

***Check** our website: www.spasanmiguel.org for our available cats and dogs (photos, biographies, and videos) ("Adopt Me" pages) and to learn about us and how you can help. Please remember that adopting a shelter animal saves two lives—the one that is adopted and the one we now have room to take in.

***Follow Us On Facebook** at www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel, stay up to date, and see our happy albums of success stories—those S.P.A. animals now in forever homes.

EDITOR: Harry Burrus

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It would be great to hear from you!

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