

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



January 2019



Paws & Claws

HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED

From the Director

Happy 2019! We hope that you have a healthy, happy, and prosperous new year.

Thank you for all that you did to help the S.P.A. during 2018. Good news to end the year: we were able to take full advantage of the offer from anonymous donors to match new December donations up to a total of \$3,000!

We appreciate and need your continued support during 2019. You make it possible for us to provide food, care, and shelter for an average of 100 animals (combined total of cats and dogs) while they wait to be adopted. As volunteers, you help socialize our animals and minimize their fear of strangers, making it easier for them to adjust to a new family. We are grateful and hope that you continue to champion the S.P.A.

If you are not a volunteer already, how about making 2019 the year you start? See firsthand what your donation dollars and pesos have sustained. Play with puppies, cats, and kittens and get into shape (work off those holiday pounds) by walking dogs.

If you already own a pet, please take advantage of our clinic services. The S.P.A.'s on-site clinic and our full-time veterinarian, Dra. Adriana Rivera, offer lower-cost, high-quality health care for your pets. We also have packages to reduce the cost to provide full protection for your cherished cats and dogs.

Make 2019 the year you come to see us in person!
-Megan Gabel, General Director

Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
December	2	4
Total 2018	36	56

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

See what your donation dollars and pesos support: youtu.be/6grULRHi6Sk

Donate

December Adoptions

December dog adoptions: Allie, Bandit

December cat adoptions: Nic, Olga, Ruth, Fiona



2018 Dog Adoptions

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2018 Cat Adoptions

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“Like” our Facebook page to get the latest news!

January Pets of the Month

By Megan Gabel and Jayn Corral

How about welcoming the new year by adding a pet to your family?

Aluxe and Xel-Ha came to the S.P.A. with their mother in early April 2018 at only 1 week old. They are shy, not skittish, just private souls. Always together, they enjoy being petted, but resist people telling them what to do. If adopted together, they would appreciate being given private space so they feel comfortable.



About 1-1/2 years old, Benita is a real sweetheart, friendly and affectionate. Kira, about a year old, is an energetic, playful, and affectionate beauty. Both are medium-sized and relish getting attention and are happy to reciprocate.



Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during January 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, 152-6124.

Resolve to be Kind

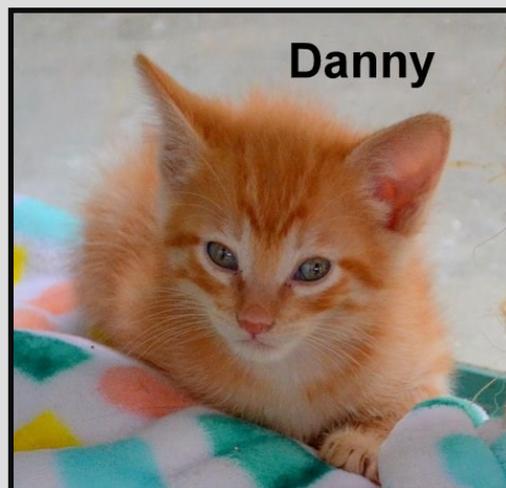
By Jayn Corral

The holiday season is behind us and it is now “Resolution Season.” To make 2019 your best year ever, you probably have resolved to quit smoking, eat better, lose weight, exercise more or make plans for that vacation you have been putting off.

Personally, I don’t do resolutions anymore. Every day I try to be true to myself, be kind, and spend some of my time helping the community by helping others. I believe what Secret Santa says, “If you are down and want to bring yourself up, go out and do something kind for someone.” In San Miguel, there are tons of ways to do that. I would like to invite you to do acts of kindness for the cats and dogs of the S.P.A., like Nuni, Reina, Sansa, and Danny.



The S.P.A. houses, feeds and cares for nearly 100 homeless animals, all without help from the government. All expenses are paid through donations. Care is provided by a small staff and volunteers. Volunteers walk dogs, play with puppies, socialize kittens and foster young or ill animals. Volunteers also donate money and items the shelter needs to operate. They promote the S.P.A. to residents and visitors through fundraisers or public events.



We invite you to visit our animals at the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7, 152-6124, Monday through Saturday between 11:00 and 2:00. Our website (www.spasanmiguel.org) has “Adopt Me!” pages devoted to the cats and dogs available for adoption. There is also a page with volunteer information (under the “How to Help” tab). You can come any day and time and stay as long as you like within that time frame. Time spent with the volunteers is the highlight of the day for the cats and dogs. You, too, will be richly rewarded for spending time showing love and kindness to these helpless animals.

Adopt a Senior Dog from the S.P.A.

By Megan Gabel

Why not consider opening your heart and your home to a senior pet? There are many advantages to letting a senior pet become part of your family. They have so much to offer!



Guera

At the S.P.A., we have a number of senior dogs who would be loyal and affectionate pets such as Shy (9-1/2), Güera (almost 11), Rita (almost 8), and Susie (10). They require moderate exercise and are pretty settled in their behavior. Their personalities are developed, making it easier to find the perfect match for you and your family. They are particularly appropriate choices for an older person to adopt who would love to experience the joy of pet ownership, but probably doesn't have the energy level for a younger animal. In addition, it is particularly rewarding to give a senior pet a chance to become part of a family.

Check their bios here www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-dogs/ and then click on their videos for additional insights into their personalities. We invite you to visit the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7, 152-6124 to meet our senior dogs and all our cats, kittens, puppies, and dogs available for adoption. Adoption hours are Monday-Saturday, 11-2.



Shy



Rita



Susie



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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.

Think all cats are the same? Think again!

By Randy Hummel

I often hear people say that “cats are aloof,” and the exceedingly false “cats have no personality.” As part of a husband and wife team that has volunteered at the S.P.A. cattery for a few years now (and the proud family of two S.P.A. adopted cats), I know that nothing could be further from the truth. Not only that, but we and the other volunteers know each of our S.P.A. cats well enough to identify and appreciate their unique personalities, likes, and dislikes.

Have you considered having a four-legged friend to welcome you home after a day out, but think you’re “too busy” and “can’t devote the time” because you have a complex, unpredictable schedule? Then instead of kittens that require a lot of playtime and attention, one of our adult cats may be the perfect answer for you. Come to the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7, 152-6124, 11-2, Monday-Saturday and we will be happy to introduce you to some candidates for you to consider.

For example, we have a handful of beautiful female adult cats that are independent and quite content to spend hours at home on a blanket or stretching in a spot of sun. They are friendly and sweet, but undemanding. They are happy to have their space while giving you yours, and show their gratitude with loyalty and affection when you are home.

Come to the S.P.A. to meet Tina, Delphi, Serenidad, Albahaca, and Gypsy. If your schedule is hectic, but you would love a furry friend to greet you when you come home, one who doesn’t mind waiting until you do, then one of these beauties would be perfect for you. Read about these sweet girls at www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-cats/. While there, check out the “How to Help” tab. We are a non-profit, no-kill shelter that provides homes approximately 100 dogs and cats. We operate completely on donations from good-hearted people like you.



The Poetry of Sisters



Our Daily Supplies Always Need Replenishing

The items below are supplies we replace on a regular basis. Please drop off donations at the S.P.A. during our regular office hours.

- Batteries (AA)
- Brooms
- Cat baskets for kittens/cats to sleep in
- Cat food—Felix canned
- Cat food—Royal Canin Development for cats (soft & dry)
- Cat food—Royal Canin Gastrointestinal for cats (soft & dry)
- Cat food—Royal Canin Babycat Milk (dry powdered milk for kittens)
- Cat food platters (plastic, divided, circular trays)
- Cat litter (we use Petco bulk litter)
- Cat /kitten toys
- Cat scoops for litter
- Cat treats: catnip and other treats
- Cats: Feliway Spray and Feliway Diffuser
- Cleaning supplies: dishwashing soap, bleach, pinol or equivalent
- Dog collars (medium-sized)
- Dog leashes (1" wide)
- Dog food—Pedigree canned adult dog food and puppy food
- Dog food—Royal Canin Puppy Development for young puppies
- Dog sweaters and jackets: all sizes
- Dog toys for puppies and older dogs: heavy-duty balls, ropes, stuffed animals
- Dog treats: biscuits, and other treats (no rawhide or pig's ears)
- Hand sanitizer
- Hand soap (bar)
- Laundry detergent for washing machine (powder)
- Lysol spray (or equivalent)
- Mops (string mops)
- Office supplies: ball point pens (black); Sharpies permanent markers (black fine point); copy paper, laminating sheets, Brother TN450 printer cartridge
- Paper goods: paper towels and toilet paper
- Plastic bags: 48 cm x 60 cm (comes in a box) (not zip-lock)
- Plastic bags: 62 cm x 85 cm (comes in a box) (not zip-lock)
- Surgical gloves (size 6.5 and 8.5 preferably brands Protect or Ambiderm)
- Surgical masks
- Squeegees (long-handled floor squeegees – used to clean cage floors)

As long as we're asking for help:

Used Pick-Up Truck in Great Condition
(the S.P.A.'s truck is 20 years old!)

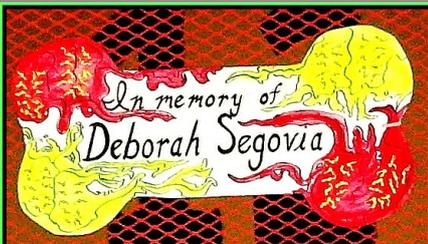
THANK YOU!

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



Sponsor a Kitty or Doggy Casita.

Your generous support will help with the enormous cost of care, food and shelter for our approximately 100 resident cats and dogs waiting for their forever homes.

Only \$30 a month for one year, or about \$1 a day.*



For information on monthly or annual payment options, send us an email at SPACasita@gmail.com

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%

DUSTY PUPPIES - Guadiana #17A - Colonia Guadiana - Ph. 154- 4555.
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, January 5

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, January 5.**



Rewarding Memberships

We would like to welcome **Colin and Cheryl McNaught** (family) as our newest S.P.A. members. Welcome aboard Colin and Cheryl! We would also like to thank **Susan Rall and Henry Dibartolo** (family), **Richard and Kathy Simandl** (family), **Bob and Nancy Sylvor** (family), **Carl and Emily Severinsen** (family), **Karen Fletcher** (individual), **Jim and Kim Samis** (family), **Alan and Lynda Herring** (family), **Michelle McGowan and Dieter Storr** (family), **Lucy Tobin** (individual), **Jane Carroll** (individual), **Jacqueline Donnelly** (individual), **John and Sandi Wallace** (family) and **Melissa DeRosia and Elena Forman** (family) for renewing their memberships in December. Thank you. We couldn't do what we do without you.

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]) (still a bargain!) 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, January 5, 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.

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It would be great to hear from you!

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