

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



August 2019



# Paws & Claws

HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED

## From the Director

**Good news!** We were able to take full advantage of the July matching offer for all donations to the Pet Food Money Bank up to a total of \$2,500 USD! Thanks to you, we are \$5,000 USD closer to meeting our goal. We are 80% there.

**But,** we still need 20% more—about \$50,000 pesos—to meet our goal of \$250,000 pesos (about \$13,500 USD). All money raised (100%) will be applied to the annual cost of feeding our resident animals which averages about 100 cats and dogs, plus those in foster care. How can you resist helping to provide food to these, our Hungry Dogs and our Hungry Cats?

To help instantly via PayPal, **please click the donate button below**. Details and other payment options are here: [Pet Food Money Bank](#) and on the next page of this issue. Please help us reach the finish line by donating today. Thank you!

**ORGANIC MARKET CHANGED DATE:** This month, we will be at the Organic Market on Saturday, August 10. You won't want to miss picking up a few of the beautiful and unique items available at our table. For more details, see page 13.

*Megan Gabel, General Director*

## Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
July	4	7
YTD	22	37

### Office Hours:

Monday-Saturday: 9am - 3pm

### Clinic Hours:

The clinic is temporarily closed.

### 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](http://www.spasanmiguel.org)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel](https://www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel)

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

[www.spasanmiguel.org/how-you-can-help/support-fundraising/](http://www.spasanmiguel.org/how-you-can-help/support-fundraising/)

Volunteer Info: [www.spasanmiguel.org/how-you-can-help/volunteer/](http://www.spasanmiguel.org/how-you-can-help/volunteer/)

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Cats available for adoption: [www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-cats/](http://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-cats/)

Membership questions: [MembershipSPA@gmail.com](mailto:MembershipSPA@gmail.com)

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**Donate**



# PET FOOD MONEY BANK

Don't Delay—Deposit Pesos and Dollars Today



**The S.P.A. has an average of 100 mouths to feed!**

- We are the only no-kill shelter for cats and dogs in San Miguel.
- We provide food, care, and shelter for our resident animals until they are adopted.
- Last year, we placed almost 100 animals with families.
- Dogs and cats are on waiting lists to get in the S.P.A.

***Please help us feed our animals while they wait for their forever homes!***

***GOAL: \$250,000 PESOS / \$13,500 USD***

## How to Contribute to the Pet Food Money Bank

- online at [www.spasanmiguel.org](http://www.spasanmiguel.org) (PayPal "donate" button on any page);
- by U.S. or Mexican check to "Sociedad Protectora de Animales de San Miguel de Allende, A.C." (full name required for banks to accept check);
- by U.S. check to "San Miguel Community Foundation" (for a U.S. tax receipt) (mark for S.P.A.).
- Checks may be dropped off at any Conexion location, mark S.P.A., PMB 18 or mailed to S.P.A., PMB No. 18, 220 N. Zapata Hwy. #11, Laredo, TX 78043-4464, U.S.A.
- Checks and cash may also be left at the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7.

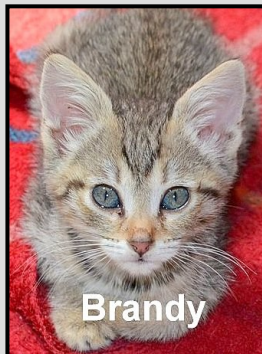
**\*\*Please call 152-6124 or write [info@spasanmiguel.org](mailto:info@spasanmiguel.org) for more info\*\***



## JulyAdoptions

July dog adoptions: Dipper, Holly, Cocoa, Skye

July cat adoptions: Haylee, Henry, Wil, Dulce, Brandy, Noe, Nike



[2019 Dog Adoptions](#)

[2019 Cat Adoptions](#)

“Like” our [Facebook page](#) to get the latest news!

## August Pets of the Month

By Megan Gabel and Jayn Corral



**Maya**

Medium-sized with gorgeous eyes, Maya is a sweet girl, affectionate and happy. She gets along well with most dogs and people. She's reluctant to go for a walk, but can be more easily persuaded if a dog friend comes along. Tessie, a medium-sized Golden Retriever mix with sparkling eyes, enjoys jumping into the water troughs for a quick dip. Maya and Tessie like to be walked together.

Three-year-old Tornado is a beautiful, big, all black cat with longish fur and yellow eyes. A confident and polite cat, he loves to play with toys and his roommates. Noe is a lovely orange with white markings beauty in both appearance and temperament. He is independent, spending much of his time alone. He has been declawed so will need to be an indoor-only pet. **BREAKING NEWS** — Noe has been adopted!

Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during August and receive a free adoption kit. Preview all our animals at [www.spasanmiguel.org](http://www.spasanmiguel.org) (Adopt Me! pages) and meet them at the S.P.A., Los Pinos #7, Monday-Saturday between 11 and 2.



**Noe**



**Tessie**



**Tornado**





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For more information please send an email: [ron@discoversma.com](mailto: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/](http://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. 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/](http://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.**

## A Plea for Serinidad and Aluxe

By Jayn Corral

All they want is a nice family, a quiet comfortable spot, some food and love. They aren't asking for much and don't require any special care. They are unlikely to cause you any problems. Instead they will give you much more in return. They just are not happy living with so many other cats at the S.P.A. Please dig into your hearts and consider giving them the home they so badly need and deserve.

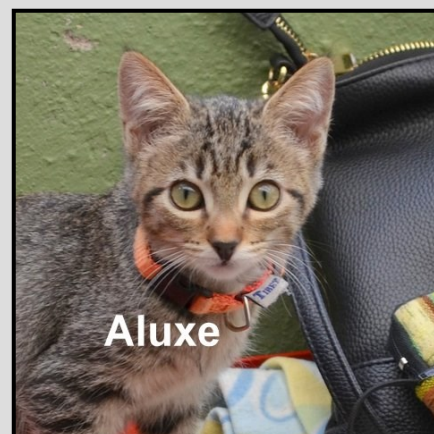
Serinidad, an aptly named lovely black and white sweetheart, arrived at the S.P.A. in late 2017 at the age of one year and pregnant. She was a dutiful mom and soon her kids were adopted, leaving her at the S.P.A. with lots of other cats that sometimes bully her without provocation.

She loves visits by volunteers and will place her paws on their shoulders asking for a hug and some special time together. She divides her time between a sunny spot and a small, safe dark spot for sleeping. She tolerates her life at the S.P.A., but she wants desperately to have her own space and loving family..

Aluxe, a gorgeous sweet tabby girl, has lived at the S.P.A. since April 2018 when she was just one week old. She not only had a mother and siblings, but she had *two* mothers, siblings and cousins. The two moms took turns caring for their six babies. The moms, siblings and cousins have since been adopted, although one sister, Xel-Ha, is still living happily at the S.P.A.

But Aluxe is never seen moving from her one spot. She won't move and refuses to let anyone move her. After examining her, the veterinarian assured us that she is in good health, not losing weight, and that she is eating and using the litter box when people cannot see her. Aluxe will share her space with other cats or kittens and welcomes petting by volunteers. It breaks our hearts to see her live such a reclusive, sad life. She needs a place to call her own where she can feel safe, loved and brave enough to move about.

Please come to the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7, to meet Serinidad and Aluxe and let them melt your hearts. Adoption/visitation hours are Monday-Saturday, 11-2, 152-6124.



## Loveable Protectors

By Megan Gabel

Zeus, Lola, and Dulce do not like strangers and they are not reticent about letting you know their feelings. When potential adopters meet them, these dogs are usually not very friendly – in fact, they react quite vocally to newcomers. On the street, Zeus is the easiest to walk, not typically bothered by strangers. He keeps his head down, moves forward, and occasionally turns around for reassurance from the person walking him. When taking Dulce and Lola for a walk on the street, it is best to avoid people they don't know; for Dulce, stay clear of cars and motorcycles too.



So, why should you bother considering any of them as a pet for you? Because what you will ultimately get in return will be a real gem.



To the volunteers who work with them, Zeus, Lola, and Dulce are each incredibly adorable, affectionate, and sweet dogs. Dulce will lie quietly at my side, occasionally glancing in my direction to make sure I'm okay. Staring directly into my eyes adoringly, Lola will shift from paw to paw, excited to receive attention. Zeus will climb into my lap and nestle in for a hug, always eager for more affection which I'm happy to give.

If you give them a chance, these dogs will be devoted to you, extremely loyal, and very protective. But you have to earn their trust. You have to give them time to get to know you and you to know them. You have to be a smart owner – reactive – perceptive – alert. Consider it a challenge, but one that is well worth the effort. You will be rewarded with a dog who will love you wholeheartedly and protect you against actual and perceived danger – a warning system, no batteries necessary. Perfect loving pets, particularly for a man or woman alone who could use the extra security.



## Cat Talk

By Jayn Corral

Have you ever found yourself having conversations with cats, wondering what they are really saying? I have had cats all my adult life and now with over 30 cat pals at the S.P.A., I often catch myself having sustained exchanges with cats. “What? What do you want?” “No, we already had treats.” “OK, I’ll get you more water.” “I’m sorry I sneezed and woke you up.”

After birds, cats have the widest range of vocals. There are the good sounds, like purring. Experts still don’t understand how it is that cats produce their purring sounds, which is a soft, deep throaty rumble that often causes their bodies to vibrate. Generally, purring indicates the cat is in the best of moods, feeling safe, happy or sleepy. “Meow” is another good sound that cats make. Interestingly, cats meow primarily to humans and not to other cats. They are saying, “Hi, thanks for coming,” or “Hey, you, listen to me, I want something.” Beware though, if your cat is purring or meowing often and incessantly; that could be a sign of pain or illness and you may want to consider a visit to the veterinarian.

And then there are distress sounds like hissing. Hissing sounds like a sizzling steak on the grill and is a defensive tactic when a cat feels threatened, fear or dissatisfaction. The cat will open its mouth, flatten its ears, puff and twitch its tail to appear larger and more threatening to the source of danger.

Some experts purport that breed determines how much a cat will vocalize. For example, Siamese cats tend to talk more than Persians; short-haired cats are less talkative than their long-haired counterparts. But there are always individual exceptions.

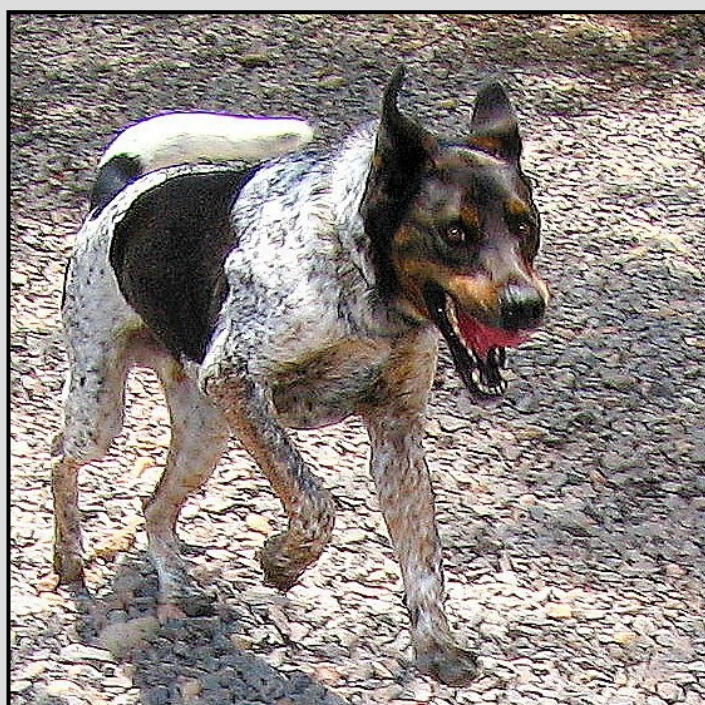
There are many other cat sounds, like chirping, crying and whining, chatter trills, snarls and growls. Combined with learning how to read cats’ body language, we can tell a lot about what is on cats’ minds by the sounds they make.

The language of cat talk is very complex, nuanced by the importance of the message. Understanding cat talk will help you understand and better communicate with your cat and a cat you might be thinking about adopting. Come to the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7, Monday-Saturday, 11-2, and get involved with a conversation with Chili, Olivia, Larissa, Sassy, and other S.P.A. cats available for adoption. Our adoption fee is only 500 pesos and includes all current vaccinations, deworming, a feline leukemia test, and sterilization.





## The Poetry of Passaages



## Sociedad Protectora de Animales

*Hope, Health, Homes for Cats and Dogs in Need.  
We are the only no-kill shelter for cats and dogs in San Miguel.*

**Adoptions, Visits, and Volunteers  
Mon.-Sat. 11 AM—2 PM**



**Los Pinos 7, 152-6124  
[www.spasanmiguel.org](http://www.spasanmiguel.org)  
[www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel](https://www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel)**

Thank you, Alejandro and Rafael, for volunteering at the S.P.A. during your vacation in Sam Miguel! You were both a great help with our cats and dogs!





**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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/](http://www.spasanmiguel.org/how-you-can-help/become-a-member/) (via PayPal) or in our office. Please email [MembershipSPA@gmail.com](mailto:MembershipSPA@gmail.com) if you have questions.





## At the Organic Market Saturday, August 10

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, August 10**



## Rewarding Memberships

Yours truly and his wife Traci returned to SMA after being away awhile, so July was a good month for us, and we hope it was for you too. Before I start with renewals for July, I want to give special recognition to **Claudine Langan and Chuck Rubin** (family) who renewed their memberships (again) in June, but I inadvertently left them off the last Rewarding Memberships article. Claudine and Chuck...sorry for the slight, and thanks for your support! To get back to July, we would like to thank **Gene and Lee Bammel** (family), **Marilyn Vollman** and **Charles Oldfather** (family), **Dianne and Dick Leger** (family), and former S.P.A. Cat Advocate and her husband **Joan and Steve DiPiero** (family) for renewing their memberships. We couldn't do what we do without you. Oh.....and **Randy Hummel** and **Traci Tighe** (family) renewed too.

You can join or renew online via PayPal through our website [HERE](#), in our office (by cash or check), or via other methods (see same website page). Please email [MembershipSPA@gmail.com](mailto: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 and \$50 USD minimum required by bank); 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, August 10, 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](http://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](http://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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