



September 2019



# Paws & Claws

HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED

## From the Director



### PET FOOD MONEY BANK



**Terrific News:**  
**WE REACHED OUR GOAL!!**

THANK YOU! We appreciate your contributions to this year's Pet Food Money Bank! All donations will be used to cover the cost of feeding our resident animals and those in foster care. Thank you for your generosity and support!

We are very pleased that Dr. Omar Córdova has joined the S.P.A. team as our veterinarian. He has an extensive and diverse background and brings years of experience as a vet, all of which will benefit S.P.A. resident animals and animals brought to the S.P.A. clinic for care.

Our Organic Market table this month will be at the September 14 market. See page 13 for details of the exciting things that await you at our table.

*-Megan Gabel, General Director*

P.S. Our website is acting up so we are working on a new one.

## Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
August	4	3
YTD	26	40

### 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](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/)

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

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)

Casita questions: [SPACasita@gmail.com](mailto:SPACasita@gmail.com) Foster questions: [SPAFosters@gmail.com](mailto:SPAFosters@gmail.com)

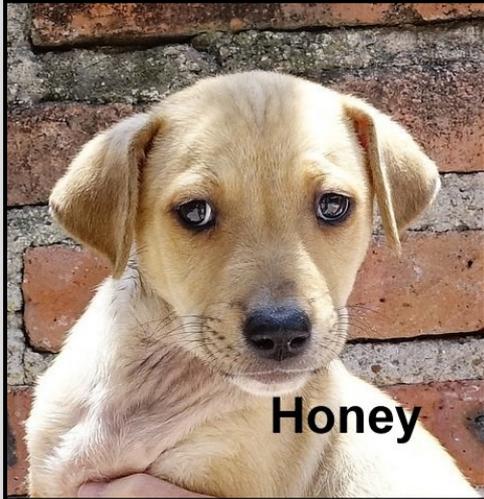
See what your donation dollars and pesos support: [youtu.be/6grULRHi6Sk](https://youtu.be/6grULRHi6Sk)

**Donate**

## August Adoptions

August dog adoptions: Honey, Simba, Sparkle, Fresa

August cat adoptions: Gandhi, Gina, Gwen



[2019 Dog Adoptions](#)

[2019 Cat Adoptions](#)

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

## September Pets of the Month

By Jayn Corral and Megan Gabel

About 9 months old, Larissa is a striking tuxedo black and white beauty. She is confident and lets the other cats know she will not be bullied. She would do well as an only cat or with a companion. Nadia, about 10 months old, is a diluted gray with soft peach highlights calico. A volunteer favorite, she greets them with hugs and kisses. She gets along well with other cats, is indifferent to dogs, and simply a happy, perfect girl.

Brothers Café, Latté, and Mocha, Wolfhound mix puppies now about 7-1/2 months old, are as cute as can be. Full of vim and vigor, they excitedly greet visitors. Friendly and energetic, they race out the door on leash, ready (sort of) for their adventure. Afterwards, exhausted, they finally settle down and welcome some calm petting and attention.

Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during September 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, 415-152-6124, Monday-Saturday between 11 and 2.



## Maple and Timber

By Megan Gabel

I'd like to think that they were well-loved before their owners moved away and abandoned them. Because they are such good dogs, special and loving, it had to have been a difficult decision, one made out of desperation. These sisters stayed in front of what used to be their home long after they had been left behind, relaxing by the front door, waiting and depending upon the kindness of neighbors for food and water. Thankfully, two of the neighbors talked to us and then brought them to the S.P.A., thus saving the lives of these wonderful dogs and giving them a chance to become part of a family again.

Because of their deep burnished brindle fur, with light stripes underneath a dark-colored background, we named them Maple and Timber. Medium-large and slim with beautiful faces, they are sweet, loving dogs.



Timber is a little bit taller than her sister. About two years old, they both give exuberant kisses to let you know just how much they care. They are calm, friendly, and affectionate, although being injected into a shelter environment has not been an easy transition for them. They both walk well on a leash, but Maple needs more reassurances than Timber and turns around to get a pet and a hug. Each one will snuggle in your lap when you visit her in her casita, soaking up the attention that she serenely receives.

They are lovely dogs and we hope they get adopted soon. Come and meet them and all our cats and dogs during our regular adoption hours, 11-2, Monday-Saturday, Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124. Our adoption fee for a dog or a cat is 500 pesos. For dogs, the fee includes all current vaccinations, deworming, sterilization, and enrollment in the Green Paw Pet Registration Program. For cats, the fee includes all current vaccinations, deworming, a feline leukemia test, and sterilization. To make the transition easier, adoption kits are available (200 pesos).



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## 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.'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/](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: 415-152-6124. Thank you!

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

## Introducing the New 5G

By Jayn Corral

Have you heard about the new 5G? This is incredible and a must-see. It is only available for a short time and supply is extremely limited. Don't miss your chance to make one or more your own. They are much more functional in pairs.

The 5G was created in April 2019 and has been tested and perfected since then. We feel now is the best time for release to the public.

The 5G comes in 5 different models. Two are white with black accents (Gaby and Gus Gus); two are black with white accents (Gina and Gwen); and one is very formal in all black with specifically placed white highlights (Gandhi, created to spread peace and harmony throughout a world that desperately needs more). **News Flash!** Gandhi is adopted. **Double News Flash!** Gina and Gwen are adopted.

Meet the 2G and all our cats and dogs at the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7, 11-2. Be the first on your block to own a new 2G.



## Nuni

By Harry Burrus

Nuni in Swahili (mountain dialect) means Golden Star—well, almost. Not the patois of our Picachos hills. A light golden color as if aged in ex-bourbon casks covers her back and sides. Her chest and the inside of her legs are a Dairy Queen creamy white. She's a young, vibrant three and a half year old lab mix. Her kohl outlined eyes, worn traditionally by Egyptian queens for thousands of years, are highlighted by two black exclamation marks.

I dig her admirable qualities. I like how she views, studies, and assesses new volunteers. She knows more about them than they know about her. What does she want? What's good for her? Many volunteers are apprehensive about the dog they are about to walk and understandably so. Fortunately, Nuni's open to possibilities—a trait not shared by all dogs—and will grant new volunteers an opportunity to accompany her on a walk.

She's not a blank slate on her stroll. She's aware of people, cars, pickups, and motorcycle as they whiz by. She doesn't give chase. She accepts them. She will give a shout out to dogs she hasn't befriended, signaling she's there. The loud bark or growl shows she's no poker face. Nuni is protective and loyal. She wants to be there for you—and is.



She's a playful girl. Interactive. Back in casita 22, I like it when she does a Mr. Bojangles dance for me, jumping high and when she comes down her paws tap the concrete, like flint against steel, sending fireflies all around. She's good at making eye contact. When her food comes, she gives me a look as if saying excuse me, but I need to do this and proceeds to dine.

To reap the benefits and to enjoy the personality traits, some of them quirky, of the S.P.A. dogs tends to take a little time. Too often a person wants a Duchamp readymade, immediately expecting the dog is everything they want it to be from the get-go. It's a two-way street, an input and output kind of thing. When one comes often to volunteer, walks dogs, sits with them, even dogs that initially aren't accepting will gradually open and offer a cornucopia of intriguing features.

Come and visit Nuni at the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124, Monday-Saturday, 11-2. Walk her. Get to know her. Give her a chance to dance for you. If you do, you will have the good fortune to have earned a wonderful friend.

## The Importance of Sterilizing Dogs and Cats

By Megan Gabel

Facebook and Yahoo List posters often bemoan the fate of homeless street dogs and cats and ceaselessly try to find a way to save these abandoned animals and find them loving homes. What is often overlooked is the role of sterilization in this equation. The simple truth is that sterilization reduces the number of unwanted dogs and cats. It should be emphasized by anyone who is concerned about stray animals whether because of worry about their well-being or due to annoyance by their numbers.

Sterilization is permanently rendering the animal incapable of reproducing. "Spaying" is the term that applies to females; "neutering" applies to males. Both operations are performed under anesthesia. Without sterilization, over six years, one fertile dog and her fertile offspring can produce 67,000 dogs. In seven years, two cats can produce 420,000 cats.

Sterilization of dogs and cats benefits the animals, their owners, and communities. Pet owners should have their pets sterilized. Their pets will live longer, healthier lives. Spaying females helps prevent uterine infections and breast cancer which is fatal in about 50 percent of dogs and 90 percent of cats. The messiness of a heat cycle is eliminated. Neutering males prevents testicular cancer. Neutered cats and dogs are better behaved. A neutered dog will have less of a desire to roam. There is no downside to sterilization. It is the responsible thing to do for all concerned.

At the S.P.A., we require that all S.P.A. animals (like Stella and Olivia) are sterilized and include that in our adoption fee (500 pesos). Our cat adoption fee includes sterilization, all current vaccinations, deworming, the feline leukemia/FIV test, and the feline leukemia vaccine and booster. For dogs, our adoption fee includes sterilization, all current vaccinations, deworming, the leptospirosis booster, and enrollment in the Green Paw Pet Registration Program. Come and meet all our available cats and dogs at the S.P.A.! Adoption hours are Monday-Saturday, 11-2, Los Pinos 7, 152-6124.



**Stella**



**Olivia**

## The Poetry of Sleep & REM



**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!

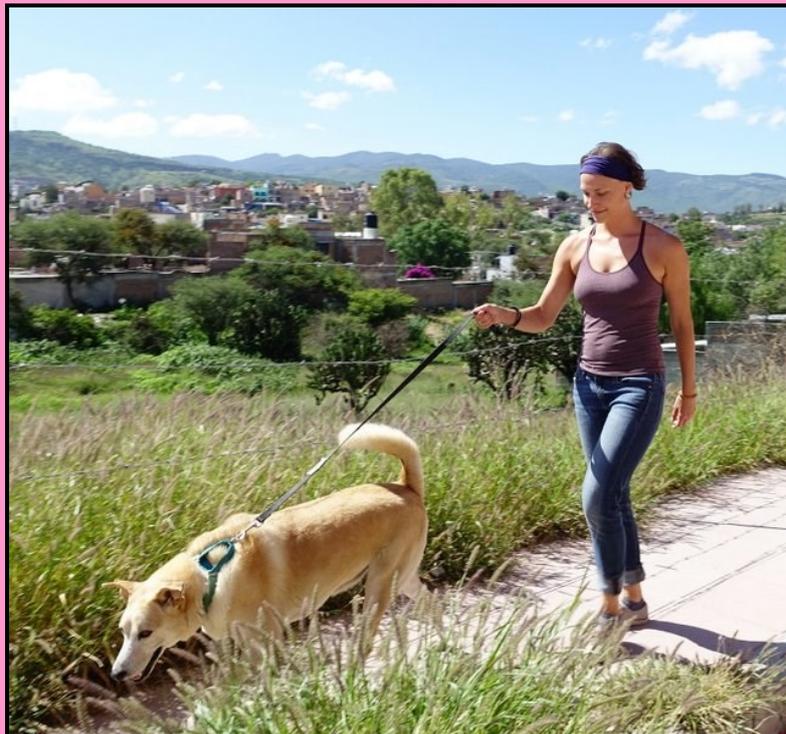


	<h2>Clinic Hours</h2>
<p>Sociedad Protectora de Animales Los Pinos 7: 415-152-6124</p>	<p>Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri. 9 AM—3 PM</p>
<p>Adoptions, Visits, and Volunteers Mon.-Sat. 11 AM—2 PM</p>	<p>Tuesday &amp; Saturday (discount days) 9 AM—4 PM</p>
	<p><i>By appointment is best.</i></p>
	<p><a href="http://www.spasanmiguel.org">www.spasanmiguel.org</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel">www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel</a></p>

## 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 415-152-6124 for an appointment with our vet, Dr. Omar Córdova.*



## 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. 415-152 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. 415-152 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. 415-152-2341  
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. 415-154-7195  
Hours: Monday-Saturday 9am-3pm; 5pm-8pm  
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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/](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, September 14*

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, September 14**



## Rewarding Memberships

The sky is overcast and the morning temps hover in the 60s as I type this. For me, that means fall and cooler sleeping at night is just around the corner . . . and I can't wait. How about you? Before I give thanks to our newest member and our latest renewal, here's a great quote I know all of us who receive Paws and Claws can relate to: "Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened" – *Anatole France*.

Now, I would like all you awakened souls to join me in welcoming our newest S.P.A. member to the family, **Melissa Thompson** (individual). Thanks for joining us, Melissa! Also, please join me in thanking **Harriet Chester** (individual) for renewing her membership and for her ongoing support.

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, 415-152-6124.

**\*Come to the S.P.A.'s table at the Organic Market – Saturday, September 14 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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