



June 2019



Paws & Claws

HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED

From the Director

It's sweltering in San Miguel, but the heat doesn't curb the appetite of our cats, dogs, kittens, and puppies! Look at some of our [Hungry Dogs](#) and [Hungry Cats](#)! Please help us feed them by making a monetary deposit to our Pet Food Money Bank.

It's easy to help. Sit by the fan and click on the PayPal Donate button below. You don't even have to be sweating in San Miguel to donate. The PayPal button works from wherever you are.

This is our big fundraiser of the year. Our goal is to raise \$250,000 pesos (about \$13,500 USD), **100% of which will be applied to our annual cost of feeding our animals.**

Please reach into your hearts and pockets and help! Get that feel-good feeling and pitch in. See our ad on the next page of this issue and the article on page 8 for more details about our Pet Food Money Bank and other ways in which you and your friends and families can make a donation to this fundraiser. Please share this issue with every animal lover you know!

For more information, please write info@spasanmiguel.org or call 152-6124 or click here: [Pet Food Money Bank](#)

Don't delay-deposit today! Thank you!

Megan Gabel, General Director

Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
May	3	3
YTD	17	17

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

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 (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 for more info****

May Adoptions

May dog adoptions: Zelda, Tucker, Benita

May cat adoptions: Flo, Cheri, Gypsy



[2019 Dog Adoptions](#)

[2019 Cat Adoptions](#)

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

June Pets of the Month

By Megan Gabel and Jayn Corral

Among those benefitting from the S.P.A.'s Pet Food Money Bank fundraiser are our June Pets of the Month. Fresa and Stella are each about 6 months old. Despite being found abandoned in a plastic bag, Fresa is a delightfully happy and enthusiastic little girl. A calm puppy, Stella is very sweet and affectionate. Both of these cuties welcome cuddling.

Sassy, a little over a year old, is a lovely tabby girl who has learned to trust and love personal time with S.P.A. visitors. She gets along with friendly cats, but does not like to be bullied. Due to a pre-S.P.A. experience with street dogs, Sassy would do best in a dog-free home.

Almost 3 years old, Serinidad, a black and white beauty, loves to sit alone in a sunny spot. She greets S.P.A. visitors by putting her paws on their shoulders to get a hug and sit on a lap.

Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during June and receive a free adoption kit (200 pesos value). Our adoption fee (500 pesos) 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.





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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/) 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.

Canine Distemper, a Disease Preventable by Vaccination

By MVZ Adriana Rivera, DVM

Canine Distemper Virus (CDV) is a highly contagious infectious disease of dogs. In recent weeks, we have noticed a significant increase at the S.P.A. clinic in the number of cases of CDV. It is spread through direct contact (including sharing an infected dog's food or water bowl) and air exposure (i.e., a cough, sneeze, or bark). Females can spread the virus through the placenta to her puppies. CDV infects dogs and other animals (e.g. fox, coyote, ferret, raccoon, and skunk). A multi-systemic disease, it can cause, respiratory, gastrointestinal, and neurological problems. It attacks and weakens the immune system, which lowers the dog's resistance and ability to fight off other infections. The survival rate and length of infection depend upon the strain of the virus and the strength of the dog's immune system. Too many times, the disease can be fatal.

What dogs are at risk?

- Unvaccinated dogs of any age or breed.
- Young dogs (2-6 months of age) and unvaccinated puppies older than 6 weeks of age are most commonly infected and develop the disease.

Distemper dogs experience a wide range of clinical signs depending on how advanced the disease is. Some of the common clinical signs include:

- Watery to pus-like discharge from their eyes and nose.
- Fever of 103° F to 105° F (39.5° C to 41° C).
- Listless or lethargy, loss of appetite and interest in drinking.
- Dry cough and then moist 'wet' cough. Breathing difficulties can be caused by pneumonia due to other infections.
- Vomiting diarrhea, nausea.
- If a dog with distemper survives the acute stage of the illness, he or she may also develop hyperkeratosis of the paw pads and nose.
- Neurological signs as the disease progresses and attacks the central nervous system include seizures, tremors, head tilt, partial or full paralysis, nystagmus (repetitive eye movements), myoclonus (irregular involuntary contraction of a muscle).

Distemper is preventable by vaccinating your dog. A series of vaccinations is administered to puppies to increase the likelihood of building immunity when the immune system has not yet fully matured. To protect your dog, it is important to keep distemper vaccinations up-to-date throughout your dog's life and avoid any gaps in vaccinations.

Distemper can be diagnosed by your veterinarian through assessment of clinical symptoms and laboratory testing. There is no specific treatment for distemper. Once diagnosed, treatment typically consist of supportive care.

We urge you to make an appointment with your veterinarian for guidance concerning your dog's vaccination schedule. Located at Los Pinos 7, the S.P.A.'s clinic is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9-3 and Tuesday and Saturday from 9-4. Please call 152-6124 for an appointment.



**All SPA dogs
are vaccinated**

The S.P.A. is Helping to Eliminate Feline Leukemia in San Miguel

By Jayn Corral

Do you have a cat? Have you vaccinated your cat against leukemia? Feline leukemia is the second leading cause of death in cats – second only to trauma. It is a lethal disease - there is no treatment or cure. Within 3 years, 85% of infected cats suffer and die. Young kittens are most susceptible because older cats are likely to have built up a resistance to the virus with age.



Feline leukemia is a retrovirus, transmitted by saliva, nasal secretions, urine, feces, and mother's milk. It is generally transferred during nursing, grooming or fighting with an infected cat. It affects the immune system, causing blood disorders, anemia or lymphoma which predisposes cats to infection. It lives outside the body for only a few hours and is not transmissible to humans or other species.

Symptoms include pale gums, yellow mouth and/or eyes, bladder or skin infections, upper respiratory infections, unhealthy-looking coat, progressive weakness, fever, diarrhea and difficulty breathing. Some kittens will not exhibit visible symptoms.

All kittens at the S.P.A. are tested prior to being available for adoption. Kittens should be tested at approximately 12 weeks of age when accurate results can be obtained. If you adopt a kitten under 12 weeks of age you run the risk of having an infected kitten and spreading the disease to other kittens in the community. The modest S.P.A. \$500- peso adoption fee includes the test and vaccines for leukemia as well as other diseases and sterilization.



We are so pleased that kittens Mili, Milo, Owen, and Oscar just tested negative for feline leukemia. Now, they are each available for adoption from the S.P.A.!



The S.P.A.'s Pet Food Money Bank—Your Chance to Help

By Megan Gabel

The S.P.A., San Miguel's only no-kill shelter for dogs and cats, houses a combined average of 100 animals and often has more in foster homes. We provide shelter, care (vaccinations, sterilization, medical care), and food for all of them until they become family companions—no matter how long it takes. Last year, almost 100 cats and dogs were adopted from us.



As our cats and dogs become a part of families, we take in more animals. Some animals are so malnourished when they arrive that we must give them special supplemental food until they become stronger. Many of our animals have been at the S.P.A. for a long time (years). As they age, they require food designed to address the needs of older animals. Even some of our younger animals require a unique diet due to health conditions that have developed. As a result, we have had to switch some of our residents from our regular, economy-priced food to other options. Our foster program helps to provide a safe place for animals who

are too young to take in, have special needs, or for whom we have no space at the moment. We are able to save more by fostering, but this program means more mouths to feed.

The goal of this year's Pet Food Money Bank is to raise \$250,000 pesos (about \$13,500 USD), 100% of which will be applied to our annual cost of feeding our family-pets-to-be. Please help us with this basic expense – the cost of food – by making a monetary deposit to our Pet Food Money Bank. Because animals do not adjust well to changes in diet and we lack sufficient storage space, we need to cover the cost of feeding them the food they are accustomed to eating, rather than seek donations of food. We rely solely on financial donations to survive and receive no government support. We economize, but need help from our supporters.



You can donate to the S.P.A.'s Pet Food Money Bank by:

- (1) Mexican or US check to "Sociedad Protectora de Animales de San Miguel de Allende, A.C." (full name required); or
- (2) U.S. check to "San Miguel Community Foundation" (for a U.S. tax receipt) (mark for S.P.A.); or
- (3) Using PayPal at <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/how-you-can-help/pet-food-money-bank/> or by clicking the "Shop Now" button on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel>

Your check may be dropped off at the S.P.A., Los Pinos #7, 152-6124 or at any La Conexion location (mark envelope "S.P.A., PMB 18"). You may also mail your check to: Sociedad Protectora de Animales (S.P.A.), Los Pinos #7, Col. Lindavista, San Miguel de Allende, GTO, 37736, Mexico; or S.P.A., PMB No. 18, 220 N. Zapata Hwy. No. 11, Laredo, Texas 78043-4464 USA. Cash donations should be made at our office only (Los Pinos 7).

Please don't delay, deposit funds today! We need and appreciate your help. Thank you!

The Poetry of Aerobics





Sociedad Protectora de Animales
Los Pinos 7; 152-6124

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11 AM—2 PM

Clinic Hours

Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri.
9 AM—3 PM
Tuesday & Saturday
(discount days)
9 AM—4 PM
By appointment is best.

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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.



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, June 1

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, June 1.**



Rewarding Memberships

Hola! If you are reading this, you have made it through April and May. The rains are coming soon, and cooler heads will prevail.....or at least the coming rains will make your heads cooler! If you don't like the spring heat, relief is almost here. Hang in there.

We would like to thank some people who renewed their memberships in May, thus continuing to support the animals and the effort that we all care so much about. Thanks to **Nancy Meckstroth** (individual), **Lori Rubin** and **Richard Bayer** (family), and **Dea Randall** (individual) for renewing their memberships. We couldn't do what we do without you.

Do you know someone who might want to help our cause and become a member? Please share this information with them. 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, June 1, 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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