



July 2019



# Paws & Claws

HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED

## From the Director

**Just in the nick of time for this month's Paws & Claws: MATCHING PET FOOD MONEY BANK OFFER!** Anonymous donors have agreed to match every donation to the S.P.A.'s Pet Food Money Bank **up to a total of \$2,500 USD through the month of July!!** Please help us take advantage of this terrific opportunity to double the contributions in July. All money raised (100%) will be applied to the annual cost of feeding our resident animals (about 100 cats and dogs) and those in foster care. How can you resist helping to provide food to these, our Hungry Dogs and our Hungry Cats?

Our 2019 goal is to raise \$250,000 pesos (about \$13,500 USD). At this point, we have a long way to go, so please donate today! We don't have storage space for food so we are asking that you, our wonderful supporters, help us with this basic expense by donating to our Pet Food Money Bank, our big fundraiser of the year.

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. Thank you for your help!

Our clinic is having a July dental cleaning special discounted price. See page 9 for details and then call 152-6124 for appointments for your pets.

*Megan Gabel, General Director*

## Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
June	1	13
YTD	18	30

### 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**

# 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.spasanmiquel.org](http://www.spasanmiquel.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@spasanmiquel.org](mailto:info@spasanmiquel.org) for more info\*\***

## June Adoptions

June dog adoptions: Annie

June cat adoptions: Albahaca, Violeta, Pau, Priscila, Suerte, Owen, Oscar, Oprah, Mili, Tina, Milo, West, Ofelia



[2019 Dog Adoptions](#)

[2019 Cat Adoptions](#)

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## The Poetry of Eye Contact



## July Pets of the Month

By Jayn Corral and Megan Gabel

A petite, black and white, two-year-old beauty, Chrissie was brought to the S.P.A. in mid-April 2019 after having been found with a severely injured eye. Now recovered she is ready to find a comfortable, safe home, preferably one where she can be the only cat.



**Chrissie**

About 1 year old, Jerry is a beautiful, quiet, and independent tabby boy. He likes spending time alone, but when at ease, enjoys playing with his roommates and S.P.A. volunteers.



**Jerry**



**Annie**

About 2 years old, Annie, a medium/large boxer mix, is as sweet as can be. A calm girl, she walks well on a leash and is loving and affectionate, full of kisses. Medium-sized and slim, **NEWS FLASH**—as we go to press Annie has been adopted. Yes!

Chips is eager to go for a walk and will sit on command while the leash is put on her (but is too happy and excited to stay in that position). She's calm, smart, and affectionate, but not too thrilled about strangers.

Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during July 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.



**Chips**

### Donaciones igualadas en julio (hasta 2,500 USD)

Por favor, ayúdanos a alimentar a nuestros animales! Para donar al Pet Food Money Bank a través de PayPal, haga clic en el botón "Donate" abajo. Puede encontrar más información aquí: [www.spasanmiguel.org/how-you-can-help/pet-food-money-bank/](http://www.spasanmiguel.org/how-you-can-help/pet-food-money-bank/) Puede cambiar el idioma al español en la parte superior izquierda de la página.

**Donate**

¡Todas las donaciones ayudarán! Ninguna cantidad es muy poco (o demasiado grande). ¡Gracias!



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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: 152-6124. Thank you!

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

## Three Irresistible S.P.A. Cuties!

By Megan Gabel

Meet five-month-old brothers Café, Latté, and Mocha, adorable Wolfhound-mix puppies ready for their forever homes. The boys are fun, playful, energetic, friendly, and eager for attention. By early afternoon, they've worn themselves and transform into calm, gentle little boys. They are working on overcoming their insecurities while going for a walk on the street – the cars have been scary. We've had to carry them in our arms outside the S.P.A. so they could walk a little bit and get used to traffic. How about adding one (or more) of these boys to your family? Our adoption fee is 500 pesos and includes all current vaccinations, deworming, sterilization, and enrollment in the Green Paw Pet Registration Program.



We welcome you to volunteer at the S.P.A. so you can spend some time playing with puppies, kittens, and cats and walk dogs. Not only will you enjoy yourself and find it rewarding, but you will help our approximately 100 resident cats and dogs. The more people our animals get to meet, the better it is for them. It helps them to become socialized and to feel comfortable with strangers – so important as a precursor to a happy adoption,

Come and meet all our available cats and dogs at the S.P.A.! Adoption and volunteer hours are Monday-Saturday, 11-2, Los Pinos 7, 152-6124. Spend as much time as you want during volunteer hours – we and our animals will appreciate it. Volunteer information sheets are on the website in Spanish and English here: <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/how-you-can-help/volunteer/>



## Looking for More Fulfillment in Your Life?

By Jayn Corral

Are you bored with your daily routine? Are you looking for something new that is easy to do and a short walk or taxi ride from home? Do you want to feel better about yourself by doing something to help others? Do you want to smile more? Well look no further than the S.P.A. With nearly 40 cats and kittens, the S.P.A. is the place to be.

Volunteer hours are Monday through Saturday from 11:00 to 2:00, Los Pinos 7. No early morning wakeup call needed, and you won't miss out on happy hour or dinner. You can come as often as you want and stay as long as you want during those hours. Whether you are a permanent resident, a part-year resident, a student or short-term visitor, you are welcome to come once, twice or as often as you like.

Bring a friend and sit with a cold drink and chat awhile while the cats vie for your attention. You don't even have to get all dressed up. The cats are sure to snag your clothes and may even rearrange your hairdo.

Watching the little ones' antics is guaranteed to make you smile and forget your woes for a few minutes. Come meet our youngsters, like Olivia and Wil who are oblivious to everything other than themselves, living moment by moment. It is pure joy, like listening to babies laugh. Spending special personal time with the older, more sedate, adult cats like Chrissie, Noe, and Trinidad, can be almost Zen-like. You can slip away into the private world of your thoughts or no thoughts at all.

You can have all this by being part of the volunteer community helping the homeless cats of San Miguel. Every minute volunteers spend with the cats and kittens helps prepare them for a successful life with their forever family.

You come to the S.P.A. thinking you are doing your civic duty; however, you are the one who is changed for the better. You will go home recalling that you smiled and forgot your problems for a few minutes and that is a good thing. We hope to see you at the S.P.A. so we can introduce you to our lovely cats and kittens (and dogs and puppies, if you're so inclined).



## For Your Pet's Health and General Well-Being, Take Advantage of the S.P.A.'s July Dental Discount

By Megan Gabel

Good dental care is not only vitally important to your pet's teeth and gum, but also to her overall health. Proper dental care contributes to a longer life. Periodontal disease, an inflammation of a tooth's deep supporting structures, causes the build-up of plaque on the teeth. It is the most common ailment affecting cats and dogs and is preventable. According to the American Veterinary Dental College, periodontal disease may cause problems in the mouth and teeth and also "be associated with damage to internal organs in some patients as they age." It is often not treated until it is too late and has already done extensive damage.

S.P.A. residents Mitzy and Bailey, mother and daughter, recently had their teeth cleaned at the S.P.A. Lovely dogs, these two are inseparable. They are playful, friendly, and easy to walk – our "starter" dogs for new volunteers. On top of that, they now have bright shiny teeth. No bad breath to deter potential adopters. Come to the S.P.A. to meet them (Monday-Saturday, 11-2) and see for yourself!



Your pet can't tell you about teeth pain and will instinctively hide illness or weakness. It is up to you to be vigilant. Here are the signs to look for that indicate oral or dental disease:

1. Bad breath
2. Loose teeth
3. Discolored teeth, yellowed from tartar
4. Chewing from only one side
5. Drooling or pawing at the mouth
6. Avoiding your contact with their face
7. Loss of appetite or weight

Protect your beloved pet by getting a professional teeth cleaning, the purpose of which is to remove plaque and tartar. The S.P.A. has an ultrasonic scaler and polisher. For the entire month of July, our normal price of 700-1,000 pesos for teeth cleaning (cats and dogs) has been reduced by 20% (includes proper anesthetic, professional cleaning, and antibiotic). Improve your pet's dental health, quality of life, and overall well-being by making a dental cleaning appointment today at 152-6124.

**All July donations to the S.P.A.'s Pet Food Money Bank up to a total of \$2,500 USD will be matched!**

Click here to donate instantly through PayPal:

[Donate](#)

For other ways to donate, click [HERE](#). Thank you!

 <p>Sociedad Protectora de Animales Los Pinos 7; 152-6124</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>Adoptions, Visits, and Volunteers Mon.-Sat. 11 AM—2 PM</p> </div>	<h2>Clinic Hours</h2> <p>Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri. 9 AM—3 PM Tuesday &amp; Saturday (discount days) 9 AM—4 PM <i>By appointment is best.</i></p> <p><a href="http://www.spasanmiguel.org">www.spasanmiguel.org</a> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel">www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel</a></p>
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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.*



### DOES YOUR PET HAVE BAD BREATH?

Routine and preventative dental care is vital to your pet's long-term health.



### Ultrasonic Dog & Cat Teeth Cleaning

JULY 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](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, July 6*

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, July 6.**



## Rewarding Memberships

June was a great month for cat adoptions, but of course we still have lots of wonderful “best friends to be” waiting for their forever home. Have room in your heart and home? Know someone who does? You know where to find us, and thanks in advance for spreading the word.

And speaking of gratitude, it’s time to welcome our newest members. Give a big open-armed hello to **John Fields** and **Glenn Murer** (family). We are delighted to have you in the S.P.A. family! A big thanks also to **Deborah Osis** (individual), **Marthe Fraser** and **Marie Bulgin** (family), and **David Cox** and **Shirley McCallan** (family) for renewing their memberships. Lastly, a big WELCOME BACK to **Rena Cochlin** (individual). We appreciate your 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 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, July 6, 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.

### EDITOR: Harry Burrus

If you need or want to contact me for any reason regarding Paws & Claws — to submit a story, send a photo, just to make a comment — please email me at [SPAPawsandClaws@gmail.com](mailto:SPAPawsandClaws@gmail.com)  
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