

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



March 2019



Paws & Claws

HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED

From the Director

Our annual meeting was held on February 27, 2019. The S.P.A.'s 2019 board consists of Megan Gabel (general director), Harry Burrus (vice director), Jayn Corral (secretary/treasurer), Jack Gewarter (member), and Marty Fraser (member). We enjoy working together and are looking forward to a productive 2019 with lots of happy adoptions to wonderful homes.

S.P.A. DOGS TO HOMES IN THE U.S.A.: The van project is moving forward! Thanks to S.P.A. dog volunteer Tammy Belden, at the beginning of April, Macarena, Mia, Tigi, Gigi, and Isabella are scheduled to go to the U.S.A. to be adopted! We are thrilled with the opportunity created for these dogs and also with the space that will be created at the S.P.A. which will enable us to save more dogs from the streets of San Miguel de Allende.

DENTAL SPECIAL EXTENDED THROUGH MARCH: Due to popular demand, we have extended our dental cleaning special through the entire month of March. Our normal price of 700-1,000 pesos for teeth cleaning (cats and dogs) has been reduced by 20% (includes anesthetic and professional cleaning with ultrasonic scaler/polisher). Improve your pet's dental health, quality of life, and overall well-being by making a dental cleaning appointment today at 152-6124. Did you know that Tuesdays and Saturdays are discount days at the S.P.A. clinic? Those are good days to schedule a consultation!

-Megan Gabel, General Director

Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
February	2	5
YTD	5	11

Clinic/Office Hours:

Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri: 9am - 3pm
Tue, Sat (**Discount Days**): 9am - 4pm

Adoptions, Visits, Volunteers:

Mon - Sat: 11am - 2pm

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San Miguel de Allende,
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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

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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

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February Adoptions

February dog adoptions: Mia, Chico

February cat adoptions: Mika, Homer, Twix, Carmen, Conner



[2019 Dog Adoptions](#)

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March Pets of the Month

By Megan Gabel and Jayn Corral

Trinidad and Suerte are buddies who like to pal around with each other. Trinidad arrived at the S.P.A. in January 2016 at the age of two months. This gentle giant sports an all-black silky coat with small white spots on his belly. Shy at first, he loves to play with wand toys dangled by S.P.A. visitors. Suerte arrived at the S.P.A. in April 2017 at the age of two months. He is a large, athletic tabby cat with striking markings. Inquisitive and playful, he can be mischievous.

One-year old Nena, an adorable brindle with white paws, is a volunteer and staff favorite. Small/medium-sized, as sweet as can be, she is an affectionate, calm, playful, and easy dog. Buddy, a 10-year-old Airedoodle, is an intelligent, loyal, curious, and energetic large boy. His favorite toy is a deflated soccer ball.

Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during March and receive a free adoption kit. 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.



Nellie, a Forever Home at Last

By B. Lewis



It will take a long time for me to get over the loss of Lucky my beloved dog of many years. But, life goes on. I managed to live without a canine companion for four weeks. I kept reminding myself of the kennel fees, the trips to Costco for food, the freezing cold morning walks in the winter, not to mention getting drenched during the rainy season. But, by week five my resolve to live without a dog collapsed utterly.

I was a frequent visitor to rescue websites and ended up at the S.P.A.'s impressive site (www.spasanmiguel.org). It featured pictures of available dogs, and by clicking on one of the pictures, you could see a short video. WOW! Since I am over 50 (actually over 60, truthfully over 70), I was looking for an older dog, imagining us growing still older together. And thus found Nellie.

Some people may have heard the adage "you can't teach an old dog new tricks." WRONG! Her current vocabulary ("come," "sit," "wait," "where's the ball?") is very solid. We are currently working on "down," "leave it," and "out of the kitchen." Am hoping the latter will sink in really quickly, since I've lost a couple of sticks of butter and today's breakfast muffin to her.

Nellie is about eight years old and had been living at the S.P.A. for more than half of her life. I was concerned how she would adapt. Well, I'm happy to report, she's adapting beautifully. She eats well (and in a very lady-like manner I might add); she allows me to groom her (although she gets antsy if I take too long); she barks when someone approaches the door; she greets my friends by sniffing their shoes (if they have dogs at home they get a second sniff of course), and last week she came for help when she stepped on a thorn. I'm impressed, Nellie dear.

At one time in her life she must have been traumatized by moving vehicles, since she is extremely frightened of being out on the street. She and I are taking forays into the larger world very slowly. Right now, leaving the door open, we travel a few feet to the right, a few feet to the left – and then back into the garden. But I'm convinced that in a few months you'll see both of us going for our morning constitutional.

I would be remiss not to thank the staff and volunteers at the S.P.A. for taking such good and loving care of my Nellie while she was waiting for her forever home.



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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.

“She’s Making Biscuits”

By Jayn Corral

“She’s making biscuits!” Aluxe’s foster, Michelle, exclaimed, “Today she came out to lick my hand and then she made biscuits. It’s working!” The news the day before was quite different. Michelle sounded discouraged, reporting, “She is making only very slow progress. Maybe she should go back to the S.P.A.

Poor Aluxe had no reason to be afraid. She has lived at the S.P.A. from the age of one week with siblings and a caring mother. The volunteers worried about her. Every day they found her huddled in the farthest corner with flattened ears, trembling in fear, so much so that she refused to come out for a treat.

The vet recommended that we try foster care so she could have more time with humans and fewer feline roommates. The first few days in foster care she spent hiding wherever she could, coming out only in the darkness to eat and use the litter box. It seemed like the fostering was not working, so we asked Michelle to return her to the S.P.A. That same day, Aluxe made biscuits.

I had never heard the term “making biscuits” before but I knew it was a good thing. It’s also known as “kneading,” when a cat rhythmically presses her paws back and forth against a soft object. It is a sign of trust, contentment and comfort. So, when we heard that Aluxe was making biscuits, we all celebrated Aluxe’s progress. Michelle’s reward came from Aluxe, who showed her that she felt safe with her.

You, too, can experience the joy of knowing that you helped a cat or kitten get ready for their forever home by being a foster. Fostering is also ideal for people who love animals, but, for whatever reason, are unable to own one. It is a short-term commitment, so even if you are not a full-time resident, you can get your cat or dog “fix” while helping to save the lives of animals. The S.P.A. provides all medical care at our on-site clinic and can help with other needs. You provide love, attention, and a caring home to a deserving animal. We also have a weekend foster program for current dogs – a mini vacation for them, the chance to be part of a family for a weekend – and a wonderful experience for you. To sign up or learn more about this program and our regular foster program, please email SPAFosters@gmail.com and see our website at <http://www.spasanmiguel.org/how-you-can-help/foster-program/>



Take Advantage of the S.P.A.'s March Dental Discount

By Megan Gabel

Did you know that dental care is not only vitally important to your pets' teeth and gums, but also to their 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.

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:

- *Bad breath
- *Loose teeth
- *Discolored teeth, yellowed from tartar
- *Chewing from only one side
- *Drooling or pawing at the mouth
- *Avoiding your contact with their face
- *Loss of appetite or weight

February was dental discount month at the S.P.A.'s clinic. Due to popular demand, we have extended our dental special through March.

Improve your pet's dental health (by removing plaque and tartar) and overall health, quality of life, and general well-being by having his teeth cleaned. Tina and Lani can attest to its effectiveness. During March, our normal price of 700-1,000 pesos for teeth cleaning (cats and dogs) has been reduced by 20% (includes anesthetic and professional cleaning with ultrasonic scaler/polisher). Call 152-6124, Los Pinos 7 for an appointment.



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By appointment is best.

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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.



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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



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Questions? Call the S.P.A. office: 415-152-6124

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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, March 2

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, March 2.



Rewarding Memberships

February was a good month at the S.P.A. We saw many people and members who aren't with us year-round. Not only is it great to see you all, but it also means high volunteer turn out and a lot of extra love for the cats and dogs we care for while we find them forever homes. Thank you all for that, and remember, volunteer hours are Monday through Saturday, from 11am to 2pm.

Other thanks go to our newest S.P.A. member, **Bonnie MacLaird** (individual). Welcome Bonnie! Thanks also go to **Lynn and Steve Weisberg** (family), **Willie Williams and Alex McLeod** (family), **Karen Hafer** (individual), and **Jack Gewarter and Karina Anaya** (family) for renewing their memberships. 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]) will help the S.P.A. continue its wonderful work caring for many of the homeless cats and dogs of San Miguel.

—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, March 2, 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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