

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



August 2021

# 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 ALL! We really appreciate your donations to this year's Pet Food Money Bank! It is a huge relief to know that the annual cost of feeding our resident animals and those in foster care is covered. We are very grateful for your generosity and support!

**DENTAL SPECIAL EXTENDED THROUGH AUGUST:** This popular promotion has been extended through August 31. Please see the ad on page 2 of this issue for details. Improve your pet's dental health, overall health, quality of life, and general well-being by having your dog's or cat's teeth cleaned. Not only is dental care vitally important to your pet's teeth and gums, but proper dental care contributes to a longer life, something that we all want for our pets. Call the S.P.A. for an appointment today!

*-Megan Gabel, General Director*

## Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
July	3	4
YTD	16	22

### Clinic/Office Hours:

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

### Adoptions:

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 and support our fundraisers: [www.spasanmiguel.org/fundraisers](http://www.spasanmiguel.org/fundraisers)

(Donate-Sponsor a Casita-Become a Member-Remembrance Tree Leaf)

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**

## July Adoptions

Dog adoptions: Dusty, Sugar, Rosie

Cat adoptions: Walter, Cisco, Cooper, Curtis



### PUT A SMILE ON YOUR PET'S FACE!

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



### Ultrasonic Dog & Cat Teeth Cleaning

**20% Discount** (Regularly 700-1,000 pesos)

*Special price extended through August by popular demand*

*Please call for an appointment*

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[2021 Dog Adoptions](#)

[2021 Cat Adoptions](#)

## August Pets of the Month

By Jayn Corral and Megan Gabel

It is apparent to us that all of this month's Pets of the Month used to be in a home and obviously miss being in one now. It would be wonderful if each of them could become part of a family again soon.

Charlie, a little over 10 months old, is a German Shepherd mix who is eager for attention. About 1-3/4 years old, Lolita is playful and enjoys going for a walk. Both dogs are medium-sized and slender.



A beautiful, petite, diluted calico, Claire, about 2 years old, is a wonderful, happy, friendly cat. About 2-1/2 years old and deaf, Harlow is a petite all-white girl with gold eyes. Both cats get along well with other cats and people.



Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during August and receive a free adoption kit. Meet them and all our available cats and dogs at the S.P.A., Los Pinos #7, Monday-Saturday between 11 and 2, 415-152-6124.

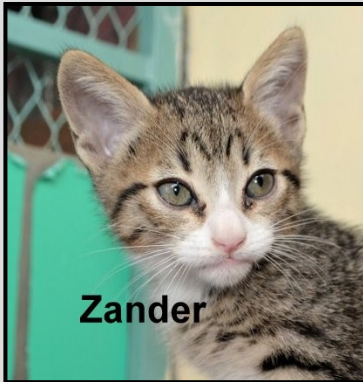


## Help Curb Feline Overpopulation

By Jayn Corral

Have you heard of “Dr. Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet”? It is one of my favorite shows. For over 25 years, Dr. Jeff Young has worked tirelessly to help animals, rather than focus on making money. His clinic, Planned Pethood Plus, located in Denver, Colorado (USA) has over 80,000 clients and a staff of 30. Over 30 surgeries are performed there every day. He has sponsored sterilization and clinical events throughout Europe and South America, including Mexico. People from all over the world seek his services because of his expertise, low or no cost, and his straight-talking, warm-hearted demeanor.

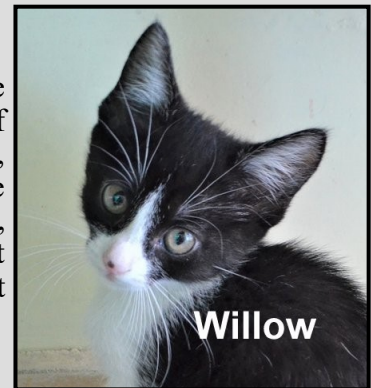
One thing he said in this particular episode really struck me. He was doing a blitz on a remote island in South America and commented that for every human born, a cat can produce 45 kittens. Wow! Is it any wonder that overpopulation of cats is such a problem? Sadly, overpopulation often leads to cats and kittens being discarded the same way we discard our garbage. Other times it leads to horrific, tragic deaths due to starvation, disease, attacks by other animals, and abuse by humans.



**Zander**

Cats can conceive as young as three months of age. The feline gestation period is two months, so it is possible for a female cat to have up to as many as five litters each year. According to Dr. Jeff, the average litter is 3-1/2 kittens. Cats do not go through menopause so can reproduce well into their geriatric years. Rarely do cats outlive their reproductive years, which average 12–15 years.

When the world shut down during the Covid-19 pandemic, the majority of sterilization events were also cancelled, including those in San Miguel. As a result, San Miguel is among those locations that has a surplus of unwanted kittens and puppies, overwhelming rescuers and organizations that are trying to protect them and find them homes. Zander, Willow, Carmine, Cezar, now at the S.P.A. with other kittens, are part of that baby boom.



**Willow**

Join in the effort to stop the proliferation of kittens and puppies. Call 415-152-6124 for an appointment with our vet, Dr. Omar Córdova, to sterilize your pet or, perhaps, strays you are protecting. Encourage others to do the same. The clinic is open from 9-3, Monday-Saturday and stays open until 4 on Tuesdays and Saturdays (discount days). A variety of sterilization events have now been starting to pop-up around the city. Take advantage of them! Do what you can to help curb canine and feline overpopulation.



**Cezar**



**Carmine**

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- Darlene M

*Wonderful service!! HouseSitMexico helped me with my listing. I had 6 very qualified candidates within 48hrs. If you need a Mexico house sitter this is the site to use.*

- Jenn G

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*Have used this site since its inception (in 2016) and have had awesome results with getting our house sits filled in less that 1 week—and with incredible house sitters! Highly recommended!*

- Helen K

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## **THANK YOU, ROSS MACDONALD, FOR HELPING THE S.P.A.!**

Waiving or reducing the normal fee for delivery service available through MacDonald Services ([www.macdonald-services.com/](http://www.macdonald-services.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/fundraisers](http://www.spasanmiguel.org/fundraisers) 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.**



## A Pink Collar for Soleil

By Megan Gabel

My heart goes out to Soleil. She is a gentle, sweet, beautiful girl. Now that she is safe at the S.P.A., she wags her tail, softly puts her paw in your hand and then switches paws so each can be massaged. Hard to believe that she was left in a bag on a deserted road after her puppies were stolen from her. Her muffled cries alerted her rescuer that she needed help. Despite this dreadful and frightening experience, Soleil is a lovely dog. She is a ray of sunshine in our lives; hence, her name. We gave her a pretty pink collar as a symbol of beautiful times to come. Not unsurprisingly, Soleil is a little withdrawn when she meets someone new. But when Soleil knows and trust you (which happens very quickly), she easily moves in closer to be petted. She likes going for a walk and does very well on leash. She is quietly observant as people, cars, and other dogs pass by. Only 2 years old, she is playful with other dogs and likes toys.



Soleil's new best friend is Charlie. Charlie, a little over 10 months old, is a slim, medium-sized German Shepherd mix, likely surrendered by his owner who pretended otherwise. Charlie is very sweet, but obviously misses being in a home with a family. He enjoys going out for a walk and frequently stops to give his walker a hug. He welcomes attention and a reassuring pat.

Our wish for Soleil, Charlie, and all our dogs and cats is that the future brings them much happiness, love, and security. The S.P.A.'s adoption fee for cats and dogs is 600 pesos and includes all current vaccinations, deworming, and sterilization (and more). Adoption hours at the S.P.A., Los Pinos #7, are Monday-Saturday between 11 and 2. We adhere to our Covid-19 protocol which means that only one person may enter the S.P.A. for an adoption interview. That person must wear a mask and stay at least 6 feet away from S.P.A. personnel.

## The Poetry of Adaptation







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Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124

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(discount days)  
9 AM—4 PM  
*By appointment is best.*

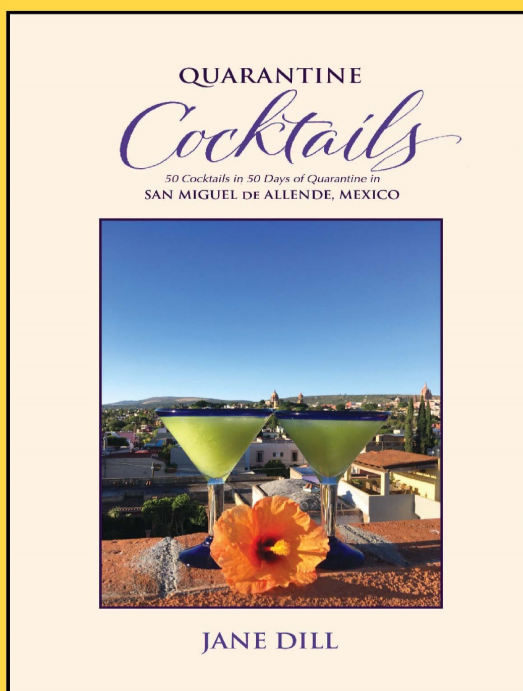
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**The S.P.A.'s clinic is open!** The S.P.A. can meet your pet's needs, from routine preventative care to diagnosis and treatment of problems to surgical procedures and more. We have a well-equipped clinic and offer packages to help you save on vaccinations and sterilization. Under the current circumstances, we prefer that no one enters the clinic other than S.P.A. personnel. If critical, only 1 person may enter the S.P.A. with his animal and that person must wear a mask and stay 6 feet (2 meters) away from S.P.A. personnel. Thank you for your consideration in following these rules.

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

## NOW ON SALE! QUARANTINE COCKTAILS

*50 Cocktails in 50 Days of Quarantine in  
SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE, MEXICO*



JANE DILL, the S.P.A.'s volunteer calligrapher for the Remembrance Tree (for 8 years) has written a book! **QUARANTINE COCKTAILS** is a collection of 50 cocktails and "mocktails" developed during the lockdown last spring and posted nightly on Facebook. It's "Quarantine Mixology", improvising and having fun with whatever ingredients you have on hand. Also makes a great gift! Available in SMA at the Galería San Francisco at the Fabrica la Aurora.

**ORDER HERE** for SMA or Amazon/US:  
[www.janedill.com/cocktails](http://www.janedill.com/cocktails)

## 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 laser 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)

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](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

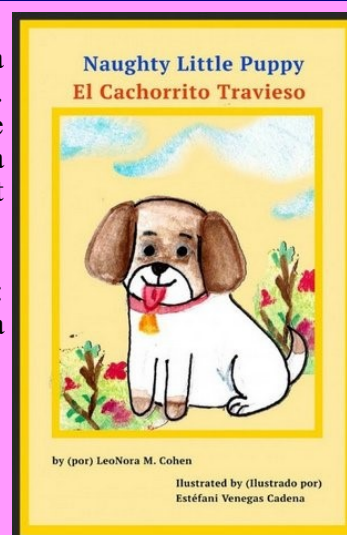
\* or peso equivalent

## Royalties from Children's Book Will Be Donated to the S.P.A.!

*Naughty Little Puppy (El Cachorrillo Travieso)* by Leonora M. Cohen is a bilingual, charming story about what it means to have a puppy as a pet. Suitable for 5-10 year olds, the story is beautifully illustrated and can be sung to the old folk tune, "Down by the Station Early in the Morning." In a subtle and delightful way, it teaches children how to be responsible pet owners.

To learn more about the book and purchase one (or more), click here: [http://leonoracohenbooks.webstarts.com/naughty\\_little\\_puppy.html](http://leonoracohenbooks.webstarts.com/naughty_little_puppy.html) - a great gift for any child who dreams of having a puppy.

The author has generously agreed to donate all royalties from sales to the S.P.A.





## 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  
Food - 5-10%

**DUSTY PUPPIES** - Guadiana #17A - Colonia Guadiana - Ph. 415-154- 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 (600 pesos). 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/members/](http://www.spasanmiguel.org/members/) (via PayPal) or in our office.



### **It's Gemma's Birthday!** ***Presents for her AND for the S.P.A.!***

Gemma and her owner, Lulu Lum, dressed up in matching tutus in celebration of Gemma's second birthday. The human guests enjoyed carrot cake and the dog guests scarfed up pupcakes. Everyone had a fun time!

In addition to honoring Gemma's birthday, Lulu put out an S.P.A. Pet Food Money Bank donation jar and the guests happily donated to help the S.P.A.

What a great idea!!

**THANK YOU!!**

## Beautiful Crafts / S.P.A. T-shirts & Caps

Click [HERE](#) to see the Catalogue of Jayn's Crafts AND learn how to place an order for local delivery or pickup (NEW!!). Some examples are shown below. See the catalogue for more!



### S.P.A. T-shirts & Caps

Pick up one for yourself, a family member, and as a terrific present!



(Front)



(Back)

**Unisex T-shirts:** white or black (youth, S, M, L, and XL). This style is perfect for both cat and dog lovers and a meaningful souvenir of San Miguel de Allende!

**Women's T-shirts:** red, white, or black (S, M, L, and XL).

**Men's T-shirts:** white or black (M, L, XL, and XXL).



**All T-shirts:** donation of 200 pesos each.

**Caps:** red, black or khaki (donation of 150 pesos each).





## Rewarding Memberships

Last month I shared that we lost our beloved cat Chuckie, who literally fell into our lives by dropping into our fountain at four weeks old. We loved him for eight great years. The loss was difficult, but we have come to appreciate this quote: "Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened." We are grateful Chuckie happened. We have since adopted a five-month old rescue named Alvin as a companion for our five year old S.P.A. alumni, Ruben. They are well on their way to becoming pals and we are grateful for that too.

At the S.P.A. we are grateful to **Gene and Lei Bammel** (family), **Harriet Chester** (individual), **Marilyn Vollman** and **Charles Oldfather** (family), and **Dianne Leger** (individual) for renewing their memberships. Thank you all. We couldn't do what we do without you. I (**Randy Hummel**) and my wife (**Traci Tighe**) renewed our family membership this month 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 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

**\*The S.P.A. is open for adoptions as long as certain precautions are followed. If you come to the S.P.A. with family or friends, only one person will be allowed to enter the S.P.A. to be interviewed for an adoption of a cat or dog. That person must wear a mask and stay at least 6 feet (2 meters) away from S.P.A. personnel. Adoption hours are Monday-Saturday, 11-2.**

**\*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](https://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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