

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



April 2020



Paws & Claws

HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED

From the Director

Difficult times for everyone. We hope that you are all safe and healthy and stay that way.

The S.P.A. is continuing to operate as close to normally as possible with a few exceptions. We are responsible for the wellbeing of our resident animals which means we need our employees to stay healthy, on the job, and look after them. We have cats and dogs whose quarters must be cleaned—the animals need to be fed and overseen by Dr. Omar Córdova, our veterinarian. Our clinic is open during our regular hours so that veterinary care can be provided to the community.

We are discouraging visitors and new volunteers for the moment and, instead, relying upon those who are most familiar with us and the way we operate. We are still working on getting our wonderful cats and dogs into homes. As long as the applicant appears healthy, we are interviewing potential adopters, while, at the same time, being mindful of the importance of social distancing and staying at least 6 feet apart.

We are grateful to those who continue to donate to the S.P.A.! We know that finances are stretched thin during this time and really appreciate and need your help.

We are not participating in the Organic Market for the time being or any other venue with crowds.

We have some great stories in this issue that we hope you enjoy. Hang in there!
-Megan Gabel, General Director

Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
March	3	5
YTD	15	13

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
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March Adoptions

March dog adoptions: Canela, Colette, Bonnie

March cat adoptions: Xel-Ha, Tango, Brandy, Kira, Callie



Bonnie



Callie



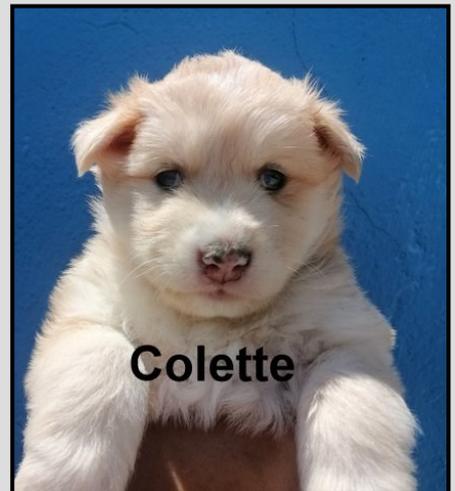
Canela



Xel-Ha



Kira



Colette



Brandy



Tango

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April Pets of the Month

By Megan Gabel and Jayn Corral

Denver is a really nice dog, super friendly and sweet. Medium/large, about 2 years old, he walks very well on a leash, gently takes treats from your hand, and freely gives kisses. Paco, about 3 years old, is a small/medium-sized Chihuahua mix. From the scars on his face, it's obvious that he's had a rough life. That doesn't stop him from wagging his tail and offering a paw in friendship.



Nadia is 1 1/2 years old and lived at the S.P.A. for most of her life. Her coat is mostly gray with white and orange highlights. She is a great cat. She greets visitors and lets them know when she is ready for special attention. She is quite content to watch the day go by from her hammock high on the cat condo. She gets along well with other cats and people and is curious about the dogs that pass by on their way to their walks. She will be a great addition to your family as a single or with other pets.

She was discovered injured in the campo but has fully recovered. After being traumatized by her ordeal, she has now blossomed into a beautiful, fun, black and white beauty. She loves personal attention and spending time watching the puppies frolic next door. She tolerates her cats roommates but prefers that they do not interrupt her private time or space. She would be best in a household without other cats.

Chrissie is 3 years old and has been at the S.P.A. for the past year.



Hope for Animals Surviving Abuse

By Jayn Corral

When I moved to Mexico a decade ago, I wanted to help the animals in the small community I lived in at that time. Since I was a newcomer to Mexico and Mexican culture, I was cautioned to tread lightly. When I learned that a small group of Canadians came to that city to conduct sterilization clinics once a year, it gave me hope.

We moved to San Miguel de Allende about five years ago where I was happy to discover that there were several organizations and individuals dedicated to helping animals through education, shelters, clinics, and sterilization blitzes. It is encouraging that people line up for hours to have their animals sterilized. Nowadays, many people comment that they are seeing fewer street and roof dogs than in the past. It seems that more people are learning that animals are precious and deserve a good life. Things are changing for the better, but there is still a ways to go as evidenced by Callie.

A very small calico girl, Callie was brought to the S.P.A. in mid-February 2020 at the age of six months. That may sound like a typical day at the S.P.A., but Callie was not a typical intake. She had a wire around her neck that was cutting into her skin, deeper and deeper as she grew around it. Yes, people do horrible, unthinkable things to animals. Thankfully there are also people who care enough for animals like Callie to remove them from sad and dangerous situations, take them for treatment, and help them to find a safe, caring, loving environment.

Now safe at the S.P.A., Callie relishes in the attention, food, and love she is finally receiving. For the moment, she doesn't want to share those benefits with other cats or kittens, so she's a loner. She is obviously very grateful to be safe and out of danger and happily sits on visitors' and volunteers' laps, basking in love. Please come to the S.P.A. any day, Monday-Saturday 11-2, Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124. Let this little girl worm her way into your hearts.

Providing a safe haven for Callie is inspirational. Clearly the object of horrible abuse, Callie has survived and will have a good life – the S.P.A. will make sure of it. Imagine the good that can be done if each of us helps, by words or by action, to prevent the abuse of animals. Wouldn't it be amazing if more animals like Callie were rescued and taken to a safe place?

Fantastic News: Callie was adopted at the end of March!



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Making Friends at the S.P.A.

By Bob Shimotakahara

Back home in Toronto, it's chilly (-8) and snowy. But I'm here at the S.P.A. in the sunshine and warmth, just another day in paradise. I fill out short paperwork and Harry greets me. "Let me show you around," he says. I am now a newly-minted volunteer dog walker.

Harry takes me into the yard where the dogs are housed. I am pleasantly surprised by the ample space they are each afforded. The dogs are excited in anticipation of their walks. "Let's start with Bailey and Mitzy," Harry says and we head out. Bailey and Mitzy are a mother/daughter duo. They are smallish, well-behaved, and engaging; an easy pair to walk.

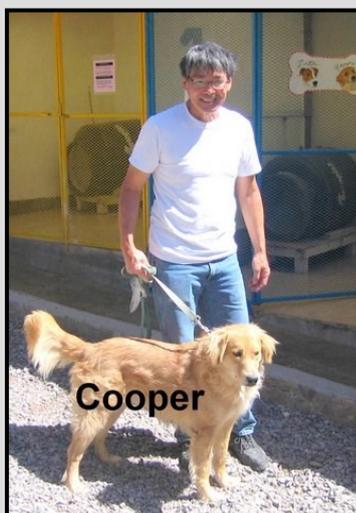
Next up is Buddy, the large and affable black Airedale and Poodle mix. He's an older soul. He's also highly intelligent and obedient. And he'll do anything for a treat.

After that, it's Spot's turn. He's a bull terrier cross who is very happy, highly energetic, and eager to please. Finally, it's Apollo's turn. Harry advises me to take it slowly with him. As I enter his domain, Apollo cowers. He is wide-eyed and clearly uncertain about who has just entered his space. But after a few minutes, he allows me to leash him and we walk together. I know that once Apollo's trust is won, someone will be rewarded with a devoted companion.

Harry mentions that other Canadians are helping out as dog walkers. I meet Pat from Ottawa. She has spent seven years volunteering here. Her favorite dog is Tessie, a golden retriever mix. Then there's Francois from Richmond Hill. He's always dressed in black, resolutely walking his dogs. Afterward, he sits with each one and talks gently to the dog. Finally I meet Teenie. She's always willing to walk any dog regardless of size or shape or personality. I learn she is also from Toronto, living a mere three miles from my Beaches neighborhood – truly a small world, eh?

Volunteering at the S.P.A. has been an emotional and thoroughly rewarding experience. I'm glad to have had a small role in the lives of these animals. It felt good to "give back" (as my father always reminded me) or "pay it forward" as millennials now say.

The S.P.A. is a non-profit NGO. It takes many caring individuals to keep the shelter operating successfully. Volunteers are crucial as are donations. I hope you are inspired to get involved – volunteer, donate, or simply visit the puppies and kittens and give them a cuddle. Volunteer hours at the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124 are Monday-Saturday 11-2. You'll have fun. That I can promise you!





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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/) 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 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.

Wolfie Latona's New Life

By Kay Latona

Apache, our two-year-old previously adopted Doberman, needed a dog friend. He had a big yard to play in, and the gardeners for outdoor human friends, but they had work to do. And they couldn't run fast enough.

Naturally we went to the S.P.A. Apache is 28 inches tall, so we were looking for a tall dog who could keep up with him. The tallest there was what looked like a Greyhound/German Shepherd cross, a mix called a "Lurcher." His name was Tucker. He was tall, lean and looked like he could run.

We took Apache to meet Tucker on the street outside the S.P.A.. They weren't friendly with each other, but they didn't growl and snarl either. We arranged to adopt Tucker and took Apache home alone.

We picked Tucker up two days later. We have a gate between the front and back yards, so we put him in the front yard and kept Apache in the back yard where he could access the house through hanging screens and the dog door. We kept Tucker in the front yard for three days and nights. He slept under the carport on a dog bed.

When we brought him into the house/back yard, he looked appropriately cowed, head down and tail hanging. Shy, he had to be coaxed through the hanging screens. He preferred to sleep in the breezeway, two feet from where he'd slept in the carport.

We renamed Tucker "Wolfie." He deferred to Apache. Apache ignored him. We wondered if we'd chosen the right dog.

Within three weeks, they were fast friends. They ran back and forth between the house and the back gate. There was a lot of mock fighting. Chew toys got a double workout. Ten months later now, if one goes to the vet, the other is uneasy until he returns home.

Tucker/Wolfie was definitely the right dog. Both he and Apache sleep in the living room during the day within five feet of each other. At night, they sleep in the living room or the courtyard. Wolfie has yet to go through the dog door.



We're happy we were patient and gave Wolfie the chance to adapt to his new surroundings. The S.P.A. is located as Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124. Adoption hours are 11-2, Monday-Saturday. We hope you give an S.P.A. dog the opportunity to become part of your family.

The Poetry of Irresistible Huggableness





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

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!



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) (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

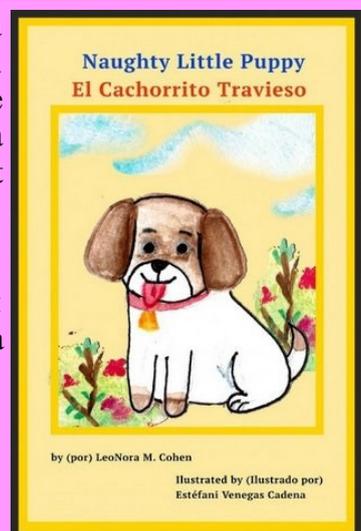
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Naughty Little Puppy (El Cachorrillo Travieso) by Leonora M. Cohen is a bilingual, charming story about what it means to have a puppy as a pet. Suitable for 5-10 year olds, the story is beautifully illustrated and can be sung to the old folk tune, "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 - 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.



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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/members/ (via PayPal) or in our office.

Please email MembershipSPA@gmail.com if you have questions.



At the Organic Market: Next Date Pending

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 style is 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 — We'll let you know when we'll be there next!



Rewarding Memberships

In these times of uncertainty and anxiety, I hope you are taking all the precautions that you can to keep yourself and those around you safe and well, physically and emotionally. Spending a lot of time inside? Feeling isolated? If you would like a companion, not only to get you through this time but as a lifelong friend beyond, consider adopting a four-legged furry friend. You might be amazed who ends up rescuing whom, and who might end up being more grateful to have the other. Be careful and be well.

In the spirit of gratitude, I want to thank **Margaret and Randy Gay** (family), **Joyce Gibson** (individual), **Elaine McIlroy and Stephen Russell** (family), and **David Tarrant** (individual) for renewing their memberships. We couldn't do what we do without you.

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 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.

***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.

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EDITOR: Harry Burrus

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