

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



March 2022

Paws & Claws

HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED



From the Director

First, let's start with the good news. As part of the S.P.A.'s joint venture with SPA Dogs to DC, Cassie and Rex, both delightful and happy dogs, are now in wonderful forever homes in the U.S. We appreciate the efforts of Tammy Belden and our S.P.A. employees and volunteers in making this happen.

Now, the not-so-good news. The S.P.A.'s strict Covid protocol remains in effect, despite what some have labeled as the premature efforts to open San Miguel and encourage tourists to visit. In our opinion, economic interests are not nearly as important as personal health and safety.

Our clinic is open. Adoptions are encouraged. For both, masks required, social distancing practiced, and one person permitted inside at a time. No visitors or additional volunteers allowed. Like you, we are looking forward to the time when these restrictions will be lifted. Unfortunately, it appears that is not going to happen for quite some time.

In the meantime, enjoy your pets who, especially now, provide so much comfort and companionship. For those of you who love animals, but can't adopt, maybe you can benefit by becoming an owner of an S.P.A. cat or dog virtually. Dogs part of the program are shown [HERE](#); cats, [HERE](#): For only \$20 per month, we'll update you regularly about your pet while you help provide for his/her care. Or come to the S.P.A. and meet, adopt, and take home your new best friend!

Stay safe and well!

-Megan Gabel, General Director

Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
February	0	6
YTD	2	9

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

Facebook: www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel

Donate and support our fundraisers: www.spasanmiguel.org/fundraisers

(Donate-Sponsor a Casita-Become a Member)

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

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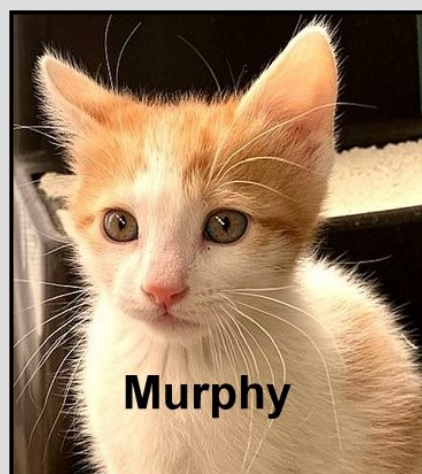
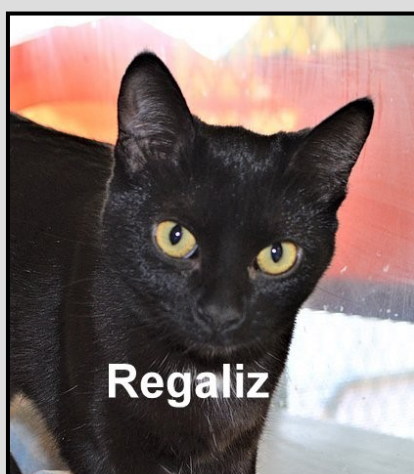
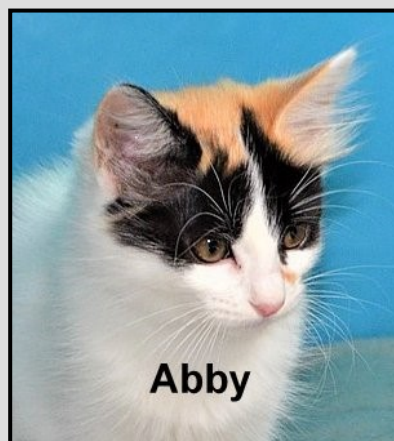
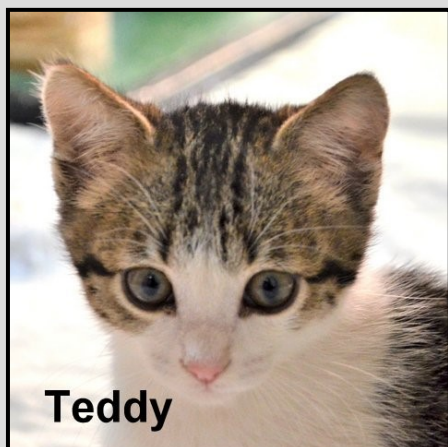
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February Adoptions

Dog adoptions: No dog adoptions this month.

Cat adoptions: Claire, Abby, Teddy, Willow, Murphy, Regaliz



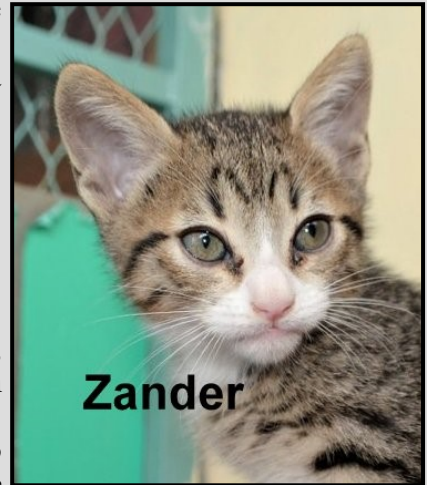
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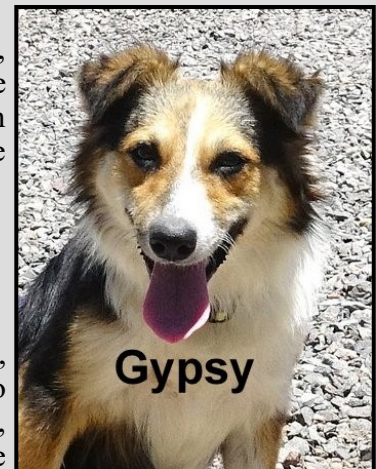
March Pets of the Month**By Jayn Corral and Megan Gabel**

Before coming to the S.P.A., Zander had been tossed in the garbage during a rainy night and, luckily, was rescued by a caring passerby. Just over a year old, he is a beautiful tabby with white paws and a playful personality. He is curious, active and loves playing with his toys and roommates.

**Zander****Robin**

Robin, along with her brother, Batman, arrived at the S.P.A. in September 2020 at three years old. Their owner passed away due to Covid and had not made arrangements for her feline family. Batman was adopted shortly after his arrival, leaving Robin to her own devices. She is a lovely black and white, very shy girl. Now that we've earned her trust, she is full of love and will sit on our laps for hours.

Gypsy, almost 2 years old, is a small, sheltie mix, energetic, playful, and affectionate. She eagerly goes for a walk and is adorable as she prances along the street. She likes it when we sit on a step so she can observe all the goings-on in front of her and, at the same time, cuddle in for some petting. She is such a happy dog – a joy to be around!

**Gypsy****Pammy**

About 2 years old and medium-sized, Pammy, a striking brindle, is reluctant to go for a walk, slightly afraid of traffic, noises, and people she doesn't know. She is playful, affectionate, very energetic, and spirited. She runs like a gazelle on her way to the dog exercise area to play with her neighbors.

Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during March and receive a free adoption kit. 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, 415-152-6124. The adoption fee for cats and dogs is 600 pesos and includes all current vaccinations, deworming, and sterilization (and more). To make the transition easier, adoption kits are available for 250 pesos.

Masks required / social distancing practiced.

Scout and His Friends

By Megan Gabel

A few weeks ago as we were walking S.P.A. dogs along Los Pinos, a brindle-colored adorable dog started following us on the street. No collar or tags – just running loose. Occasionally, he would run and hide under some bushes. He never confronted the dogs we were walking, but kept a safe distance away, wagging his tail all the time. When we witnessed him getting hit by a motorcycle, we felt we had to protect him by taking him inside the S.P.A. The next day, we posted his photo on a number of lost and found Facebook pages, but no one claimed him so he became an S.P.A. dog. We named him Scout and treated him for the burned skin he suffered from his encounter with the motorcycle.

Almost a year old, Scout, a happy, friendly, playful dog, has made some friends at the S.P.A. He is in a group with Bella, Sofia, and Smoky, each about 2 years old. The group overseer is 13-year-old Susie, our quintessential Earth Mother. Butts in the air, the kids take playful stances with each other, taunt one another and run around, enthusiastically, burning off energy.

We'd love for you to meet Scout, Bella, Sofia, and Smoky at the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124, during adoption hours, Monday-Saturday, 11-2. Photos and videos of all our dogs are on our website here: <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-dogs>



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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

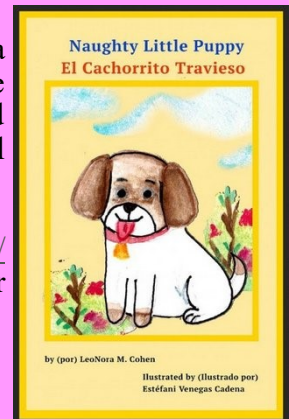
* or peso equivalent

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

Naughty Little Puppy (El Cachorrito 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.



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

Waiving or reducing the normal fee charged by MacDonald Package Delivery Services (<https://www.macdonaldspackages.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.

Murphy, an Open Book

By Jayn Corral

Ernest Hemingway has said, “A cat has absolute emotional honesty: Human beings, for one reason or another, may hide their feelings, but a cat does not.” Having worked with many cats over the years as a volunteer, I agree. Cats and kittens are experts at expressing their emotions. Over-the-moon-grateful, happy, healthy, loving cats as well as timid, fearful, sick, and sad cats have let their feelings be known as they make the S.P.A. their temporary home.

We are happy to provide refuge for Little Murphy, an absolutely delightful kitten! I call him “Little Murphy” because he is only ten weeks old and just a little bigger than my foot. His unadulterated joy is contagious. It is such a precious sight to watch him run, play, and do an untold number of four-paw jumps just for the heck of it. He is a spunky guy with a personality as big and bold as a tiger. He is smart, too. It took him only a couple days to know what time of day the wet food and treats are delivered. His cries ensure that no one will overlook the little fella. He came to the S.P.A. in early 2022 after having been abandoned on the porch of some random house. Thanks to that homeowner, he is now safe with us until he finds his forever, loving home.

Great news! Murphy was just adopted! If you are looking for a way to add some fun, happiness, and love to your household, Leo and Jacinta are also wonderful, happy cats who will lift your spirits. They are curious, enjoy learning new things, and are very playful. We have many other cats and kittens at the S.P.A. waiting to become part of a loving family of their own.

Adoption hours at the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124 are Monday-Saturday, 11-2. Masks required / social distancing practiced. The adoption fee for cats and dogs is 600 pesos and includes all current vaccinations, deworming, and sterilization (and more). To make the transition easier, adoption kits are available for 250 pesos. Visit our website at <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-cats> to see all of our cats.



Sponsor an S.P.A. Casita in 2022!

By Megan Gabel

“Casita” is the fancy name we use for an animal’s residence at the S.P.A.. The only no-kill shelter for cats and dogs in SMA, the Sociedad Protectora de Animales de San Miguel de Allende, A.C. typically houses around 100 animals. Providing for our resident cats and dogs as they wait to be adopted is a costly undertaking. The donation to sponsor a casita (an annual commitment) is \$30 USD per month (about \$1 USD per day). You will be rewarded with the creation of a personalized plaque plus the knowledge that you are helping to support homeless, abandoned pets until they are adopted.

It’s easy to set up a sponsorship! Just go to our this page on our website <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/fundraisers> To use PayPal (the only way to donate to the S.P.A. via credit card), scroll down on that page to "Sponsor a Doggy/Kitty Casita." On that same page, there is a link to instructions for donating other than through PayPal.

After you have signed up, let us know what personal inscription you want on your Big Bone Designer Plaque or Big Fish Designer Plaque so our artist can get started on your request. We will send you a photo of the installed personalized plaque. Some current examples are included with this article.

If you have any questions about the casita program or how to sign up, please email us at SPACasita@gmail.com. Thank you to those who currently sponsor a casita and renew every year – we really appreciate it!



The Poetry of Reverie





Sociedad Protectora de Animales
Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124

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By appointment is best.

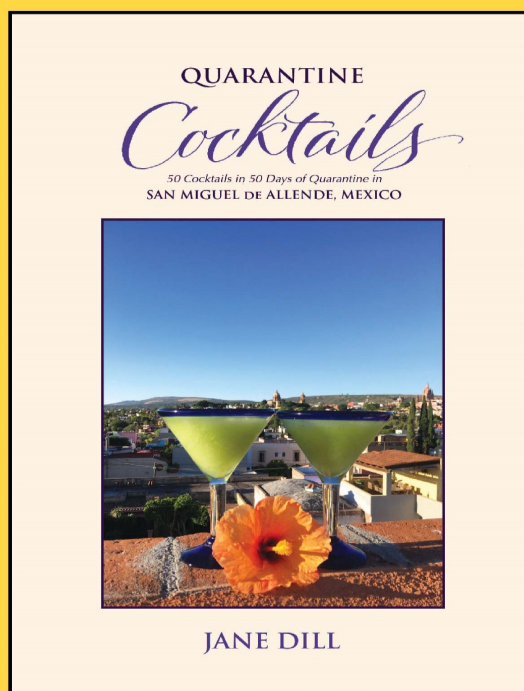
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www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel

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.

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ORDER HERE for SMA or Amazon/US:
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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 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!



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/ (via PayPal) or in our office.

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



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. Some examples are shown below. See the catalogue for more!



S.P.A. T-shirts & Caps

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Available at the S.P.A.



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(Back)

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All T-shirts: donation of 200 pesos each.

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



Rewarding Memberships

February has come to a close, and that means that spring is in the air. It also means the jacaranda trees will be blooming soon like giant purple lollipops all around San Miguel. That is always one of my favorite times in SMA, and though I am not there to see it this year I hope those of you who are will take notice and consciously appreciate their beauty. Like William Faulkner said, "Gratitude is a quality similar to electricity: It must be produced and discharged and used up to exist at all."

We are grateful to **Willie Williams** and **Alex McLeod** (family), **Lynn** and **Steven Weisberg** (family), **Karen Hafer** (individual), **Steven Weideman** and **Sue Smith-Weideman** (family), and **Jack Gewarter** (individual) for renewing their memberships. Thank 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 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 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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