

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



April 2022

Paws & Claws

HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED



From the Director

We're pleased to announce that the S.P.A. is returning to the Organic Market! Our first day back will be TOMORROW, Saturday, April 2, 2022. From then on, please look for us the first Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Organic Market, Ancha de San Antonio 123.

Each month, plan to stop by the S.P.A.'s table (lower level), and check out our beautiful handcrafted items with animal and other motifs. The table also has S.P.A. T-shirts and caps. Our volunteers will be happy to accept donations to the S.P.A. and answer questions you might have about our shelter. See page 13 for more information, including photos of just some of the items that are available at our table.

We have some new resident dogs and cats available for adoption. Links to our cats and dogs are shown below. Click on the photo and then read about the one that caught your fancy. Along with a bio of each dog, there is also a video link.

We encourage you to adopt from the S.P.A.! Our adoption fee is only 600 pesos and it includes sterilization, all current vaccinations, and more. Adoption hours are 11-2, Monday-Saturday. Masks required / social distancing practiced. Maybe your new best friend is waiting for you!

-Megan Gabel, General Director

Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
March	3	4
YTD	5	13

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

Casita questions: SPACasita@gmail.com

Foster questions: SPAFosters@gmail.com

Crafts, T-shirts, Caps: www.spasanmiguel.org/market

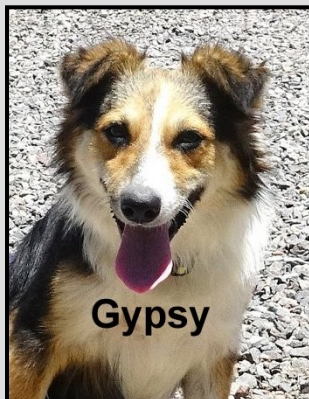
See what your donation dollars and pesos support: youtu.be/6grULRH6Sk

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March Adoptions

Dog adoptions: Gypsy, Jazmin, Roxy

Cat adoptions: Neymar, Messi, Snowball, Oreo



Gypsy



Neymar



Roxy



Jazmin



Messi



Snowball



Oreo

[2022 Dog Adoptions](#)

[2022 Cat Adoptions](#)

“Like” our [Facebook page](#) to get the latest news!

April Pets of the Month

By Megan Gabel and Jayn Corral

About 2 years old, Butch is a strong, active, athletic boy with a very gentle mouth. Give him a treat and he practically gums it off your hand. He likes other dogs and is happy, enthusiastic, and sweet. A little over 8 years old, Sonny is very energetic, but also likes to cuddle. He would be best as the only dog in the house. Both large dogs are very shy when meeting someone new. They each love getting attention and being petted once they get to know you.

Eva, a big calico girl, arrived at the S.P.A. in mid-April 2021 at the age of 18 months. She had moved into a neighbor's house to deliver her kittens, but was unwelcome there. After a difficult initial period of adjustment, she has become a happy, independent lap-sitter.

A beautiful calico, Ginger arrived at the S.P.A. in mid-2020 as a three-month old youngster. She is very independent and does not like to be picked up. She enjoys being petted and getting treats and does very well with other cats. With patience and time, she will be a nice, quiet pet for a loving family.

Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during April 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.



Lost, Found, and Abandoned Pets

By Megan Gabel

It seems that incidents of lost and found animals have increased this past year. Too many animals are being abandoned because families are unable to provide for them. Rescuers might be able to temporarily save them while trying to find new homes, but adoptions are slow all over. We can all chip in to help dogs and cats lead safer, more secure lives in San Miguel de Allende. Here's how.

Important Information:

1. Emergency help: 911.
2. Canine Control Center: 415-154-7200 – located behind the Presidencia. Map [HERE](#).
3. Radio San Miguel: 415-152-0227 or 415-152-0799, Sollano #4.
4. Civil List San Miguel: <https://groups.io/g/CivilSMA1>
5. Pet SOS San Miguel de Allende Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/745106518845566>
6. The S.P.A.: Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124.
7. Preventative steps: an identification tag greatly enhances the likelihood of reuniting a pet with its owner.

If You Lose Your Pet:

1. Visit the Canine Control Center at least every other day. An animal picked up by the Canine Control Center may have only a few days to live, so act promptly. The S.P.A. was lucky to have rescued Travis from the Canine Control Center.
2. Contact Radio San Miguel. Describe your pet in detail and offer a reward.
3. Post photos and a bilingual description in the area where your pet was last seen, offering a reward for a safe return.
4. Post details and photos on the Civil List, and Pet SOS.

If You Find a Pet:

1. Approach any stray animal with caution, offering food and water. If the animal seems too frightened and aggressive, get help from a skilled professional or the Canine Control Center. For cats too timid or frightened to approach humans, consider borrowing one of the S.P.A.'s humane cat traps.
2. If the animal is not aggressive, take the animal to a vet as soon as possible. Our S.P.A. vet (and others) will examine the stray, determine health status, and start vaccinations and any other necessary treatment.
3. Post details and photos on the Civil List and Pet SOS.
4. Listen to Radio San Miguel to see if anyone has advertised about losing a pet of that description.
5. If no luck finding the owner, put the dog or cat on the appropriate S.P.A. waiting list. However, be aware that you are responsible for the animal you found and that the wait for space at the S.P.A. may be long. If you want to try to find a home for the animal, post details on various Facebook page such as SMA Pet Rescue, Adopción y Rescate de Mascotas (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/637247790773535/>). Try to find a foster home. Please do not release the animal to fend for itself.

Please note that the S.P.A. is not equipped to help rescue a stray dog or cat, find a lost pet, or get involved with a situation involving animal abuse (call 911 to report). We wish we had the personnel and finances to help all needy animals!



Snowball, Our Glamour Girl

By Jayn Corral

She looked like the dirty slushy snow you see on the side of the road when winter is dreary and has lasted far too long. Her long white fur was the color of dust, replete with thistles and weeds. She had a bad abscess on her back and looked weary and worn. Upon arrival at the S.P.A. in early December 2021, Snowball was “on guard,” yet grateful to be in a warm space with good food and the kind human touch of the veterinarian.

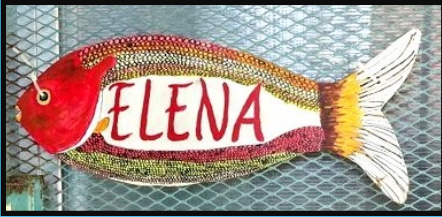
She was quite a sight, with large patches of her unkempt fur shaved off, the wound on her back, and sad eyes. The volunteers said she needed a Spa Day, the kind where you get a massage, a shower, and your hair and makeup done.

Snowball is just over a year old and that first year of her life certainly took its toll on her. In her isolation spot at the S.P.A., she was safe while she contemplated her new situation. Unsure what was happening to her, at first she resisted human and feline interaction although it wasn't long before she began to trust the volunteers enough to allow pets when she would head bump their outreached hands. Comfortable enough, she began to groom herself. Her fur began to grow back and her wound healed. Volunteers were allowed to brush her fur. Over time she began to shine and earned the name of “Glamour Girl.”

Watching her the other day curled into a ball sitting on the shelf, she looked exactly like a snowball made from freshly fallen, pure white snow, not the dirty slushy snow when she arrived. Snowball is a wonderful, sweet, gorgeous girl. She has a tough personality if the situation calls for it, but she has the heart of a teddy bear, not unlike a big, brusque, burly man who treats cats and dogs with the tenderness that these precious creatures deserve. She seems quite content with her newfound life. Wouldn't it be wonderful for her to have her own home with a loving, caring family? As it turns out, just before press time, Snowball was adopted!

Gardenia and Sunflower are new to the S.P.A. Come and meet them and all our cats and dogs at the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124. Our website contains photos of them at www.spasanmiguel.org (Adopt Me pages). Adoption hours are Monday-Saturday, 11-5. 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.





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

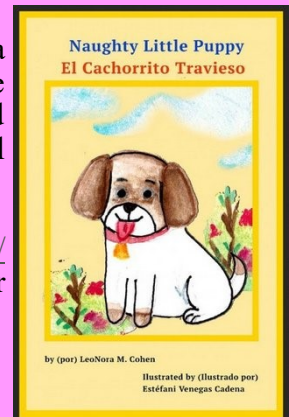
* or peso equivalent

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.

Fostering Kittens for the S.P.A.

By Jayn Corral

The S.P.A. has a foster program that focuses on finding foster families for cats and kittens. Visitors to San Miguel, part-time residents, and full-time residents can be valuable resources to help us do our work of sheltering and finding forever homes for the homeless, abandoned, and stray cats of San Miguel.

Generally, we need fosters for very young kittens, perhaps too small to be put in the general population or too young to be vaccinated. Animals just out of surgery may need a safe place to recuperate. We may need a foster due to lack of isolation areas. Arthur greatly benefitted from being fostered. In fact, he has already been adopted!

Becoming a foster family is not complicated. Set up a small space in your home and spend time with the foster, gradually introducing her to the rest of the house. Provide shelter, warmth, food, love, and safety. The S.P.A. will give you instructions and answer any questions you may have.

As a foster, you agree to provide a safe environment for an animal in need. The S.P.A. will provide all the supplies, food, and medical care. You need to be aware of any signs of illness and contact the S.P.A. immediately. You will be told when it is time to return the cat to us. Even though you might have become attached to your foster cat, remind yourself of the good you have done and that you have helped save a life.

If you are considering becoming a foster family, check out our website at: <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/foster> Our foster application and agreement are available there in both English and Spanish. For questions, email SPAFosters@gmail.com The S.P.A.'s foster program for dogs (including our weekend foster program for dogs) has been suspended for the time being due to Covid.



Lola and Apollo, Still Here

By Megan Gabel

Lola and Apollo came to the S.P.A. when they were babies, in 2013 and 2015 respectively. They've spent their lives at the S.P.A. Those sad stories we read about shelter animals spending 2 years or so in a shelter pale in comparison.

Friends who enjoy playing with each other, they're beautiful dogs. Lola is definitely the more exuberant of the two. She is so happy and excited with getting attention that she can barely stand still, but does, and then she sits and offers you her paw. About 8-1/2 years young, she's also quite happy to crawl into your lap. Apollo, a calm, handsome boy about 6-1/2 years old, likes to burrow his head into your chest so you can easily give him a full body massage. Somewhat shy with strangers at first, he gradually barks a greeting to encourage attention and slips you a little kiss when you're within range. Both medium-sized, they're delightful dogs.

With just a few issues. Apollo is subtle, using a cold stare to put you on alert that you haven't quite made it into his sphere of friends. He is more willing to give you a chance. Lola sometimes will let strangers know instantly that she's not too excited to meet them. For Lola in particular, you would need to be a smart owner when a stranger is in the midst – reactive – perceptive – alert.

If you get to know Apollo and Lola and give them a chance to get to know you, these dogs will be devoted, loyal, and very protective pets. You just need to earn their trust, not a small feat, but one worth undertaking. You will be rewarded with a dog who will love you wholeheartedly and protect you against actual and perceived danger – a warning system, no batteries necessary. They would be perfect loving pets, particularly for a man or woman alone who could use the extra security. It would be great (but not necessary) if they were adopted together because they like being together.

Let us introduce to these beauties at the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124. Our adoption hours are 11-2, Monday-Saturday.



The Poetry of Siblings





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Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124

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9 AM—4 PM
By appointment is best.

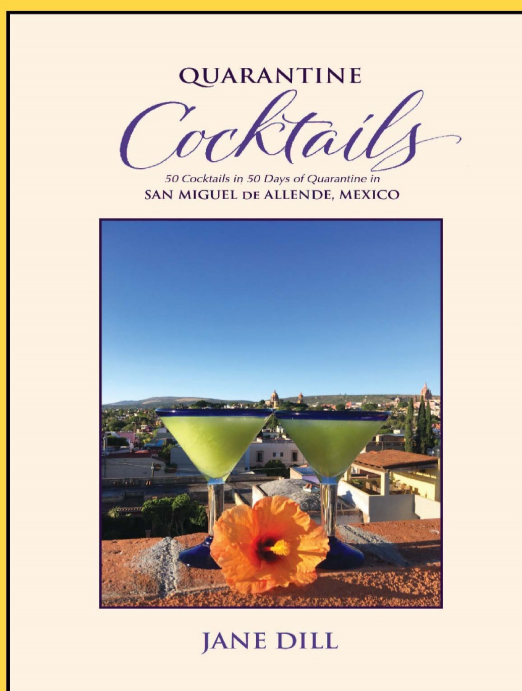
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The S.P.A.'s clinic is open! The S.P.A. can meet your pet's needs, from routine preventative care to diagnosis and treatment of problems to surgical procedures and more. We have a well-equipped clinic and offer packages to help you save on vaccinations 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

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%

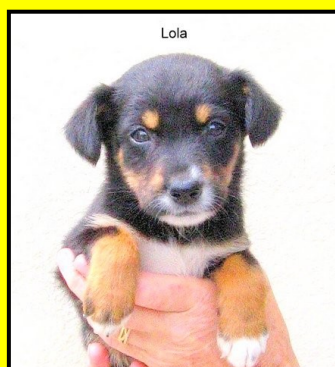
DUSTY PUPPIES - Guadiana #17A - Colonia Guadiana - Ph. 415-154- 4555.
Hours: Monday-Friday 10am-6pm
Diamond Naturals - Dog/Cat Food - 10%, Regular Teeth Cleaning - 20%, SPA Bath Only - No Clipping -
By Appointment - 10%, Pet Supplies - 10%

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

We're at the Organic Market on Saturday, April 2, 2022



S.P.A. T-shirts & Caps

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 table Saturday, April 2, 2022



(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

If you're in San Miguel now you're appreciating the blooms of the jacarandas. Are you stopping and taking the time to truly experience them? Are you really absorbing their beauty? It reminds me of a quote from veterinarian and author Nick Trout: "Over the years I've come to appreciate how animals enter our lives prepared to teach and far from being burdened by an inability to speak they have many different ways to communicate. It is up to us to listen more than hear, to look into more than past."

We appreciate **Elaine McElroy** and **Stephen Russell** (family), **Peggy Sue** and **Randy Gay** (family), and **Megan Gabel** and **Harry Burrus** (family) for renewing their memberships. Thanks! 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 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.**

***Come to the S.P.A.'s table at the Organic Market – Saturday, April 2, 2022 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.

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
It would be great to hear from you!

Advertise in Paws & Claws and reach a large audience of animal lovers and consumers. Our rates are reasonable and our readership is large. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

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3 monthly issues	500 MXN	450 MXN	375 MXN
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