

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



October 2023

Paws & Claws



HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED

From the Director

SILENT AUCTION EXTENDED! Galeria Blue Moon's silent auction of its remaining pieces from its "ARTanimals" fundraising show has been extended through Saturday, October 7. The S.P.A. (Sociedad Protectora de Animales de San Miguel de Allende) will receive 25% of all sales.

Galeria Blue Moon, (#7 Stirling Dickinson, San Antonio) is open Tuesday – Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm and 3 pm to 7 pm and Sunday 10 am to 2 pm. Check it out! All you need to do is enter a bid on the bidding sheet next to each work to take advantage of the discounts. This is a great opportunity to help the S.P.A. and surround yourself with original pieces of art focusing on animals in a variety of mediums by an array of artists (<https://www.galeriabluemoon.com/artists>).

WE'RE LOOKING FOR MORE BOARD MEMBERS: Join the S.P.A. board of directors! The S.P.A. wants to add more board members to our board of directors. Board members are volunteers. No pay and, unlike some other organizations, no fee to become part of the governing body of the S.P.A. Do you have ideas that you'd like to see implemented by the S.P.A.? Now is the time to step up and be heard. We have a variety of tasks that we'd like to share among board members, if they are right up your alley. Write info@spasanmiguel.org to talk about taking advantage of this great opportunity to have a more active role in the S.P.A.

TIME FOR A CLINIC APPOINTMENT WITH OUR VETERINARIAN?: Is your dog's bordetella vaccination current? Call our clinic (415-152-6124) to update and maybe for a general checkup?

-Megan Gabel, General Director

Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
September	4	4
YTD	17	18

Clinic/Office Hours:

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

Adoptions & Volunteer* Hours:

Mon - Sat: 11am - 2pm
Masks required.

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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

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

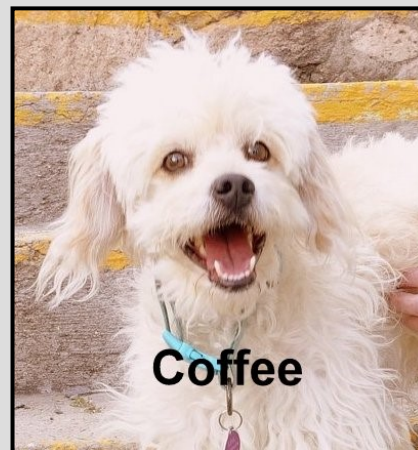
*For a required volunteer interview, email info@spasanmiguel.org Volunteers must be fully vaccinated.

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September Adoptions

Dog adoptions: Checkers, Blanca, Coffee, Sparky

Cat adoptions: Capuchino, Charlotte, Skye, Hera



[2023 Dog Adoptions](#)

[2023 Cat Adoptions](#)

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

October Pets of the Month

By Megan Gabel and Heidi Wulfers

Our two kittens of the month are Paris and Chico, two fairly recent arrivals at the S.P.A. Gregarious and full of fun, Paris quickly took a leading role among the kittens and always at the front of the line when humans come to play. He flips and flies through the air with derring-do, always in pursuit of wand toys and strings, so be ready to move quickly while playing with him. This outgoing boy will cause laugh-out-loud joy in your home.



Self-assured and social, Chico made his way to the S.P.A. last month at about 6 months of age and immediately made himself at home with the other kittens. He is a darling brown tabby with sweet expressive eyes and not bashful about expressing himself. Chico, our confident and good-natured lad, is ready and willing to find his loving forever home.



Our October dogs are Estrella and Nena. Estrella arrived at the S.P.A. on July 25, 2023 when she was about 2 years old. A medium/large beauty with eyes like shining stars, she was rescued from the highway in Celaya and saved by a Good Samaritan. She gets excited when it's her turn to go for a walk. She walks well on a leash and is friendly to people and other dogs. She's affectionate and loving.



Nena came to the S.P.A. on September 1, 2023 when she was about 1-1/2 years old. Medium-sized, she is a happy, friendly dog who welcomes attention and going for walks. She strolls easily on a leash. Sometimes when she's walking, she cries. We wonder about her past life and give her extra love to soothe her memories. Rescued by the S.P.A. from Canine Control, Nena is safe with us as she waits for her forever home.



Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during October 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. You can preview all our dogs here: <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-dogs/> and our cats here: <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-cats/> Clicking on the animal's photo will take you to another page with a bigger photo, a bio, and, for dogs, a video.



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

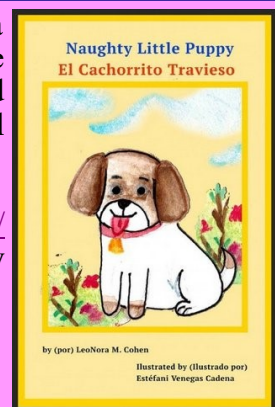
* or peso equivalent

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

Naughty Little Puppy (El 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.



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.

The Naming of Cats

By Heidi Wulfers

T.S. Eliot wrote, “The Naming of Cats is a difficult matter, It isn’t just one of your holiday games; ...”

It is a great honor and a great burden to name the cats that come into the S.P.A. cattery. Since we more often than not receive families, there must be a way to connect the history of our felines once they join the general population of 25 or 30 other cats. We try to make an easy association, either by giving each a name starting with the same letter or by giving them names around a theme. For instance, we have two brothers, Tex and Toby, but we also have the Beach family (Sandy, Sunny, Cloud, Skye, and Surfer Boy). Tex and Skye have been adopted, but their relationships are apparent to us by their names. Our prospective adopters like to know the history of particular cats when they come to visit, and this helps us keep them straight in our minds.

Enter the Trojan War kittens. At the end of May, four tiny kittens, orphans, were accepted into the cattery. About two months of age, a motley crew they were. Dirty, disheveled, and not knowing how to care for themselves. We soon learned there were three females and one male. Having seen many dirty, disheveled cats, I know that with the right care they would develop into lovely healthy cats. I began thinking about what names we could give them to ensure the kittens would be proud of them. Because of course cats must be proud of their names!

Aha! The females must be goddesses and the male a strong warrior.

Legend has it that the Trojan War was caused by a quarrel among the goddesses Hera, Atenea, and Afrodita. In short, the goddess of discord threw into the midst of a party a golden apple on which was inscribed “To the fairest one.” The three goddesses squabbled over it and eventually chose Paris of Troy to select the fairest one. Hera was queen of the gods, Atenea the goddess of warfare, and Afrodita the goddess of love. Each could have provided Paris with certain advantages in life should he choose her. But Paris was in love with Helen of Sparta and so selected Afrodita as the most fair. She in response ensured that Helen fall in love with him which led to the Trojan War.

I now have the names in mind. The male must be Paris. The most beautiful must be Afrodita. The most calm should be Hera, as befitting the queen of the gods. And Atenea is the most stunning athlete, certain to come in handy during warfare. Funny how it all comes together sometimes.

We are delighted that Atenea, Afrodita, and Hera have already been adopted, but come visit Paris, our remaining Trojan War kitten and all our available cats at the S.P.A., Los Pinos #7, Monday-Saturday between 11 and 2, 415-152-6124 (masks required). Our adoption fee is 600 pesos.



S.P.A. Playmates – Buddy’s Group

By Megan Gabel

S.P.A. dogs run and play together in groups in exercise areas at the S.P.A. This happens 3 times a day for about 45 minutes each time. Determining which dogs should be members of each playgroup is a big decision. It hinges upon the location of each dog’s casita and the size and temperament of each dog. For about 1-1/2 days, a new dog does not mix with the rest of the dogs in the group. This gives them all a chance to adapt to the sight and smell of their new friends. The first time a group is changed by the addition of a new dog, our workers accompany them to the exercise areas and monitor their interaction to make sure that trouble is not brewing.

Buddy’s playgroup is comprised of Buddy, Sofia, Poppy, and Flora. Their casitas are upstairs, the most instantly visible location for adopters to see dogs. When it’s their turn to have playtime in the back exercise area, they, like almost all the dogs at the S.P.A., eagerly join the pack and race to the back. Luckily, they seem to get along well together while they are in their exercise area.

We rescued Buddy from Canine Control in January. He was petrified there, hugging a corner, not wanting to look at anyone. No tail wags. No interaction. Just a mound of fear. Thanks to the assessment by Canine Control volunteers, we didn’t interpret his behavior as aggression and knew we had to give him a chance. Small/medium-sized, about 2-1/2 years old, he turned out to be the sweetest, most loving little boy. He is gentle and affectionate, a real gem.



Buddy



Sofia

Sofia and Buddy are about the same age and same size. Even though she has been at the S.P.A. for about 2 years, Sofia is often reclusive (hiding in the back of her casita). She can be coaxed by a volunteer to venture on out for some personal attention. Her sweet side becomes readily apparent. She likes to go for walks as long as it’s with another dog. Whizzing cars and motorcycles make her nervous.

Three-year-old Poppy, a recent S.P.A. arrival, was found by a rescuer roaming up and down a strip next to a highway. She is a beautiful, spunky, affectionate small dog who loves going for a walk and really wants to cuddle.



Poppy



Flora

Flora, who looks really small since she was groomed, is enthusiastic, lively, and playful despite being about 8 years old. She seems to prefer people over dogs. Rescued by the S.P.A. from Canine Control, Flora is a delightful bundle of happiness.

Meet Buddy, Sofia, Poppy, and Flora at the S.P.A. any day, Monday-Saturday, 11-2, Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124 (masks required). Each would be a wonderful addition to your family. Our available dogs are here: <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-dogs/> Our available cats are here: <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-cats/> Our adoption

fee is 600 pesos. For dogs, it includes sterilization, all current vaccinations, deworming, and the leptospirosis booster. For cats, the fee includes sterilization, all current vaccinations, deworming, and the feline leukemia vaccine and booster.

The Poetry of Sweetness





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

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Mon.-Sat.
11 AM—2 PM

Clinic Hours
Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri.
9 AM—3 PM
Tuesday & Saturday
(discount days)
9 AM—4 PM
By appointment is best.

www.spasanmiguel.org
www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel

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.



(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).



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.

The S.P.A.'s clinic is open to the public! 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.

Rewarding Memberships

As a “cat daddy” of two feline rescues (and other beloved friends we have loved and lost, like Chuckie, the fountain cat) this Independencia made me think of our cats and how special our bond with them is. From the Network for Animals: “Cats are traditionally thought of as independent creatures, pretty much doing their own thing and not needing much affection. Scientists say they remain wilder than dogs even after countless generations of domesticity and that they really are more independent than dogs and fussy about who[m] they bond with.” Thanks for being such love bugs Ruben (an S.P.A. cattery alum) and Alvin. Right back at ya! We are grateful you adopted us.

The S.P.A. is grateful to **Charles Oldfather** and **Marilyn Vollman** (family) and **Dianne Leger** (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 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.spanmiguel.org for our available cats and dogs (photos, biographies, and videos) (“Adopt Me” pages) and to learn about us and how you can help. 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/spanmiguel, stay up to date, and see our happy albums of success stories—those S.P.A. animals now in forever homes.

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It would be great to hear from you!

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