

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



November 2023

# Paws & Claws



HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED

## From the Director

We are thrilled to announce that thanks to a matching grant from San Miguel Community Foundation, our clinic is now equipped with a digital x-ray system. This is a major improvement to our ability to diagnose injuries and illnesses suffered by our clinic patients and our own resident animals.

Let me give you a little background. Thanks to a 2015 grant from SMCF, the S.P.A. owns an x-ray generator, but it required chemicals to work (developer and fixer) as well as film. Recently, when it came time to order new supplies, we discovered they weren't available. Not in Mexico. Not in the U.S. to ship to Mexico.

We investigated options and learned the generator we had could be converted to a digital system. We had to find a Mexican supplier who could provide what we needed at a reasonable price. We were also faced with arranging the space in our small clinic to accommodate the new system which also required a specialized separate table. Below is a photo of the results!



THANK YOU  
SMCF for your  
friendship and  
support.

THANK YOU  
S.P.A. supporters  
who helped make  
this possible!

-Megan Gabel,  
General Director

## Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
October	2	1
YTD	19	19

### Clinic/Office Hours:

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

### Adoptions & Volunteer\* Hours:

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

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)

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/6grULRH6Sk](https://youtu.be/6grULRH6Sk)

\*For a required volunteer interview, email [info@spasanmiguel.org](mailto:info@spasanmiguel.org) Volunteers must be fully vaccinated.

[Donate](#)

## October Adoptions

Dog adoptions: Clara, Ebony

Cat adoptions: Bubbles



[2023 Dog Adoptions](#)

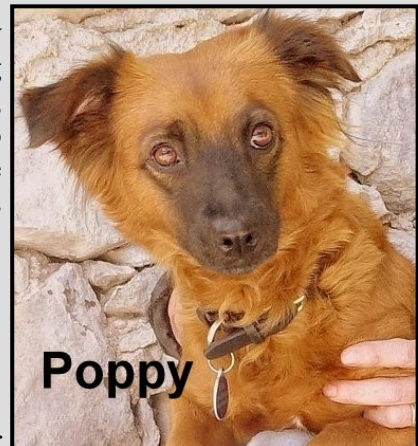
[2023 Cat Adoptions](#)

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

## November Pets of the Month

By Megan Gabel and Peter Solefoy

Poppy is built like a dachshund with a long body and short squatty legs. Unlike the typical dachshund that comes to mind, she has long shaggy (very pretty) fur and not very floppy ears. Cute as a button, about 3-1/2 years old, Poppy is an inquisitive, friendly dog who moves as fast as her little legs will carry her when on a walk on the street. Flora is a small poodle mix who is about 8 years old, but has the energy of a very young dog.



Poppy and Flora have similar personalities. They seem to morph with the situation, One minute they are calm, happy, and eager to cuddle. The next minute they are on the alert, mini guard dogs checking out the street and other dogs. We've learned that Flora would do best as the only pet in the home so she can be the focus of her owner's attention and not have to share. We wouldn't be surprised if that might be the best situation for Poppy.

Surfer Boy and Suerte are two of the coolest cats in the cattery! Surfer Boy is still a kitten at heart at 7 months old and always found in the center of the action. His lovely coat is golden-colored orange like the sinking sun, and layered with white, just as a wave looks when it breaks on the beach. Surfs up! This bubbly boy will bring loads of pura vida energy to your home.



Suerte, a gorgeous gray tabby, shines with his stately bearing and athleticism. He is an independent and pensive soul, yet he loves to play and show affection. Despite his quiet demeanor, he is known to ask politely for treats and attention with his cute, quavering voice. This lucky six year old is bound to endear your heart with his tenderness and earnest companionship.

Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during November 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](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.



## 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.

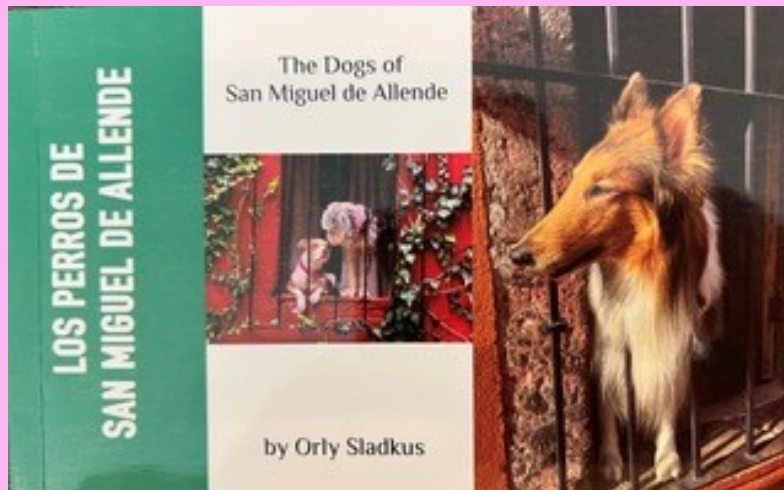
*Thank you!*

**Every dollar and peso you donate helps the S.P.A. survive.**

## The Dogs of San Miguel de Allende/ Los Perros de San Miguel de Allende

As a project for her bat mitzvah, Orly Sladkus put together a photo booklet to raise money for the S.P.A. What a wonderful and generous idea!

The booklet is available on Amazon [HERE](#)



*My family has a house in a small town in Mexico called San Miguel De Allende. One of my favorite things to do when we go there is take pictures of the dogs in the beautiful streets of San Miguel. So, for my bat mitzvah project, we came up with the idea to make a booklet from all the photos we have taken over the years! Sadly, there are A LOT of strays, and it breaks my heart.*

*To make a difference in the community, we have partnered with the oldest, non-profit, no-kill animal shelter in San Miguel called Sociedad Protectora de Animales de San Miguel de Allende (S.P.A.). The S.P.A. houses and cares for an average of 100 dogs and cats in its shelter as well as provides lower cost veterinary care to the community.*

*I will be donating all of the proceeds from this photo booklet to this organization so it can have enough money to buy food, toys, and needed medical care for stray dogs.*

*Help us make an impact and purchase a photo booklet for yourself!*

*Thank you,*

*Orly Sladkus*

**Here are some former stray dogs, now residents of the S.P.A., waiting for their forever homes!**



Frankie



Smoky



Nena



Buddy



Sasha

## The Poetry of Being in a Good Home



**Cleo**



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(discount days)  
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*By appointment is best.*

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[www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel](http://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/](http://www.spasanmiguel.org/members/) (via PayPal) or in our office. Please email [MembershipSPA@gmail.com](mailto: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

With Dia de Los Muertos here, family members no longer with us are honored. That can include family pets...as it should. In fact in Mexican folklore, *alebrijes* are fantastical animal creatures that guide ancestors lost through their journey back to us. They serve an important role. Often beloved pets no longer with us are included in the *ofrendas* (altars) that families create for those that have passed. If you are making an *ofrenda*, include your beloved pets who have died. As anyone reading this knows, they were family and they still are.

The S.P.A. is grateful to **Jacqueline Segovia** (individual) for renewing her membership and her doggie casita! We would also like to welcome our newest members, **Anthony and Karen Carroll** (family) and **William Walker** and family member (family). We are delighted to have you join us!

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.spanmiguel.org](http://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](http://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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