

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



November 2020



# Paws & Claws

HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED

## From the Director

**GIFTS FOR YOU AND OTHERS:** We are excited to include with this issue of Paws & Claws our "Catalog of Jayn's Crafts." Incredibly talented Jayn Corral has created beautiful, unique items, some animal-themed, others not, all really special. Check out the catalog to see samples of her hand-made oven mitts, hot pads, tortilla warmers, zippered pouches, tote bags, bandanas, and masks. Just in time for the holidays, choose from a variety of designs to order. Contact Jayn at SPAShopNow@gmail.com with questions, to place an order, and arrange for pickup or delivery. The last page of the catalog has ordering instructions. Plus, the extra bonus is that Jayn is donating 100% of the proceeds to benefit S.P.A. dogs and cats!

**SPA DOGS TO DC:** \*UPDATE\* Tammy Belden, with the help of Enrique, Sandy, and Joe, took six S.P.A. dogs to the States as part of our SPA Dogs to DC joint venture. The dogs arrived in the wee hours of Sunday, October 25, and by the end of the day, Thunder, Jessie, Darcy, and Ringo already had wonderful new homes with adoring families. Zeke found his perfect family on Friday. Tigresa has an exciting prospect coming up today. Of the dogs that went to the States on this trip, Thunder was the longest S.P.A. resident, having been at the S.P.A. for 4 years, arriving when she was just 2-1/2 months old. We are so thrilled with the success of SPA Dogs to DC and grateful to all who have worked so hard to make it a success. Thank you!

We hope you all are safe and well. Unfortunately, we must continue our strict Covid-19 protocol. No visits or volunteers, but our clinic is open and adoptions continue! For both, only one person may enter the S.P.A. and must wear a mask and stay at least 6 feet away from S.P.A. personnel.  
-Megan Gabel, General Director

## Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
October	6	2
YTD	43	50

### 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](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-Remembrance Tree Leaf)

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/6grULRHi6Sk](https://youtu.be/6grULRHi6Sk)

**Donate**

## October Adoptions

October dog adoptions: Tigresa, Darcy, Zeke, Jessie, Thunder, Ringo

October cat adoptions: Batman, Hope



**Zeke**



**Tigresa**



**Batman**



**Jessie**



**Hope**



**Darcy**



**Ringo**



**Thunder**

[2020 Dog Adoptions](#)

[2020 Cat Adoptions](#)

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

About 3-1/2 years old, Kimmie is an affectionate, big tabby with a big personality to match. She likes to head-butt humans to get attention. Kahlua, about 1-1/2 years old, is a stunningly beautiful Siamese-type with bright blue eyes and a coat of varying colors of chocolate. A fantastic cat, she likes to be petted. Both cats had obviously been part of a family before their S.P.A. debut in September. Kahlua has made it clear that she's ready for a home again.



Alegria, about 7 years old, and Mango, about 4 years old, are the best of friends. Both medium-sized lovely dogs, they enjoy going for a walk and are easy to walk, no pulling. Each is mellow, sweet, and friendly. They love getting attention and will lean in to be petted more. Just about perfect dogs, each would be a wonderful addition to any family.



Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during November and receive a free adoption kit. Preview all our animals at [www.spasanmiguel.org](http://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. Please note that only one person may enter the S.P.A. for an adoption interview. That person must wear a mask and stay at least 6 feet away from S.P.A. personnel.

## Holiday Gift Ideas for Animal Lovers!

By Megan Gabel

Right about now, you are probably starting to wonder what to do about your gift list for the holidays, made more complicated by Covid-19. We have the perfect solution for you! Celebrate Christmas, New Year's, Thanksgiving, Chanukah, and Dia de Reyes with the gift of an "In Honor Of" donation to the S.P.A. Supporting the S.P.A. is a great way to make the gift-giver, gift-recipient, and the S.P.A. feel happy!

In existence since 1980, the Sociedad Protectora de Animales is the only no-kill animal shelter for cats and dogs in San Miguel. We feed, house, and care for a combined average of 100 family pets-to-be. We focus on finding loving families for our animals (like Nadia, Dulce, Suerte, and Seattle). Adopting a shelter animal saves two lives—the one that is adopted and the one we now have room to take in. There is never a shortage of homeless, needy animals.

The S.P.A. relies on donations from generous souls in this community and elsewhere (including the US and Canada). In these particularly difficult time, we sure could use your help!

It's simple to arrange for an In Honor Of donation as a holiday gift or a gift for any occasion. It can be completed through our website [www.spasanmiguel.org/how-to-help](http://www.spasanmiguel.org/how-to-help) using PayPal. Other options for donating are listed on that same page. If you need more information, please email [info@spasanmiguel.org](mailto:info@spasanmiguel.org) Thank 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/](http://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](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.**

## Everyone Needs a Good-News Day!

By Jayn Corral

I had a good-news day recently and gosh did it feel great! Within a few days, we were able to save so many cats and kittens that we more than doubled our cat population. We were thrilled!

Bless those gas delivery men who witnessed a woman tossing a mother cat and her babies in the garbage. These heroes took the time to bring them to the S.P.A. where they are now loved and thriving. At first, Cereza, the mama, was so traumatized she could not produce milk and rejected her babies. We had to feed the newborns with syringes. The next day, she was back to being the good mother that she had been.



We accepted three-year-old brother and sister, Batman and Robin, who were about to be homeless due to family circumstances. At the S.P.A., Batman, a black and white giant with a gentle soul, kept vigil over his terrified sister, Robin. By the second day, Robin allowed me to pet her and she began to feel safe. Batman has already been adopted.

Kimkie, a fighter, took up residence in a house where she was not welcome. On her first day at the S.P.A. this three-year-old, robust tabby girl hissed at everyone. A short time later, she decided she liked her new home and enjoyed being a part of the S.P.A. community.



I am in awe at the joyful happenings at the S.P.A. Please check our website (<https://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-cats>) to see all our wonderful cats and kittens and their good-news, amazing stories. We hope you will open your heart and your home and welcome them as part of your family.



## Sonny

By Harry Burrus

Sonny is a handsome German Shorthair Pointer mix—light on the mix. He arrived at the S.P.A. in January 2014 at eight weeks of age—adorable looking then and ditto at seven. I've discussed with him how his relatives were bred during the latter part of the 19th century in Germany as hunters and how, if they would stand next to dead trees and snow, their white and dark brown patches made them difficult for wild game to see. He gave me a quizzical look since he doesn't know anything about snow, nor has he stood next to dead trees or hunted anything. I told him his cousins have been in many famous 19th century paintings. I showed him "Two Pointers on the Moors" by Thomas Blinks. "Just think, your likeness has been depicted going back over 150 years." He shrugged. I've always been a fan of modesty and a self-effacing attitude.

Sonny is intelligent, distinctly independent, and, in many ways, surprisingly affectionate. In the exercise area, he conducts a survey of smells and then races around, showing me his speed and agility. He zooms from one area to the next, inquisitive and excited. Then he moves in for one-on-one attention.



I'm a big believer in always being a student and being reminded of things that are important. I often feel I am the one learning from him. I get a whiff of how Plato must have felt sitting with Socrates in the Agora. Being with Sonny reinforces things I already know, but sometimes forget or push aside. He has two favorite moves when he's winds down from his explorations. One is sitting in my lap. The other is when I am sitting, he gets in between my legs and assumes a formal sit. He presses closer, reacting to my massaging him. He's alert. Relaxed. Gazes into the middle distance. Nothing is going on. Only our moment. Nothing else matters. I'm always struck by how wonderful that is, so simple. It's cathartic and sets the tone for the rest of my day as I venture out with other S.P.A. dogs.

The S.P.A. is the only no-kill shelter for cats and dogs in San Miguel. Our goal is to find homes for all our animals. For some, it takes longer than others. Please learn about us by checking out our website [www.spasanmiguel.org](http://www.spasanmiguel.org) Please support our effort to provide a safe haven for what we hope are family pets to be, no matter how long it takes.



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*By appointment is best.*

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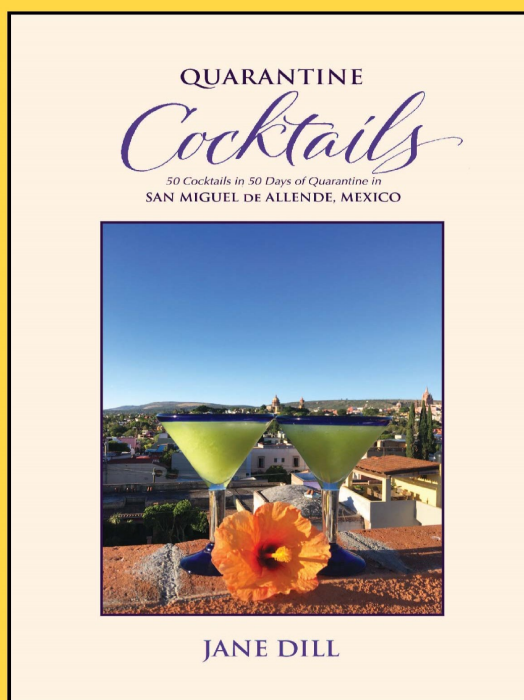
**The S.P.A.'s clinic is open!** The S.P.A. can meet your pet's needs, from routine preventative care to diagnosis and treatment of problems to surgical procedures and more. We have a well-equipped clinic and offer packages to help you save on vaccinations and sterilization. Under the current circumstances, 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](http://www.janedill.com/cocktails)



## The Poetry of Eye Contact



## 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](http://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](mailto:SPARemembranceTree@gmail.com)



## 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

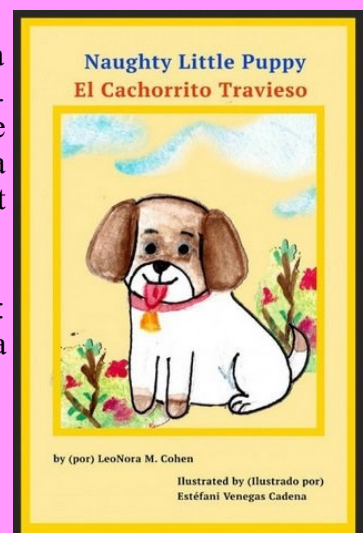
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## Royalties from Children's Book Will Be Donated to the S.P.A.!

*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.



## 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.





## 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 available for a donation of 200 pesos each.



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**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

We hope all of you are staying healthy physically and emotionally in these times of Covid. My wife and I are grateful not only to have each other for emotional support, but also for our two cats Chuckie and Ruben (both adopted from the S.P.A.). They make me think of this quote from George Elliot: "Animals are such agreeable friends—they ask no questions; they pass no criticisms."

We thank **Peggy Zaine** and daughter, **Amy** (family), **Kay** and **Jack Latona** (family), **Jacqueline Segovia** (individual), **Jack** and **Therese Reinhart** (family), and **Jayn** and **Tim Corral** (family) for renewing their memberships. We also want to welcome our newest member to the S.P.A., **Janet Illeni** (individual). We appreciate all our members! We could not 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](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.spasanmiguel.org](http://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](http://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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