



June 2023

Paws & Claws



HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED

From the Director

We're raising money for food for our animals! Please help!

Our Pet Food Money Bank fundraiser is our big fundraiser of the year. Our goal is to raise \$250,000 pesos (about \$14,000 USD), 100% of which will be applied to our annual cost of feeding our animals. We appreciate the support we've received so far. We're off to a pretty good start — we're halfway there.

It's pretty hot in San Miguel, but the heat doesn't curb the appetite of cats and dogs! Look at some of our [Hungry Dogs](#) and [Hungry Cats](#)! Please help us feed them by making a monetary deposit to our Pet Food Money Bank today!

It's easy to help. Sit by the fan and click on the PayPal Donate button below. You don't even have to be sweating in San Miguel to donate. The PayPal button works from wherever you are.

Please reach into your hearts and pockets and help! Get that feel-good feeling and pitch in.

For more information including how to donate, please see page 2 of this issue and other articles in this issue. See <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/pet-food-money-bank>, call 415-152-6124, or write info@spasanmiguel.org. For an instant donation, click the "donate" button below or on any page of our website.

Don't delay-deposit today! Thank you!

-Megan Gabel, General Director

Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
May	2	0
YTD	10	8

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

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.

[Donate](#)



PET FOOD MONEY BANK

Don't Delay—Deposit Pesos and Dollars Today



The S.P.A. has an average of 100 mouths to feed!

- We are the oldest no-kill shelter for cats and dogs in San Miguel.
- We provide food, care, and shelter for our resident animals until they are adopted.
- Last year, we placed almost 100 animals with families.
- Dogs and cats are on waiting lists to get in the S.P.A.

Please help us feed our animals while they wait for their forever homes!

GOAL: \$250,000 PESOS / \$14,000 USD

How to Contribute to the Pet Food Money Bank

-online at www.spasanmiguel.org ("Donate" button on any page) or www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel ("Shop on Website" button) (all link to PayPal);

-by U.S. or Mexican check to "Sociedad Protectora de Animales de San Miguel de Allende, A.C." (full name required for banks to accept check);

-by U.S. check to "San Miguel Community Foundation" (for a U.S. tax receipt) (mark for S.P.A.).

-Checks may be dropped off at any Conexion location, mark S.P.A., PMB 18 or mailed to S.P.A., PMB No. 18, 220 N. Zapata Hwy. #11, Laredo, TX 78043-4464, U.S.A.

-Checks and cash may also be left at the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7.

****Please call 415-152-6124 or write info@spasanmiguel.org for more info****

May Adoptions

Dog adoptions: Oreo, Mia

Cat adoptions: Zero cat adoptions in May



[2023 Dog Adoptions](#)

[2023 Cat Adoptions](#)

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June Pets of the Month

By Heidi Wulfers and Megan Gabel

The S.P.A.'s annual Pet Food Money Bank fundraiser, our only major fundraiser of the year, is going on right now! Our goal: \$250,000 pesos (about \$14,000 USD)—100% will be applied to the annual cost of food for our resident and foster cats and dogs (an average of 100 in total). Because we lack sufficient storage space, we need to raise money to cover the annual cost of feeding our cats and dogs, rather than seek donations of food. For more details, please see <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/pet-food-money-bank> or write info@spasanmiguel.org Please help!



Corina

Among those who would benefit from your donation to our Pet Food Money Bank are our June Pets of the Month: Corina, Sandy, Bailey, and Sasha. If you are a cat whisperer and are up for a challenge, let us introduce you to a beautiful, 1-1/2-year-old Russian Blue female. Corina is timid which makes her aggressive if you approach too closely. We know she will eventually learn to trust and will become the center of your life. Will you try?

Sandy has just celebrated her 1-year birthday. She is a tiny, confident lover who greatly enjoys human interaction. She, however, will not fit in well with other animals. She will save all her affection for you. Sandy is adorable. Come see her soon, before someone else snatches her up!



Sandy

Bailey and Sasha came to the S.P.A. together on January 30, 2023. We rescued them both from Canine Control in the nick of time. Both about 1-1/2 years old, Bailey is medium/large and Sasha is medium-sized. They're an active, agile pair. Each one is very affectionate and loving. Bailey is a happy boy, friendly with people. He is very eager to go for a walk and is learning to be patient while waiting to be leashed and while being walked. He's strong, lean, and muscular. Sasha looks forward to going for a walk and is also very strong. They both get excited when we spend time with them. After a little while, they calm down and are much easier to manage.



Bailey



Sasha

Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during June 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 (masks required). 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. 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.

Feeding Our Felines

By Debbie Campbell

The Sociedad Protectora de Animales de San Miguel de Allende is a no-kill shelter providing a haven for homeless, abandoned, and stray dogs and cats. Some resident dogs and cats have lived at the S.P.A. for many years, so we have animals of all ages (and personalities) that need food and care. The goal of this year's S.P.A.'s Pet Food Money Bank fundraiser is \$250,000 pesos (\$14,000 USD), 100% of which will be applied to the annual cost of feeding our animals. Because animals do not adjust well to changes in diet and we lack sufficient storage space, we need to raise money to cover the annual cost of feeding our cats and dogs, rather than seek donations of food.

Every day can be different in the cattery, but one thing that never changes is the daily ration of canned wet food served at about 11:00. For S.P.A. cat volunteers, providing the mid-day meal for at least twenty hungry cats is the first order of business. The minute you walk in the door, the felines make beelines for various perches where they can keep a watchful eye on the pantry as their tasty treat is being prepared.

A chorus of meows fills the air in anticipation as the platters of food are carried into the two areas known as Adult World and Kitten World. The cats are not in cages at the S.P.A.; they roam freely in these spacious and comfortable rooms, playing with one another and spending quality time with the staff and volunteers. There is plenty of dry food and water available around the clock for the cats, but they look forward to this special treat of savory wet food mixed in with some kibble to stretch the number of servings. When it's time for their 11 a.m. treat, the cats hover near the entrance to their respective areas. You have to be careful because the teenagers can jump high enough to knock the dishes out of your hands before you get a chance to place them for easy access on the floor!

There are a few divas that require a separate serving away from the others - and some of the bigger boys jostle each other for a spot at the communal trough, but somehow everyone gets their fair share. Afterwards, they carefully clean their paws and lick their whiskers and prepare for playtime or line up for petting and brushing.

Until it's another treat time! Even though every kitten and elder cat has had comida, they act like they haven't eaten all day when you rattle the jar of tasty kibble treats. They come running and stand up on their hind legs or wind between your legs until you toss a handful or two of crunchy nuggets on the floor. Then things resemble a frenzied Easter Egg hunt. That also signals the end of volunteer time. But they know that every day, a dedicated volunteer will arrive to disperse treats and play with them.



Feeding Our Canines

By Megan Gabel

Mealtime is a huge event for the S.P.A. dogs. When it's approaching, excitement is in the air. Scattered barking in anticipation. Some pacing. Usually, the dogs are fed around 1:30. We have treats set aside for them which we give out just before 1:30, sort of as an appetizer. Very generous S.P.A. supporters have, for years, donated hardboiled eggs, turkey slices, cooked liver, and cheese as special treats for our dogs. We have biscuits too. The dogs are limited to one treat per day (modest portions). We don't want to spoil their appetites! Timing is important.

Some of the dogs know the routine well and sense when it is almost time for a treat or to eat. Those are the dogs we can't take for a walk after about 1:00. Among them are Sammy, Frankie, Smoky, Miny, Tigre, and John—they have the routines down pat. They'd rather miss the walk and wait until the treat giver reaches their casitas or the food is almost ready be scooped into their bowls than take advantage of the opportunity to venture outside. We keep that in mind and try to arrange to walk those dogs well before 1:00.



Sammy



Frankie

The Sociedad Protectora de Animales de San Miguel de Allende is the oldest no-kill shelter for cats and dogs in San Miguel. We provide a haven for homeless, abandoned, and stray dogs and cats. We have one major fundraiser a year: our Pet Food Money Bank. The goal of this year's S.P.A.'s Pet Food Money Bank fundraiser is \$250,000 pesos (\$14,000 USD), 100% of which will be applied to the annual cost of feeding our animals. Because animals do not adjust well to changes in diet and we lack sufficient storage space, we need to

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Smoky

Questions? Call 415-152-6124 or write info@spasanmiguel.org Please don't delay, deposit funds today! We need and appreciate your help. Thank you!



Miny



Tigre



John



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

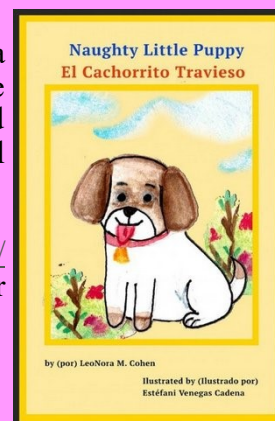
* or peso equivalent

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.

S.P.A. Playmates – Lolita'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 smells of their new friends. The first time a group is changed by the addition of a new dog, our three workers accompany them and monitor their interaction to make sure that trouble is not brewing.

Lolita's playgroup is comprised of Lolita, Butch, Bonnie, and Rita. 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.

Lolita and Bonnie are medium-sized. Butch is large. Rita is small/medium-sized. With the exception of Rita, they are each 3 to 3-1/2 years old. Rita is 12 and has been at the S.P.A. since she was 2-1/2 months old.

Lolita is a lovely, slender dog, who gets along very well with people. She sporadically reacts to other dogs on the street. In addition to playing with her friends, she enjoys getting personal attention in her casita. She stares deeply in your eyes when you talk to her, one-on-one. Sometimes, she just stretches out and listens. Having come from a home, she would likely adapt easily to a new family and be devoted to them.



Lolita



Butch

Butch is a handsome boy, very strong and athletic. He doesn't shy away from new volunteers who want to take him for a walk or give him a treat when he sits, but is a little nervous about meeting people who are interested in adopting him. For such a large boy, he has a soft mouth, taking the treat as if it were the best possible thing in the world. He enjoys going for a walk and is willing to pull you along if you don't keep up with him. He usually likes other dogs and is happy, enthusiastic, and sweet.

Bonnie is a loving, beautiful girl. She is playful and energetic. She is always excited about going for a walk, but patiently waits for her turn, stretched out with her legs crossed in front of her until you show up with your leash. She's a happy girl, friendly to people and other dogs.



Bonnie



Rita

Rita has her moments of being friendly with strangers and new volunteers, but after 12 years at the S.P.A., she is set in her ways. It's always great when she goes for a walk with someone new – it expands her horizons. She runs out to be with her playgroup and enjoys her time with her friends.

Meet Lolita, Butch, Bonnie, and maybe Rita at the S.P.A. any day, Monday-Saturday, 11-2, Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124 (masks required).

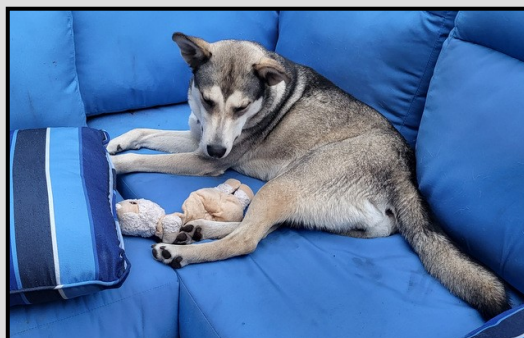
The Poetry of a Journey

By Harry Burrus

Mia

Tied to a pole with two puppies by her side. Abandoned, looking puzzled and forlorn. Fortunately, she was rescued and the S.P.A. had space and took them in. Within a short period of time, this lovely girl snared the hearts of the S.P.A. volunteers with her calm, engaging personality. Mia thrived in her new environment, enjoying walks, attention, and playing with dogs in her group.

Mia, now Emma, was adopted and is in South Carolina in a lovely home with a great owner and a handful of canine playmates. She's doing well.





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).



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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%

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Hours: Monday-Saturday 9am-6pm
General Surgery - 10%, X-Rays & Ultrasounds 10%, Hospitalization - 10%, Medications - 10%,
Vaccinations - 10%

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EL DESPACHO - Las Moras #13 - Colonia Guadiana - Ph. 415-154-7195
Hours: Monday-Saturday 9am-3pm; 5pm-8pm
Food - 5-10%

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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

David F Jakielo is not a household name, but he is an international speaker and consultant. I stumbled upon this quote from him: “The most important thing in life is knowing the most important things in life.”

We at the S.P.A. are grateful to all of you who support us and have recognized that your help is important. We know and appreciate how valuable you are to our organization and our animals. In these times of inflation, we recognize that many have to really step back and think hard about what to prioritize and what to release and let go. Thank you for standing behind us! 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 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. 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.

***Look for us in our weekly online column in the Atencion!** Check it out [HERE!](#) Choose Community - English and our columns will be accessible.

EDITOR: Harry Burrus

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It would be great to hear from you!

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