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



May 2020

Paws & Claws



HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED

From the Director

THE S.P.A.'S PET FOOD MONEY BANK FUNDRAISER STARTS NOW WITH A SPECIAL BONUS OFFER! Not only will 100% of your donation to the S.P.A.'s Pet Food Money Bank apply to the annual cost of feeding our resident cats and dogs, but each donation to the Pet Food Money Bank through May 31 up to a total of \$3,000 USD will be matched by an anonymous donation to SPA Dogs to DC, the incredibly successful project that has, so far, resulted in 16 adoptions of S.P.A. dogs in the States! Check out page 4 to be wowed.

The S.P.A., San Miguel's only no-kill shelter for dogs and cats, houses a combined average of 100 animals and often has more in foster homes. Last year, almost 100 cats and dogs were adopted from us.

This year's goal is \$250,000 pesos (about \$13,500 USD. Please help us feed our Hungry Dogs and Hungry Cats by making a monetary deposit to our Pet Food Money Bank. Because animals do not adjust well to changes in diet and we lack sufficient storage space, we need to raise money to apply to the annual cost of feeding them the food they are accustomed to eating, rather than seek donations of food. We rely solely on financial donations to survive and receive no government support. We economize, but need your help to cover this basic expense. Click on the PayPal Donate button below for an instant donation (page 2 has more options). Page 3 tells you about SPA Dogs to DC and why this bonus matching offer is so meaningful. Please don't delay, deposit funds today! Please share this issue with friends and family. No amount is too little (or too big). Thank you! -Megan Gabel, General Director

Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
April	4	1
YTD	19	14

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

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www.spasanmiguel.org/fundraisers

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Casita questions: <u>SPACasita@gmail.com</u>
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See what your donation dollars and pesos support: youtu.be/6grULRHi6Sk

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 only 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 / \$13,500 USD

How to Contribute to the Pet Food Money Bank

- -online at www.spasanmiguel.org (PayPal "donate" button on any page);
- -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 152-6124 or write info@spasanmiguel.org for more info**

What is "SPA Dogs to DC"? By Megan Gabel

In 2018, dog adoptions at the S.P.A. had decreased dramatically. Our cages were overflowing with dogs so much so that we exploded into our reserved isolation cages for our regular resident dogs. In 2019, the S.P.A. and our wonderful volunteer, Tammy Belden, partnered in a project called "SPA Dogs to DC" to work towards resolving this situation by transporting S.P.A. dogs to the States to find homes that were simply unavailable here.

When Tammy took her first load of 5 SPA dogs to DC in April 2019, we were able to move dogs from isolation into regular cages so that we and our volunteers could easily interact with them and they could be exposed to the public. After Tammy's second 2019 trip in August, we were finally able to take in dogs from our waiting list, the first time in more than a year. We then turned our focus to include dogs who are likely doomed to die at Ecologia, San Miguel's kill pound. We routinely visit the pound and, when we have space, test some dogs to make sure they are healthy, and then bring them to the S.P.A. In recent months, we have saved 10 dogs from certain death as a result of this effort. Seven of them have already been adopted.

So far, SPA Dogs to DC has resulted in 16 adoptions of S.P.A. dogs in the States. Macarena, Mia, Tigi, Gigi, Isabella, Cocoa, Holly, Skye, Fresa, Simba, Maple, Snowflake, Mocha, Latte, Stella, and Dipper are all in loving homes thanks to the joint efforts of the S.P.A. and our relentless volunteer, Tammy Belden.



In the last two trips, thanks to the sponsorship of S.P.A. volunteer Teenie Gibson, S.P.A. puppies Honey, Sparkle, Abby, and Sophie hitched a ride with Tammy to the border. Their ultimate destination was a Canadian shelter. In each instance, the puppies were rapidly adopted and moved from the Canadian shelter's foster situation to permanent loving homes.





At least 5 more dogs, some of them long-term residents, are on the list for the next trip, as soon as travel restrictions are lifted.



SPECIAL MATCHING DONATION BONUS: 100% of your donation to the S.P.A.'s Pet Food Money Bank will apply to the annual cost of feeding our resident cats and dogs. To support SPA Dogs to DC, an anonymous donor has agreed to match all donations to the S.P.A.'s Pet Food Money Bank through May 31 up to a total \$3,000 with a donation of the same amount to SPA Dogs to DC!

Providing support for SPA Dogs to DC is a win-win situation for all involved. S.P.A. dogs end up in wonderful homes in the US, thanks to Tammy's perseverance and skill in rooting out the best unique home for each of them. As cages open, the S.P.A. is able to save more dogs, provide food, care, medical attention, and love to them as they wait for their forever homes, either in San Miguel or in the States through Tammy.

Please click the button below and donate to the S.P.A.'s Pet Food Money Bank which will also greatly benefit SPA Dogs to DC!

Photos of all the dogs who have benefitted so far from SPA Dogs to DC and are in loving homes because of this project are on the next page!



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SPA Dogs to DC—Success Stories



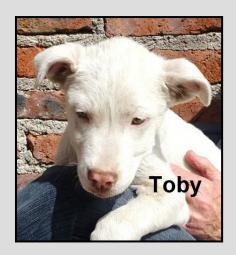
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April Adoptions

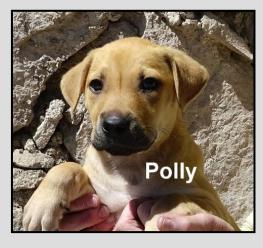
April dog adoptions: Toby, Denver, Polly, Zoey

April cat adoptions: Chrissie











2020 Dog Adoptions 2020 Cat Adoptions

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May Pets of the Month By Megan Gabel and Jayn Corral



Suerte is just over three years old. He is a big, athletic tabby with beautiful markings. Volunteers must be patient as he learns to trust them. Once comfortable, he loves to play and enjoys the company of Nadia, his best friend. He would be best adopted with her or as a single if he gets lots of attention and feels safe.

Sam, about 6 months old, is an adorable brindle puppy who enjoys cuddling and likes to play with other puppies. Sassie, about 8-1/2 months old, small/medium-sized (for the moment), is an outgoing, happy girl, curious, playful, affectionate, with a constantly-wagging tail.

Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during May and receive a free adoption kit. Preview all our animals at 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 (2 meters) away from S.P.A. personnel.







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THANK YOU, ROSS MACDONALD, FOR HELPING THE S.PA.!

Waiving or reducing the normal fee for delivery service available through MacDonald Services (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 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.

Adorable S.P.A. Puppies Who Happen to Be Related to Each Other! By Megan Gabel

How about cheering up your daily existence by making a puppy a member of your family? Having a puppy in your life will make you feel good! Puppies lift your spirits, blossom to become your best friend, are beneficial for your health (mental and physical), and are just plain fun! Just what the doctor ordered during these difficult times. We have at least four sweethearts who can perform these miracles for you.





Butch and his sister, Cassidy, are a little over 4 months old. Butch is energetic, alert, and confident. Cassidy is self-assured and inquisitive.



Clyde and his brother, Buck, are about 3-1/2 months old. Clyde is pretty self-confident and engaging. He's also a sweet, affectionate, and curious puppy.

Buck is just adorable! He's a bit shy and approaches you carefully, but then is lovely. All you want to do is cuddle him!



In summary, these puppies are all sweethearts –lively, curious, affectionate and adorable – and are bound to enrich your lives!

Our adoption fee (500 pesos) includes all current vaccinations, deworming, and sterilization (and more). Meet these adorable cuties at the S.P.A., Los Pinos #7, Monday-Saturday, 11-2.

The S.P.A. is continuing to operate per usual with a few exceptions. We are discouraging visitors and new volunteers for the moment, but our clinic is open (415-152-6124) and we are still working to find homes for our wonderful cats and dogs. For your safety and the safety of our employees and volunteers, only 1 person may enter the S.P.A. for a consultation or be involved in an adoption interview and that person must wear a mask. Please keep 6 feet away from our personnel at all times.

Martin, a Symbol of Hope By Jayn Corral

In his 11th year, Martin is beloved and has touched people from all around the world. During that time, he has grown along with the S.P.A. and witnessed many changes and improvements. He loves his S.P.A. home and lets all the other cats know that he is the patriarch.

Martin was adopted early on in his life, but he found the experience so traumatic that he returned to his home and friends at the S.P.A. Now, he decides who and when he will allow people and other cats into his world. It is considered a privilege to be accepted by him. It is an even greater privilege to have him sit on your lap.

Several years ago, Martin met Taiwan, the love of his life. She is a petite all black beauty while Martin is a big gray and white gentleman. They sleep, eat and play together and defend each other against possible dangers. He and his much younger girlfriend are inseparable.

A couple times in the past, Martin had some major health issues that caused the staff and volunteers much consternation. Rather than admit defeat, we worked together to give him the best medicines and treatments to bring him back to health.

It worked! It has been nearly two years now and he has completely recovered. It brings us great joy to know that he is living a comfortable, happy and healthy life. He loves to greet visitors, eat treats, play with his friends and toys, and, of course, spend time with Taiwan.

Martin's story is possible because the S.P.A. is the only no-kill shelter for cats and dogs in San Miguel de Allende. When cats and dogs are taken into the shelter, they are given the best care and love possible until they are adopted into their forever families, no matter how long it takes, if at all. Martin exemplifies the S.P.A.'s commitment to the animals we oversee.

As a no-kill shelter, the S.P.A. is often full and unable to accept new animals until adoptions create space for them. When you adopt from the S.P.A., you save two lives – that of the animal you adopt and the one for whom space has now been made available. If you rescue an animal, we'll try to help. If we're full, we will place you on our waiting list or come up with other suggestions. For more information, see our website www.spasanmiguel.org, call us (415-152-6124. Adoption hours are Monday-Saturday, 11-2, Los Pinos 7. Visiting and volunteering are suspended during COVID-19 crisis.





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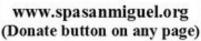
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All May donations will be matched up to \$3,000 USD!*

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We are the only no-kill shelter for cats and dogs in SMA. We feed about 100 animals every day. Please help us!







Sociedad Protectora de Animales, Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124 Questions? info@spasanmiguel.org More information here: www.spasanmiguel.org/pet-food-money-bank *by donation to SPA Dogs to DC

Donate

The Poetry of Line, Form, and Shadow



Feline Leukemia Warning - Please Be Careful! By Megan Gabel

We fear that feline leukemia is rampant in San Miguel. In the last couple of months, the S.P.A. has taken in 12 cats, all of which have tested positive for feline leukemia and based upon S.P.A. protocol, have had to be euthanized. The test we use is the best available.

The feline leukemia virus is one of the most common infectious diseases in cats. It is shed in the saliva, nasal secretions, urine, feces, and milk of infected cats. The disease only affects cats—it cannot be transmitted to people, dogs, or other animals. During the disease's early stages, infected cats usually do not exhibit any signs of the disease at all.

All S.P.A. cats are tested for feline leukemia and, if negative, are vaccinated for feline leukemia. S.P.A. kittens less than 12 weeks old are segregated from the remaining population until they are old enough to be tested for feline leukemia (at least 12 weeks old).

If you adopt or take in a cat from anywhere other than the S.P.A., please make sure that you get that cat tested for feline leukemia and, if that cat is negative, vaccinate that cat for feline leukemia. If the cat tests positive, since the cat is yours, it is up to you how to handle it. You are not required to euthanize that cat, but, if you don't, you must keep the cat away from ALL other cats FOREVER so that it does not spread the disease. The median survival time for cats after the virus is diagnosed is 2.5 years. There is no cure or treatment for feline leukemia.

The S.P.A. is open for adoptions as long as certain precautions are followed. Our adoption hours are Monday-Saturday, 11-2, Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124. Our available cats like Larissa are here: https://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-cats/ Our available dogs like Missy are here: https://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-dogs/ Our adoption fee is 500 pesos. For cats, the fee includes sterilization, all current vaccinations, deworming, the feline leukemia/FIV test, and the feline leukemia vaccine and booster. For dogs, it includes sterilization, all current vaccinations, deworming, the leptospirosis booster, and enrollment in the Green Paw Pet Registration Program.

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. We strongly believe that it is worth the effort to end up with a new loving member of your family to keep you company during these difficult times!







HIGH QUALITY PET CARE AT THE S.P.A. CLINIC!

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.

The S.P.A. Will Need You to Volunteer (Later)!

If you love cats and dogs and can spare some time, we would love to have you come and volunteer when the Covid-19 pandemic is resolved! Volunteer hours are suspended for now.





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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 coppercolored structure with branches containing leaves for honoring a departed pet.

Volunteer **Jane Dill** of Jane Dill Design (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: <u>SPARemembranceTree@gmail.com</u>





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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.



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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%

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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 (400 pesos for cats and 450 pesos for dogs). 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.



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 200 pesos each.











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

During these stressful and trying times, we are particularly grateful to the community of S.P.A. members and supporters who continue to help us provide for the animals in our care. Our cats and dogs need us to be there for them!

In that spirit, please welcome our newest member, **Barbara Johnson** (individual) to the S.P.A. Welcome Barbara! Thanks also to **Michael** and **Denise Thies** (family), and **Patti Rickard** (individual) for renewing their memberships. 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 and \$50 USD minimum 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

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*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.

*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.

EDITOR: Harry Burrus

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