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Paws & Claws



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From the Director



PET FOOD MONEY BANK



**Fabulous News:
WE REACHED OUR GOAL!!**

THANK YOU! We are very grateful for your contributions to this year's Pet Food Money Bank! Every centavo will be used to provide food for our resident cats and dogs and those in foster care. Thank you for your generosity and support! These kittens are particularly relieved to know they will have food in their little bellies: <https://youtube.com/shorts/TXtyiqNJ9>

Galeria Blue Moon has planned a month-long art show to benefit the S.P.A. See the article on page 4 for details. You're invited to opening night on September 8! What a wonderful event and generous idea! Plan on visiting the gallery (and purchasing) during the month-long celebration and then attending the closing ceremonies on Friday, September 29. We look forward to seeing you there!

-Megan Gabel, General Director

Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
August	3	4
YTD	13	14

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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Easy Links

Website: www.spasanmiguel.org

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Donate and support our fundraisers: www.spasanmiguel.org/fundraisers
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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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August Adoptions

Dog adoptions: Champ, Miel, Snoopy

Cat adoptions: Pierre, Afrodita, Atenea, Tex



Pierre



Champ



Atenea



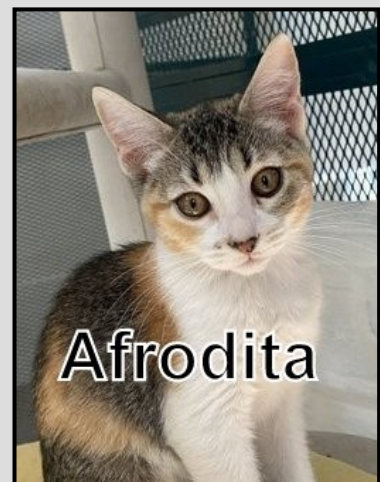
Snoopy



Tex



Miel



Afrodita

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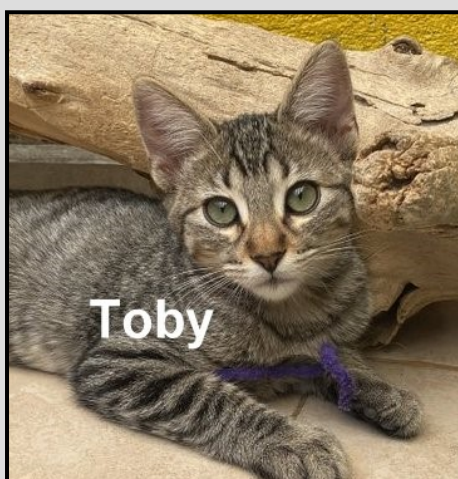
September Pets of the Month

By Megan Gabel and Heidi Wulfers

Although very different in ages, Blanca and Checkers have similar personalities. They are both happy, playful dogs, friendly to people and other dogs. They are inquisitive and really enjoy going for a walk and exploring all that they see. They easily bounce along the path, pleased to have the opportunity to check things out. Each is eager for attention and loves to be petted. Feisty little Blanca arrived at the S.P.A. on July 18, 2023 when she was only about 5 months old. Checkers arrived a few days later on July 24 at about 2 years old. They have fun playing with each other.



It is difficult to believe Tex and Toby are brothers, and maybe they are not, but they seem to think they are. They arrived together at the S.P.A. at the end of May when they were about two months old, orphans, with only each other for support. At the beginning, Tex was the more outgoing and confident one. He modeled to Toby the way to climb a volunteer's shirt to look into their eyes. Once convinced people were not an enemy, Tex would curl right up on their lap, start his motor, and get some sleep. Toby, on the other hand, was more cautious. However, once we moved furniture around to let them zoom around things, they quickly settled in. The two are both wonderful kittens, secure in their sense of self. Breaking News! Tex was adopted.



Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during September 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.

An “Art Animals” Show at Galeria Blue Moon Un Espectaculo de “Animales de Arte” en Galeria Blue Moon By Henry Vermillion

Flamingos, a gorilla, camels, dolphins and yes- even some cute dogs and cats- will be on the walls and in the bins at Galeria Blue Moon beginning with an opening reception Friday, September 8, from 5-8 pm. The gallery is located at Stirling Dickinson #7 in the art district of San Antonio (San Miguel de Allende, Mexico). Sales from the show will benefit the Sociedad Protectora de Animales de San Miguel de Allende, the oldest animal shelter in the city.

The collaborative space features the work of painters Elvia Samaniego, Ray Leguizamo, Andrew Klein, Ernesto Zeivy and Henry Vermillion, the sculptor Vito Ascencio, jeweler Federico Gamaleri, and photographers Ri Anderson and James Gritz.

Although a cute cat or dog will definitely show up among the works, there are many inventive animal surprises as well.



The animal show will close with a bang: a closing cocktail is scheduled, Friday, September 29, from 5-8 pm and will feature a silent auction of all pieces not previously sold. Each art work will have a bidding sheet with a minimum price listed, and clients may make their written bid for that price. However, other clients may raise their bid for the same piece: at the end of the bidding, the highest bidder gets the art work. Starting prices will, of course, vary, but it should be remembered that the San Miguel S.P.A. benefits from sales large or small. The bidding will be available only at the closing on September 30, but the art can also be purchased at normal prices during the month-long show.

Flamencos, un gorila, camellos, delfines y sí, incluso algunos lindos perros y gatos, estarán en las paredes y en los contenedores de Galeria Blue Moon a partir de la recepción de apertura el viernes 8 de septiembre, de 5 a 8 pm. La galería está ubicada en Stirling Dickinson #7 en el distrito de arte de San Antonio (San Miguel de Allende, México). Las ventas de la feria beneficiarán a la Sociedad Protectora de Animales de San Miguel, el refugio de animales más antiguo de la ciudad.

El espacio colaborativo presenta el trabajo de los pintores Elvia Samaniego, Ray Leguizamo, Andrew Klein, Ernesto Zeivy y Henry Vermillion, el escultor Vito Ascencio, el joyero Federico Gamaleri y los fotógrafos Ri Anderson y James Gritz.

Aunque entre las obras seguramente aparecerá un simpático perro o gato, también hay muchas sorprendentes animales ingeniosas.

El espectáculo de animales cerrará a lo grande: está previsto un cóctel de clausura el viernes 29 de septiembre de 5 a 8 pm y contará con una subasta silenciosa de todas las piezas no vendidas anteriormente. Cada obra de arte tendrá una hoja de oferta con un precio mínimo indicado, y los clientes podrán hacer su oferta por escrito por ese precio. Sin embargo, otros clientes pueden aumentar su oferta por la misma obra: al final de la puja, el mejor postor se queda con la obra de arte. Los precios de salida, por supuesto, variarán, pero conviene recordar que el SPA San Miguel se beneficia de ventas grandes o pequeñas. La licitación estará disponible solo al cierre del 30 de septiembre, pero el arte también se podrá comprar a precios normales durante la exposición que durará un mes.

S.P.A. Playmates – Angel’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 three workers accompany them and monitor their interaction to make sure that trouble is not brewing.

Angel’s playgroup is comprised of Angel, Miny, John, and Pammy. 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 get along well together while they are in their exercise area.

Angel is small/medium-sized. John and Pammy are medium-sized. Miny is large. With the exception of Miny, they are each around 3 years old. Miny is 9-1/2 years old and has been at the S.P.A. since she was 5 weeks old.

Angel enjoys her daily walks and is generally a sweet, calm dog. She sporadically reacts to other dogs on the street by barking enthusiastically at them. John pretty much insists that Angel accompany him on his daily walks. Even then, he sometimes gets afraid on the street and wants to return to the S.P.A. Back at the S.P.A., he can be a little shy with people, but usually discovers that he likes one-on-one attention and being petted.

For a long time Pammy was afraid to go for a walk on the street. She now joins John and Angel, making an eager threesome. She’s nervous about meeting people she doesn’t know. But when it’s time to go to the exercise area, she runs like a gazelle to play with her neighbors.

Miny is a gem. A beautiful, sweet dog, she will lay across your lap and soak in the attention. She is playful, curious, friendly, and just adorable. She’s a little nervous on walks and wary of strangers and cars, but not aggressive at all – just frightened and needs some reassurance.

All of these dogs are available for adoption. However, Pammy and John, in particular, will require a very patient owner as far as walking them on the street. They will likely be lovely pets as long as they don’t have to face the challenge of being walked on the street. We recommend that those interested in adopting Miny, spend significant time with her before adopting her. Because she has been at the S.P.A. for so long, she needs to get to know her new family first before leaving the S.P.A.

Meet Angel, John, Pammy, and Miny at the S.P.A. any day, Monday-Saturday, 11-2, Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124 (masks required).



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You're Invited!

ARTanimals

INAUGURACIÓN

Viernes

SEPTIEMBRE 8

5-8 PM

SUBASTA/AUCTION

Viernes

SEPTIEMBRE 29

5-8 PM



ANTDOGMA



Galería
Blue Moon

Stirling Dickinson No. 7, San Antonio SMA



What a Difference the S.P.A. Makes!

By Shannon Shaffer

I was clearing out some photos today and I found a “before” picture of Eva. Eva when she was on her own. Unhappy. Not safe. Before she went to the S.P.A.

It was two years ago when I saw this very sad cat whose family had moved and dumped her on the street. Two families were feeding her and asked if I could help because they financially couldn't help her any longer. Having two very timid adopted cats myself, I knew I couldn't keep her and approached the S.P.A. for help. I knew that Eva was a very remarkable cat, incredibly intelligent. Thankfully, the S.P.A. agreed to take her in.



Eva's transition into the S.P.A. was not easy for anyone. She was awful! She was mean to the volunteers and other cats and essentially unadoptable. A few months later, I became a cat volunteer for the S.P.A. and saw firsthand what a difficult time Eva was having adjusting to the S.P.A. and communal living. At first, the cat volunteers did not like her at all because she was so difficult. Every week I would campaign for her by sending an email to the cat volunteers, praising Eva, pointing out how great she was, hoping to influence their reaction to her. Eventually, all of us (Eva included) turned it around. Eva came to realize that she had found a place where she would be safe and comfortable. Astonishingly, she became a lap cat, happy, well, demanding to monopolize any volunteer's lap to the exclusion of others. She went from not wanting to be around volunteers to becoming a 'diva,' wanting the volunteers' exclusive attention. Eva's S.P.A. photos show her relaxed, happy, and beautiful.

Now that she had the backing of the cat volunteers, we needed to make her open to adopters. I would watch her when potential adopters would come in. She would look them up and down and then haughtily walk away. Then the miracle happened. A man came to the S.P.A. wanting to adopt a cat as the only pet in the family. He hoped that the cat would bond with his grandfather who was bedridden, but craving the company of a cat upon whom he planned to shower exclusive, devoted attention. Making a straightforward choice, Eva meowed and purred her way into his heart and went home to her new family. Sofia, the S.P.A.'s adoptions coordinator, reports that when she arrived at her new home she didn't hide as most cats do. She checked out the situation and decided this is where she needed to be. A match made in heaven.

Her success is a tribute to everything the S.P.A. does. Eva captured my heart in so many ways and now has captured the hearts of her new family.





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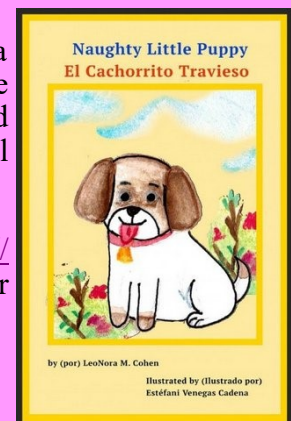
* or peso equivalent

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.



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.spasnmiguel.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 Poetry of Concentration





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(discount days)
9 AM—4 PM
By appointment is best.

www.spasanmiguel.org
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(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
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Consultations - 10%

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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%

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Hours: Monday-Saturday 9am-3pm; 5pm-8pm
Food - 5-10%

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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 we move into September and the month of celebrating Independencia, did you know that there is such a thing as “Pet Owner’s Independence Day”? It’s April 18th and it’s “all about having a relaxed day with their fluffy friends with no work to do, with no worries to make money, in short they can be just like (and be with) their pets”. Look it up! Mark your calendar and prepare to be ready when April comes...or just start early now!

The S.P.A. would like to thank **Therese** and **Jack Reinhart** (Family) for renewing their membership. We would also like to welcome **Janet Illeni** (individual) and **Thomas Crowe** and **his family** (Family) as the newest S.P.A. members. We’re happy to have you among us, and we couldn’t do what we do without all of 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.

EDITOR: Harry Burrus

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