

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



September 2020



Paws & Claws

HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED

From the Director

Has your dog had an annual Bordetella vaccination? Are your cat's vaccinations up-to-date? Puppies and kittens have more comprehensive needs than adults. Timing of vaccinations for adults and for youngsters is important. Our clinic is open and our vet, Dr. Omar Córdova, is ready to help!

We want to make it easier to fully protect your pets, so we offer packages to reduce prices: (1) Complete Puppy Package, (2) Complete Kitten Package, and (3) Adult Dog Package. All packages require full payment in advance and expire one year from the payment date. Details about our packages are available on our website www.spasanmiguel.org. Please look at the "About" tab and choose "Clinic Services." Each package is available in a downloadable pdf format in Spanish and English.

We offer more ways for you to save money! Tuesdays and Saturdays are discount days at the S.P.A. with lower prices than other days for a consultation and most vaccinations. Our clinic hours are extended from 9-4 on those days and are 9-3, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

We also give a discount on sterilizations when an S.P.A. pet is adopted and an unsterilized pet is at home. Within two months from the date of adoption, the discount will be given – no limit on the number of pets sterilized and it doesn't matter if you adopt a cat and have an unsterilized dog at home or vice versa or both – the appropriate discount applies.

For a clinic appointment, please call 415-152-6124.

-Megan Gabel, General Director

Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
August	3	9
YTD	37	41

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

Facebook: www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel

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

(Donate-Sponsor a Casita-Become a Member-Remembrance Tree Leaf)

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

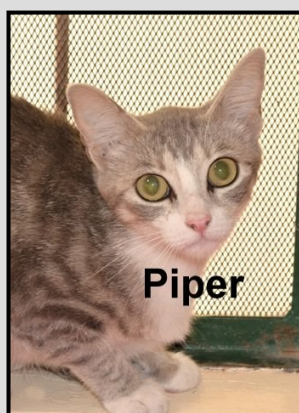
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Donate

August Adoptions

August dog adoptions: Sundance, Lani, Buddy

August cat adoptions: Scheherazade, Janie, Leo, Jojo, Maximillian, Oliver, Hawk, Piper, Jasmine



[2020 Dog Adoptions](#)

[2020 Cat Adoptions](#)

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

September Pets of the Month

By Jayn Corral and Megan Gabel



Bob

Two-year-old Bob, an all-black, athletic, handsome boy, is very vocal and tons of fun. Although he never had his own home, he loves people because they fed and cared for him when he was on his own. He gets overwhelmed by so many roommates, but quite likes being spoiled with shelter life.

Osiris, about 5 months old, has a beautiful, soft tortious shell coat and is very opinionated. She likes being held and loved, but on her own terms. She would do best as a pampered only pet.



Osiris



Tigresa

About 8 months old, Tigresa is a very pretty brindle with large, piercing eyes. Small/medium-sized and still growing, she's also a lovely dog – sweet, affectionate, and playful. She really enjoys being cuddled.

Medium-sized with gorgeous eyes, Maya, about 5-1/2 years old, is a sweet girl, affectionate, quiet, and happy. She gets along well with people and most dogs. She's easily frightened on the street and, sometimes, is reluctant to go for a walk.



Maya

Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during September 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 away from S.P.A. personnel.

The S.P.A.: What We Do

By Megan Gabel

We often receive Facebook messages about an animal that has been abandoned or being mistreated. The writer wants us to send someone to help that poor cat or dog. However, as much as we would like to do so, the S.P.A. is not capable of getting involved directly with these types of situations, heartbreaking though they are. Unfortunately, we lack the personnel and finances, and, in some situations, the authority to do that. Further, we have space limitations, particularly with dogs. We cannot magically create “casitas” when we are full.

Our adoption fee is now 600 pesos and is much less than what our out-of-pocket expense is for each animal we accept, not even considering food. Intake tests alone are more expensive than our adoption fee. 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. When we are able to accept an animal, we request a donation to help defray the cost.

So, what are you supposed to do if you run across a litter of abandoned puppies or kittens? Keep on walking? It's tough. If you choose to rescue an animal, that animal is your responsibility. Call us – maybe we can take in one or more of your rescues. Even when the S.P.A. is full, we will offer you a place on our waiting list and possible alternatives.



We provide shelter for an average of 100 animals (cats and dogs, like Jade and Sonny). Our first responsibility is to care for them and work on finding them homes. Remember that adopting a shelter animal saves two lives—the one that is adopted and the one we now have room to take in. So adopt! That will make it easier for us to say “yes” when we get a call asking us to take in a rescued animal.



We also have a lower-cost on-site veterinary clinic and a full-time veterinarian, Dr. Omar Córdova. The clinic not only takes care of our resident animals, but is open to the public from 9-3, Monday-Saturday and stays open until 4 on Tuesdays and Saturdays which are our discount days. Adoption hours are 11-2, Monday-Saturday. We're at Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124. Check our website for a map www.spasanmiguel.org

To take advantage of our clinic and to meet our adoptable cats and dogs, we simply ask that you follow our safety protocol during these trying times. 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. clinic with his animal. Similarly, only one person may enter the S.P.A. for an adoption interview. Anyone entering the S.P.A. must wear a mask and stay at least 6 feet (2 meters) away from S.P.A. personnel. Thank you for helping us all stay safe.



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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/) 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.

Puppies!

By Megan Gabel



Zeke

Zeke, Pammy, and Buffy are siblings and Darcy is their friend. Beautiful puppies, they are each about four months old. Zeke is the only boy in the group and tries to take charge. The girls don't let him get away with it. Darcy is a kisser and likes to cuddle. Pammy and Buffy vie for attention. Curious, playful, and easily distracted by toys, each one would be a wonderful addition to a family and provide hours of entertainment.

Having a puppy in your life will make you feel good, especially in times like these! Puppies lift your spirits, blossom to become your best friend, are beneficial for your health (mental and physical), and are just plain fun!



Darcy



Pammy



Buffy

The S.P.A.'s adoption fee is 600 pesos and includes all current vaccinations, deworming, and sterilization (and more). Meet these adorable puppies at the S.P.A., Los Pinos #7, Monday-Saturday between 11 and 2, 415-152-6124. At this point, 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.

Feline Fun Facts

By Jayn Corral



I learned the other day that most female cats are left-pawed, and most male cats are right-pawed. And sure enough, I watched as Annabelle and Oreo, two female kittens, played spin the ball with their left paws while Bob mostly used his right paw. Who knew? And who conducts studies to determine this stuff?



Here are some other feline fun facts I didn't know about cats:

- Genetically domestic cats are 85% tiger.
- Adults have 30 teeth while kittens have 26.
- Cats have 244 bones, of which 20–23 are in the tail, compared to 206 bones in humans.
- Cats can jump five to six times their height and run short distances at 30 miles per hour.
- Cats probably don't like music, but you might try David Teie's Music for Cats. I did try it and I liked it. Not sure how it went over with the cats.
- Cat's whiskers are as long as cats are wide. It helps them determine if they will fit in the space.
- "Ailurophile" is a person who loves cats and "ailurophobe" is a person who doesn't like cats. "Ailuro" is Greek for "cat."
- A group of kittens or cats is called a "kindle," "litter," "intrigue," or "entanglement."
- Cats are lactose intolerant.
- Cats have five front toes and four back toes.
- Cats cannot taste sweet. They have an extra organ that allows them to taste scents in the air.
- Cats meow to communicate with humans, not with other cats.
- Cats have the largest eyes in proportion to their size of all mammals.
- All kittens are born with blue eyes. The color changes at about eight weeks.
- Calicos and tortoiseshell cats are almost always female whereas ginger cats are almost always male.
- Cats walk with both right feet together and then both left feet. They "direct register" which means they place their next step in same place as the previous step.
- Cats sleep 12 – 16 hours per day (yes, cats can dream) and spend about 30% of their awake hours grooming.
- In 1963, a cat named "Felicette" went to space and safely parachuted back to earth.
- Cats are "crepuscular" which means they are most active at dawn and dusk and have extraordinary night vision.
- 85% of white cats with blue eyes are deaf in one or both ears.
- Each cat's nose is unique much like human fingerprints.
- The record number of kittens in a litter was 19 kittens in 1970. Of the 15 that survived, only one was female.

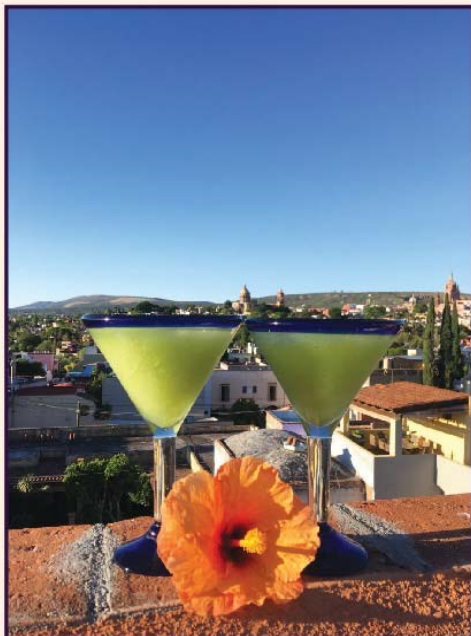
Keep these fun facts in mind as you meet S.P.A. cats available for adoption at Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124, Monday-Saturday, 11-2.

NOW ON SALE!

QUARANTINE COCKTAILS

50 Cocktails in 50 Days of Quarantine in
SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE, MEXICO

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JANE DILL



JANE DILL, the S.P.A.'s volunteer calligrapher for the Remembrance Tree (for 8 years) has just written a book! **QUARANTINE COCKTAILS** is a delightful and unexpected romp through the world of blended and mixed drinks from a beautiful roof deck in San Miguel de Allende. This is Quarantine Mixology, improvising and having fun experimenting with cocktail recipes with whatever you have on hand. This originated as 50 cocktails (and "mocktails") posted in 50 days on Facebook as a way to raise a glass with friends during the lockdown. It's now blossomed into a book for all to enjoy, and makes a great gift. Available on Amazon, or if you're in SMA, you can order through Jane's website and it will be delivered to your door. Also available at the Galeria San Francisco at the Fabrica la Aurora. **ORDER HERE:** www.janedill.com/cocktails

To get a copy in Mexico, order here: janedill.com/cocktails
For U.S.A. orders, the book is available on Amazon [HERE](#)

The Poetry of Enduring Friendship





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Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124

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

www.spasanmiguel.org
www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel

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.



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) (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



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

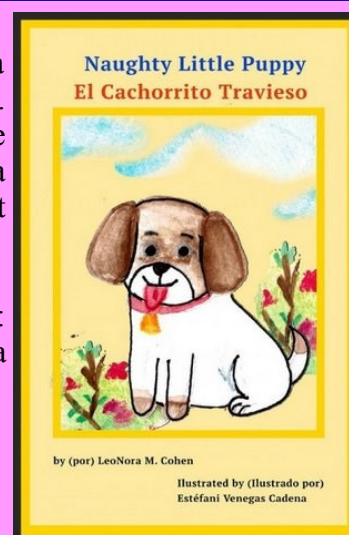
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Royalties from Children's Book Will Be Donated to the S.P.A.!

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 - 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/ (via PayPal) or in our office.

Please email MembershipSPA@gmail.com if you have questions.

Now 4-1/2 months old, the Fab Four are getting bigger! They are ready for their forever homes!



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.



(Front)



(Back)



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

Well, S.P.A. friends, we are winding down the hazy, crazy, lazy days of summer and those hazy, crazy song lyrics strike a chord with me, and most likely with how many of you feel about Covid-19 fatigue. Vigilance doesn't seem to be feeling any easier with time, but remains important. Be careful and takes sensible precautions to protect yourself and others. Wishing you all the awareness to cherish all the two-legged and four-legged souls in your life and for all of us to stay healthy and take care of each other.

August is a hazy, lazy time for memberships too, so in this article I am shining the gratitude spotlight on our newest S.P.A. members, the **Casey and Cindy Roth** (family). We all are delighted to welcome them to the S.P.A. family.

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

***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.**

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EDITOR: Harry Burrus

If you need or want to contact me for any reason regarding Paws & Claws — to submit a story, send a photo, just to make a comment — please email me at SPAPawsandClaws@gmail.com
It would be great to hear from you!

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