

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



August 2024

Paws & Claws



HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED

From the Director

PET FOOD MONEY BANK NEWS: We are getting closer to meeting our goal of \$250,000 pesos / \$15,500 USD, but not quite there yet. All donations to this fundraiser will be applied to the annual cost of feeding our resident cats and dog,

To donate through PayPal, click the "DONATE" button below. For more information and other ways to donate, please see the next page of this issue, <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/pet-food-money-bank>, call 415-152-6124, or write info@spasanmiguel.org.

MICROCHIP YOUR CAT OR DOG AT THE S.P.A.! The S.P.A. is now offering this service to the public. We can microchip your cat or dog for \$1,000 pesos each, the most economical price in town. If you are taking your dog to the United States, a microchip is now necessary, according to the new CDC rules.

AUGUST DENTAL SPECIAL STARTS NOW! Get 20% off the regular price of a dental cleaning for your cat or dog through the month of August. See page 5 for some of the reasons it is

important to get your pets' teeth cleaned.



**PUT A SMILE ON
YOUR PET'S FACE!**

Routine and preventative dental care is vital to your pet's long-term health.



Ultrasonic Dog & Cat Teeth Cleaning

August Special: **20% Discount** (Regularly 700-1,000 pesos)
Please call for an appointment

Sociedad Protectora de Animales
Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124
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Megan Gabel,
General Director

Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
July	6	6
YTD	24	15

Clinic/Office Hours:

Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri: 9am - 3pm
Tue, Sat (**Discount Days**): 9am - 4pm

Adoptions, Visits, Volunteer:

Dogs: Mon - Sat: 11am - 2pm
Cats: Mon - Sat: 11:30am - 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
Instagram: www.instagram.com/spa.sma/

Donate and support our fundraisers: www.spasanmiguel.org/fundraisers
(Donate-Sponsor a Casita-Become a Member)

Volunteer Info: www.spasanmiguel.org/volunteer

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

Donate



PET FOOD MONEY BANK

Don't Delay—Deposit Pesos and Dollars Today



The S.P.A. has a many as 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 50 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 / \$15,500 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.

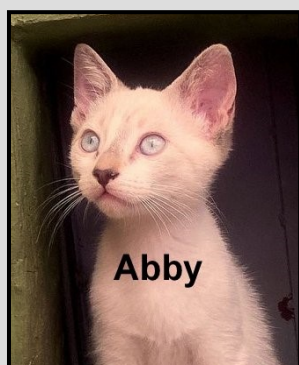
****Please call 415-152-6124 or write info@spasanmiguel.org for more info****

July Adoptions

Dog adoptions: Sunday, Mocha, Bambi, Frankie, Ruby, Chloe

Cat adoptions: Amanda, Bailey, Abby, Allison, Sandy, Beatrice

*Thanks to publicity from the Special Adoption Day event (thank you, volunteers),
we had a good number of adoptions this month!*



[2024 Dog Adoptions](#)

[2024 Cat Adoptions](#)

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

August Pets of the Month

By Megan Gabel

Robin is a volunteer favorite. She has been at the S.P.A. for almost 4 years and is now close to 7 years old. At the beginning, she was very timid, having been reluctantly surrendered by her owner and losing the only home she ever knew. After an extended period of adjustment, she transformed into a lovely, affectionate, sweet cat who quickly settles on your lap at the first opportunity..



Robin



Ginger

Ginger, about 4 years old, has also been at the S.P.A. for 4 years. She is a bright-colored calico with splashes of orange and black. She is very shy, but allows petting and will play when she doesn't have to compete with others. She is content to be by herself, but would likely thrive with some personal attention as the only cat in your home.

Almost 5 years old, Smoky is a beautiful, friendly boy with very expressive eyes and shiny black fur. Medium-sized, he tilts his head and gazes at you when you talk to him. He loves going for a walk and prances along the street as he explores the outside. He's gentle and sweet with people and playful with most other dogs.



Smoky



Baxter

Baxter, about 2 years old, is a happy boy. His tail is constantly wagging, signaling that he is eager for some love and attention which he is happy to reciprocate. Small/medium-sized, he's a really nice dog, enthusiastic and friendly. Rescued by the S.P.A. from Canine Control, Baxter is safe with us as he waits for his forever home.

Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during August 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.



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

The S.P.A.'s August Dental Special Starts Now! 20% Discount!

Does your dog have bad breath? What about your cat? That's just one symptom of dental disease. Taking care of your pets' teeth and gums not only freshens their breath, but also is vitally important to their overall health. Proper dental care contributes to a longer life too, something that I'm sure is near and dear to your hearts. Periodontal disease (an inflammation of a tooth's deep supporting structures) causes the build-up of plaque on the teeth. It is the most common ailment affecting cats and dogs and is preventable. According to the American Veterinary Dental College, periodontal disease may cause problems in the mouth and teeth and also "be associated with damage to internal organs in some patients as they age." It is often not treated until it is too late and has already done extensive damage.

This year, August is our dental discount month at the S.P.A. clinic. Improve your pet's dental health (by removing plaque and tartar) and overall health, quality of life, and general well-being by making an appointment for a dental cleaning. During August, our normal price of 700-1,000 pesos for teeth cleaning (cats and dogs) is reduced by 20% (includes anesthetic and professional cleaning with ultrasonic scaler/polisher).

Take advantage of this very popular special offer by calling 415-152-6124 for an appointment!

Did you know that:

- **the S.P.A. has been around since 1980 and is the oldest no-kill shelter for cats and dogs in San Miguel?
- **we house / foster as many as 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.

New Dogs at the S.P.A.!

By Megan Gabel

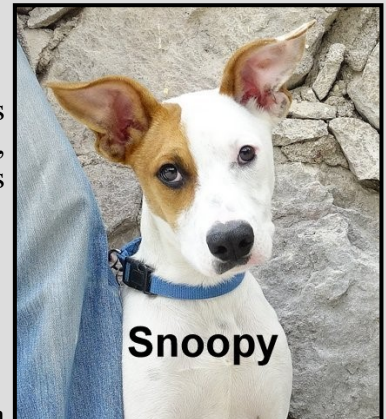
In early July, the S.P.A. welcomed six new dogs - different sizes, ages, and personalities! They are the sweetest group of dogs we have ever taken in. All of them were rescued by the S.P.A. from Canine Control and we will keep them safe until they find their forever families. All six were available at the Special Adoption Day event on July 20 and two of the six were adopted as a result of that event.

Ruby and Chloe, the best of buddies, were adopted together. Both are small dogs, about 1 year old, very sweet and affectionate. While they were in isolation at the S.P.A. (a normal part of the intake process), Chloe was crying a lot. So we put her in with Ruby and the howling stopped. They kissed each other, played with each other, and gave each other comfort. How fitting that they are now in a home together.



Canela, also about 1 year old, totally relaxes when you sit with her and pet her. She is a small dog with a long body and sort of short legs. She has a very pretty face and piercing almond-colored eyes.

Snoopy, the only male in the group, is about 9 months old. Small/medium-sized, he looks forward to go for a walk. He is active, exuberant, and friendly as can be.



Jazmin, about 1-1/2 years old, is a lovely dog. Small/medium-sized, she is calm, friendly, and very sweet. She enjoys her walks and does well on a leash.

Duquesa is about 2 years old. A medium-sized beauty, she is adjusting to her new life very well. She is friendly, loves to be petted and is eager to play.



If you are looking to add to your family, please come and meet them (and all our cats and dogs) and give them a chance at a new life. Adoption hours at the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124 are Monday-Saturday, 11-2.

Adele Is Ready for Her Forever Home!

By Tina White

The volunteers at the S.P.A. feel so fortunate to spend time with each of our lovely shelter cats. We get to know their individual personalities and understand the environment in which each will thrive. We have learned a lot about Adele and appreciate how special she is!

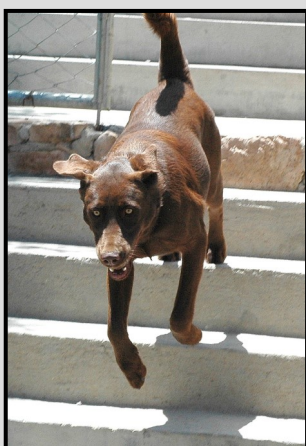
Adele is a gorgeous three-year-old Siamese mix charmer who arrived at the S.P.A. in May of this year with four kittens in tow. She has many marvelous characteristics. She has a calm and sweet demeanor. Her love for attention is obvious and endearing. You barely look into her sparkling blue eyes and reach out before she proceeds to roll over, give you her belly, announcing it's play time! She has the playfulness of a kitten without the worry of litter training or dealing with the mischievous behaviors that can come with adopting a kitten.

Adele is the perfect only child. She LOVES the human touch. She purrs non-stop and always wants to cuddle and play. As much as Adele loves people, she would do best in a home without other pets. Adele just wants to be loved and have a home with her forever family.

Visit Adele during the S.P.A.'s adoption hours, Monday–Saturday, 11-2, Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124. We think you cannot help but fall in love with her. And we know she will fall in love with her lucky forever family!



The Poetry of Enthusiasm



**SAVE THE DATE: Lotteria for Animales, benefitting the S.P.A.,
September 4, 5-8.
More details to follow.**



Sociedad Protectora de Animales
Los Pinos 7; 415-152-6124

Adoptions, Visits, and
Volunteers
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).



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 9-2; 4-7. Saturday 9-2.

Consultations - 10%, X-Rays - 10%, Regular Teeth Cleaning - 10%, Vaccinations - 10%

MVZ MICHAEL KRONISH - Salida a Celaya #57 - Ph. 415-185-8185; 415-109-9957

Hours: Monday-Friday 9-6:30; Saturday 9-2.

Consultations - 10%, Routine Vaccinations - 5%, Spaying/Neutering - 5%

MVZ ALMA RUTH MIRANDA - Stirling Dickinson #27 - Ph. 415-152-2341

Hours: Monday-Saturday 9-6. Discounts apply to cash only.

General Surgery - 10%, X-Rays & Ultrasounds 10%, Hospitalization - 10%, Medications - 10%, Vaccinations - 10%.

RETAILERS AND GROOMERS

DUSTY PUPPIES - Guardiania #17A - Colonia Guadiana - Ph. 415-154- 4555

Hours: Monday-Friday 10-6.

Bath, grooming, teeth cleaning & nail clipping - 5% (cash only),

XOLOSPA - Calle Refugio #2-1A Col. San Antonio - Ph. 415 100 4405

Hours: Monday-Friday 10-2, 4-6:30; Saturday 9:30-2:30.

XoloSpa is operated by one woman specializing in small to medium dogs.

All grooming services including nail clipping - 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.

*Please call 415-152-6124 for an appointment with our terrific vet,
Dr. Omar Córdova.*

Rewarding Memberships

Ever wonder about the phrase “dog days of summer”? It refers to Sirius, the brightest star in the constellation Canis Major ("big dog" in Latin). The Romans and Greeks believed the "dog days" began when Sirius appeared in the sky near the sun in late July, kicking off the hottest days of the year. They believed the combined heat from the two stars made these days the hottest and could lead to catastrophe, fever, droughts, thunderstorms, poor health, bad luck, and dogs going mad.

The S.P.A. would like to thank **Anna Buchanan** (individual), **Christina Adenfors** (individual), and **Randy Hummel** and **Traci Tighe** (family) for renewing their memberships. Welcome to **Eric Roberts** and **Stephen Prime** (family), **Shelli Coulter** (individual), **Denise Larson** (individual), **Lisa Gibson** (family), **Cheryl** and **Clarke Norman** (family), **Jocelyn Scoggins** (family), **Lee R. Wood** (individual), **Barb Chapman** (individual), **Lani Allen** (individual), **Tracey Gallagher** (family), **Karen Bradbury** (family), **Julia Kiely** (individual), and **Heavenly Bound Rosaries** (family) as our newest members. Thank 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

***Visit the S.P.A.** Get a guided tour of the S.P.A. Sign up to volunteer, walk a dog and get fit at the same time, and cuddle with our dogs and cats. .

***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.

***Follow us on Instagram** at www.instagram.com/spa.sma/ Chock full of fun photos and bios of our animals and all sorts of useful information.

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It would be great to hear from you!

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