



April 2024

Paws & Claws



HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED

From the Director

Dues to popular demand, our dental special has been extended through April! Don't miss out! Call for an appointment.



**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
20% Discount (Regularly 700-1,000 pesos)
Special price extended through April by popular demand
Please call for an appointment

Sociedad Protectora de Animales
Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124
www.spasanmiguel.org / www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel



We are looking for cat and dog volunteers! If you are interested in spending some time helping to socialize our cats or walking/socializing our dogs, please email info@spasanmiguel.org for details and an interview appointment.

Other exciting news is that the S.P.A.'s 2023-2024 Annual Meeting was held on March 19. Megan Gabel (General Director), Harry Burrus (Vice Director), Jayn Corral (Secretary), Jayn Corral (Treasurer), and Marthe Fraser (Board Member) were elected BY A LANDSLIDE at the meeting to serve as the S.P.A.'s 2024 Board of Directors.

-Megan Gabel, General Director

Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
March	3	3
YTD	8	3

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

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/spa.sma/>

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

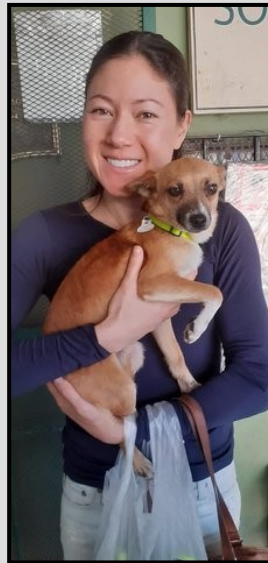
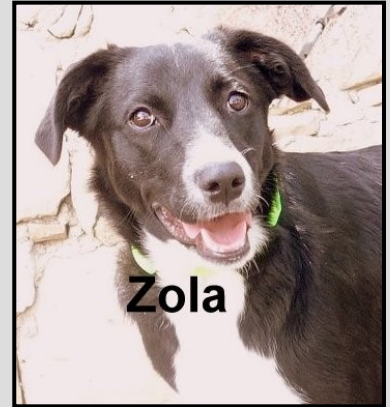
*For a required volunteer interview, email info@spasanmiguel.org Volunteers must be fully vaccinated.

Donate

March Adoptions

Dog adoptions: Sofia, Peanut, Zola

Cat adoptions: Cloud, Chico, Paris



[2024 Dog Adoptions](#)

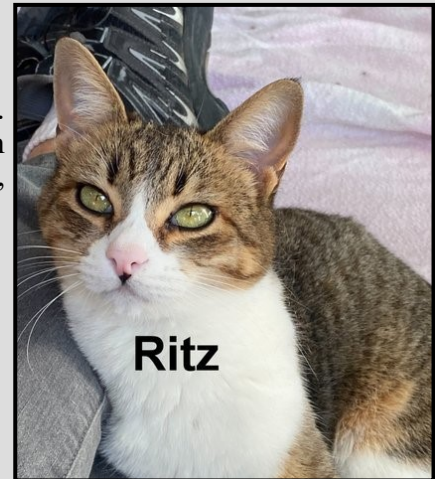
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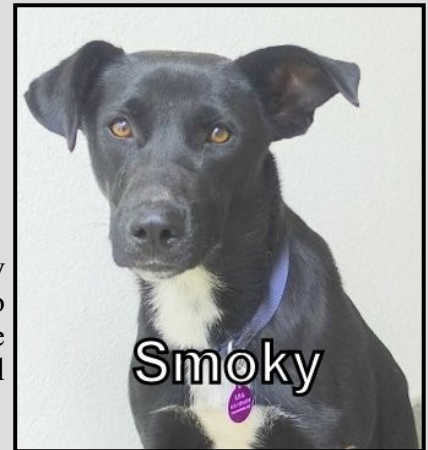
April Pets of the Month

By Megan Gabel and Debbie Campbell

Ritz, a little over 3 years old, has been at the S.P.A. since 2020. She has grown out of her initial shyness and blossomed into an affectionate and playful girl. She strides around the cattery, looking for a lap to jump on or a toy to pounce.



Robin has been at the S.P.A. for about 3-1/2 years and is now about 6 years old. At the beginning, she, too, 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 an absolutely lovely, affectionate, sweet cat. She would be better as the only cat in the house so that she can be the center of attention.



About 4-1/2 years old, Smoky is a beautiful, friendly boy with very expressive eyes. 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 other dogs.



Lucky, about 1-1/2 years old, is a medium-sized handsome dog. He is happy to meet new people and eager to go for a walk. He wags his tail in friendship. He sits on command, especially when there is a treat involved. He probably would do best in a home as the only male dog, but would likely do fine with other female dogs.

Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during April 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

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.



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 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.

A Good Day and a New Life for Sunday

By Megan Gabel

Often, dogs that are new to the S.P.A. are very frightened, regardless of their background. Whether they came from Canine Control, the street, a rescuer, or surrendered by an owner, being in the S.P.A. does not make them happy. Many of them hover in a corner in isolation, hunched over, head down, trembling. Some are too scared to eat. Some growl and look like they're going to bite. Others make a point of moving as far away as they can from the person who is trying to pet them, give them treats, comfort them.

What is very rewarding is when the dog turns the corner. A tail wag. Eye contact. A slight smile. Moving forward to greet a visitor rather than backwards to hide. Taking a treat from a hand. There is no way to know how quickly that will happen.

Sunday was rescued on Sunday, January 21, 2024 by an S.P.A. volunteer dog walker. She was found starving, very skinny, tied up in front an abandoned house. As you can see from the photo, she was very frail looking. Neighbors had been giving her food and water, but this frightened dog growled at them. Our Good Samaritan sat with her for hours, throwing her treats, waiting until she would let him pet her. He patiently won her trust.



We're happy we had the space to take her in. When she arrived, her behavior followed the typical pattern. She growled at us and shivered in fear. We put a sweater on her and gave her lots of extra food. Within a few days, we were able to give her a bath. She gained weight quickly.

She has come out of her shell and revealed what a loving, sweet, and playful dogs she is. Sunday is a 3-1/2-year-old, medium-sized, affectionate and happy dog. She freely gives kisses. She is in a playgroup with 3 other S.P.A. dogs and does fine with them. She doesn't like being in her casita and is vocal about her desire to be someplace else. She craves attention. She is excited to go for a walk and does very well on leash. We think she would be a loving, devoted pet who will bond quickly with her new family.

Adoption hours at the S.P.A. are 11-2, Monday-Saturday, Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124. Sunday may be the perfect dog for you!



Meet Our Fab Five!

By Willie Williams

Surfer Boy, Oreo, Sunny Beach, Toby, and Zander are terrific cats! The volunteers in the S.P.A. cattery shake their heads in disbelief every week when the five best cats in the world are still hanging around the shelter. All of these handsome cats are boys - which may explain, in part, why they have not been adopted. For some reason, male cats are less popular than female cats. This is probably due to the misconception that males are less affectionate or can be aggressive. In fact, since all of the cats at the S.P.A. are sterilized, the tendencies associated with gender no longer apply. These lads are all friendly, fun, and very sweet! They are also very content cats who would easily work in multi-cat homes and homes with children.

This Kitty-Quintet is primarily juveniles, with two grown-ups in the mix (Oreo and Zander). Adult and adolescent cats are great because their personalities have developed. No surprises. If you stop in to meet any of these big boys, we can give you a glowing report on their individual qualities - but here are the reasons I love them all:

*SURFER BOY is a big orange tabby who is as bright and active as his name implies. He runs, jumps, leaps on your lap—and then he's away again. He is fun to watch and a great playmate. He will mature into a very congenial house cat.

*OREO is long and lean and mostly white with gray tabby markings. He has huge gold eyes that will follow you everywhere. He came to the shelter as a kitten and has grown up to be a thoughtful, contemplative adult who likes attention after you earn his trust.

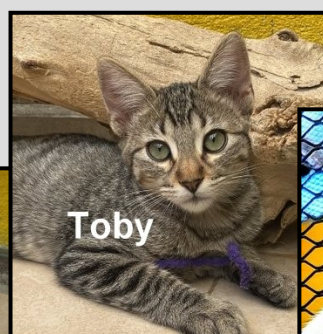
*SUNNY BEACH is also a grand white gato. He loves to play, chase his roommates, and do cartwheels for a wand toy. He is also a lover of laps and would make an excellent companion on the couch for movie nights.

*TOBY, a tabby, is a soft, grey-striped little gentleman. He is affectionate, but can play hard to get, although you can easily pick him up for a cuddle. He is polite with the other cats and waits his turn for treats, but still runs and plays with the best of them.

*ZANDER is a beautiful, cat-show-quality tabby. He has been with us for a few years now. He is a bit aloof, but as he matures, he has become more tolerant of human attention. If he were an only cat, he would become a great companion and no doubt keep your place free of critters.

You rarely see such a perfect combination of personality traits in cats, but these five fellows bring it all! They love to play and cuddle with each other and with human friends. They are curious and smart. They are easy to handle and do not scratch or bite, so crating them for a grooming or vet visit should be a piece of cake. Because of their exposure to the noise of the S.P.A.'s dog population, the sound of a dog barking will not shock them.

The S.P.A.'s adoption hours are Monday-Saturday, 11-2, Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124. Be prepared to make some difficult choices!



The Poetry of a Great Smile





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

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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).



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 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 practice social distancing. Thank you for your consideration in following these rules.

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 EDGARDO R. VAZQUEZ OLMOS - Plaza Primavera #16 on Salida a Queretaro - Ph. 415-152 6273
Hours: Monday-Friday 9-2; Saturday 9-12.
Consultations – 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%



Lola & Apollo

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.

Rewarding Memberships

Do you know someone who is feeling a little blue? Tell them they should adopt a cat or dog! The National Institute of Mental Health recognizes animal-assisted therapy as a treatment for depression and other mood disorders because pets can have a positive effect on depression in a number of ways. A pet requires its owner to remain active and can help him or her feel less isolated from society. A pet also remains a trusted companion, even when its owner withdraws from friends and family. If unconditional love is enough, there you go!

The S.P.A. is grateful to **Patti Rickard** (individual), **Dianne Leger** (individual), **Willie Williams** and **Alex McLeod** (family), **Gene** and **Lei Bammel** (family) for renewing their memberships. Thank you! We couldn't 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 practice social distancing. 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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It would be great to hear from you!

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3 monthly issues	500 MXN	450 MXN	375 MXN
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Preferred Providers: ask about our 15% discount. To convert to dollars, use current conversion rate.

