

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



January 2022

# Paws & Claws

HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED



## From the Director

Happy 2022! We join you in hoping for a better, safer, easier year. We're all ready to put the pandemic behind us, but apparently it's not time yet.

Thank you for all your help during 2021! We appreciate your support (and need it!). We ended the year with some very good news—we were able to take full advantage of the offer from anonymous donors to match new donations through December 31 up to a total of \$2,500!

Because of you, we are able to provide food, care, and shelter for an average of 100 animals (combined total of cats and dogs) while they wait to be adopted. We are hopeful that as 2022 progresses, it will be possible to invite you back as volunteers. Volunteers help socialize our animals and minimize their fear of strangers, making it easier for them to adjust to a new family. We miss you!

Please take advantage of our clinic services for your pets. The S.P.A.'s on-site clinic and our full-time veterinarian, Dr. Omar Córdova, offer lower-cost, high-quality health care for your pets. Tuesdays and Thursdays are discount days at the S.P.A.'s clinic. We stay open later (until 4) and the vet's consultation fee plus most vaccinations are reduced on those days.

We also have packages to reduce the cost for providing full protection for your cherished cats and dogs. Please see our website [HERE](#) for details about what the various packages include.

Stay safe and well!

-Megan Gabel, General Director

## Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
December	1	1
2021 Total	29	36

### 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](http://www.spasanmiguel.org)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel](https://www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel)

Donate and support our fundraisers: [www.spasanmiguel.org/fundraisers](http://www.spasanmiguel.org/fundraisers)

(Donate-Sponsor a Casita-Become a Member)

Dogs available for adoption: [www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-dogs/](http://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-dogs/)

Cats available for adoption: [www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-cats/](http://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-cats/)

Membership questions: [MembershipSPA@gmail.com](mailto:MembershipSPA@gmail.com)

Casita questions: [SPACasita@gmail.com](mailto:SPACasita@gmail.com)

Foster questions: [SPAFosters@gmail.com](mailto:SPAFosters@gmail.com)

See what your donation dollars and pesos support: [youtu.be/6grULRHi6Sk](https://youtu.be/6grULRHi6Sk)

**Donate**

## December Adoptions

Dog adoptions: Henry

Cat adoptions: Nadia



**Henry**



**Nadia**

[2021 Dog Adoptions](#)

[2021 Cat Adoptions](#)

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

## January Pets of the Month

By Jayn Corral and Megan Gabel

A beautiful diluted calico girl, Nadia, now a little over 3 years old, prefers spending time with humans and will be a lap cat and a great companion. She enjoys playing with toys, lounging in the sun, and having her fur brushed. A petite tabby with orange highlights, Ritz, about 1-1/2 years old, loves human attention and bumps her head against a volunteer's hand to encourage more special time together. Both would do best in a household with no other cats. NEWS FLASH! Nadia was adopted as we went to press.

About 3-1/2 years old, Rex is a small/medium-sized, friendly, happy, delightful dog. He likes to go for walks, enjoys getting attention and being petted, and is enthusiastic about everything! Medium-sized John, a little over 1-1/2 year old, is a bit timid at first and a little cautious before he comes up to be petted, something he ends up liking a lot. He's a very sweet, affectionate dog.

The S.P.A.'s adoption fee for cats and dogs is 600 pesos and includes all current vaccinations, deworming, and sterilization (and more). To make the transition easier, at the time of adoption, you can obtain an adoption kit for a donation of 250 pesos. For dogs, the kit includes a leash, collar, starter food, toy, and instructions. For cats, the kit includes a tote bag, temporary litter box, litter, scoop, starter food, and instructions.

Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during January and receive a free adoption kit. Preview all our animals at [www.spasanmiguel.org](http://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.





## Eva's Amazing Transformation

By Jayn Corral

After I finish feeding them and cleaning up afterwards, I look forward to bonding with the cats, helping to socialize them, and time for personal reflection as I sit with them in peace. We are friends and have grown to understand each other. The other day I was reminded that it is good to talk to our animals, although I knew this intuitively and quite often engage them in conversation. Of course, I do most of the talking. I was telling them how excited I am about my upcoming trip to visit my mother and siblings after nearly two years of emails and zoom calls. I told them that I will be with my mom on her 94th birthday and we will have plenty of time to catch up. I was thinking about the new year fast approaching, the upcoming holidays, and, just in general, feeling grateful, happy, and optimistic.

I was sitting with Eva on my lap, her eyes closed as she luxuriated in my gentle massage when it struck me. Eva came to the S.P.A. at nearly two-years-old in April 2021, mad at everything and everyone. I was extremely worried about her not being able to exist in a shelter environment. She was bossy and angry. We had no choice but to isolate her so that no one would get hurt. Touch her the wrong way and you would be sorry. "Don't mess with Eva," was her message, loud and clear. Sometimes a pet on the head would be acceptable, other times not. She didn't appear to be a candidate for adoption; however, she was miserable with her shelter life.

Little by little, we introduced her to the other cats and volunteers. Ever so slowly, she relaxed and stopped being so bossy with the other cats. Ever so slowly, she accepted more pets than not, and her bites were softer. Recently she began to stretch up to sit on the volunteers' shoulders, but petting was still forbidden. Now, here today, she is sitting on my lap enjoying our time together. We are both grateful that we put forth the effort to become friends and to be happy. What an amazing transformation for this amazing girl!

As we welcome the new year, the S.P.A. cats and I send our appreciation to all of you who have supported the S.P.A. throughout the years. Please know that your support has saved and enhanced the lives of many cats and dogs in San Miguel.



**Eva**

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- Jenn G

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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](mailto:SPACasita@gmail.com)  
Questions? Call the S.P.A. office: 415-152-6124

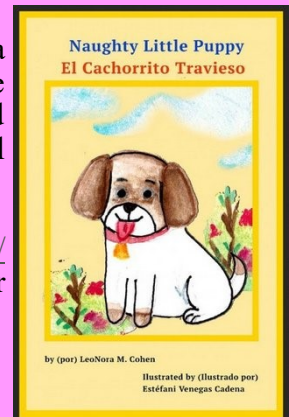
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## Royalties from Children's Book Will Be Donated to the S.P.A.!

*Naughty Little Puppy (El 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](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.



## THANK YOU, ROSS MACDONALD, FOR HELPING THE S.P.A.!

Waiving or reducing the normal fee charged by MacDonald Package Delivery Services (<https://www.macdonaldspackages.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](http://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.**



## The Poetry of Acceleration





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

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

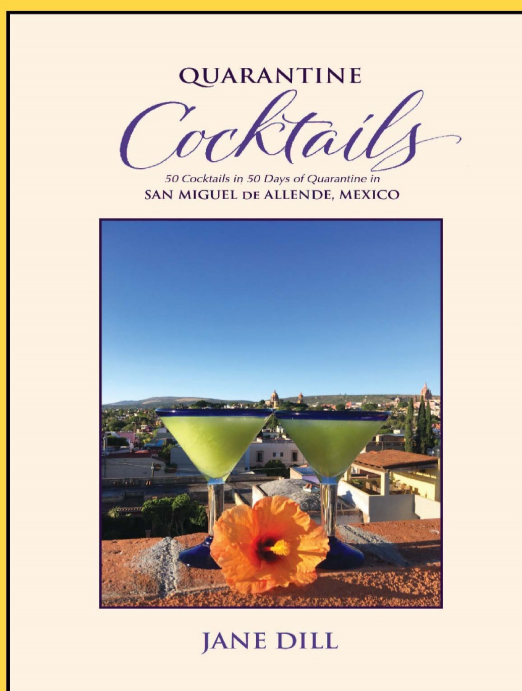
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[www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel](https://www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel)

**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.*

## NOW ON SALE! QUARANTINE COCKTAILS

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



JANE DILL, the S.P.A.'s volunteer calligrapher for the Remembrance Tree (for 8 years) has written a book! **QUARANTINE COCKTAILS** is a collection of 50 cocktails and "mocktails" developed during the lockdown last spring and posted nightly on Facebook. It's "Quarantine Mixology", improvising and having fun with whatever ingredients you have on hand. Also makes a great gift! Available in SMA at the Galería San Francisco at the Fabrica la Aurora.

**ORDER HERE** for SMA or Amazon/US:  
[www.janedill.com/cocktails](http://www.janedill.com/cocktails)



## 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!



## 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/](http://www.spasanmiguel.org/members/) (via PayPal) or in our office.

Please email [MembershipSPA@gmail.com](mailto:MembershipSPA@gmail.com) if you have questions.





## Beautiful Crafts / S.P.A. T-shirts & Caps

*We're at the Organic Market on Saturday, January 8, 2022*



## 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. and at the S.P.A.'s Organic Market's table Saturday, January 8, 2022



(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).





## Rewarding Memberships

December was a busy month for memberships at the S.P.A., so I skipped my usual quote diving. The S.P.A. would like to wish you all Happy Holidays, and let's get to it!

We would like to thank **Nancy and Bob Sylvor** (family), **Emily and Carl Severinsen** (family), **Michelle McGowan and Dieter Storr** (family), **Jim LeNeve and Joey Santori** (family), **Kim and Jim Samis** (family), **Barbara and Michael Hennings** (family), and **Carolyn and David Morgan** (family) for renewing their memberships. Thank You! Also, we want to welcome our newest members, **Kim and Steve Duty** (family). We are so happy to have you among us! Last, but not least, a special welcome goes to **Perle Vandette and Denis Robert** (family), who have returned as S.P.A. members. We're so glad to have you back! Thank you all. 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](mailto: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.**

**\*Come to the S.P.A.'s table at the Organic Market – Saturday, January 8, 2022 at Ancha de San Antonio 123, from 9 to 3:30** (lower level, turn right). We have beautiful and unique hand-crafted items, perfect for cat and dog lovers, and S.P.A. T-shirts and caps. We welcome donations to the S.P.A. at our table and we're happy to answer your questions about our shelter.

**\*Check our website:** [www.spasanmiguel.org](http://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](https://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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**It would be great to hear from you!**

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