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



Paws & Claws



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HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED

From the Director

Adoptions

Happy Holidays! Thanks to anonymous donors, all new donations to the S.P.A. through the end of the year up to a total of \$2,500 USD will be matched! Please help us take full advantage of this generous offer to double contributions through December 31, 2021. For an instant donation through PayPal, click the "Donate" button below. Other methods for donating are described on page 3 of this issue.

Supporting the S.P.A. is a great way to make the gift-giver, giftrecipient, and the S.P.A. feel happy! Please consider making a donation to the S.P.A.—as a present to yourself and to others. Celebrate Christmas, New Year's, Chanukah, Dia de Reyes, birthdays, anniversaries, and just the joy of living with the gift of an "In Honor Of" donation to the S.P.A. An In Honor Of donation can be completed through our website <u>HERE</u> using PayPal. It's a safe, easy way to celebrate the season (no mask required). Other options for donating are listed on that same page. If you need more information, please email <u>info@spasanmiguel.org</u>

As our moto states, our goal is to provide hope, health, and homes for cats and dogs in need. The S.P.A. relies on donations from generous souls in this community and elsewhere (including the U.S. and Canada). Every penny/centavo you contribute will be used for the benefit of the cats and dogs sheltered at the S.P.A. who are waiting to become a part of loving families. There is never a shortage of homeless, needy animals for your donations to help.

We wish you all a wonderful holiday season and best wishes for a better, healthy, safe year in 2022!

-Megan Gabel, General Director

	Dogs	Cats
November	2	3
YTD	28	35

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: <u>www.spasanmiguel.org</u> Facebook: <u>www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel</u>

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Dogs available for adoption: <u>www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-dogs/</u>

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Membership questions: MembershipSPA@gmail.com

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Foster questions: <u>SPAFosters@gmail.com</u>

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Our S.P.A. Cats and Dogs Need Your Help

This has been a difficult year for everyone and the S.P.A. is no exception. The Sociedad Protectora de Animales de San Miguel de Allende, A. C. is the only no-kill shelter for cats and dogs in San Miguel de Allende. We started providing food, shelter, and care for unwanted and abandoned animals in 1980 and have been working to find our resident animals permanent, loving homes since then. Our on-site clinic provides veterinary services for our own animals and those belonging to the public. Without donations from our supporters, the S.P.A., a non-profit organization, could not exist.



Whenever we have space to take in a dog, we first check the Canine Control Center (the government kill shelter) to see if there are any dogs we can save from certain death. Luke, Tara, and Star are among those we brought to the S.P.A. from there. A large, friendly, happy boy, Luke wags his tail every time you look at him.



Tara, sweet, affectionate, and adorable, was only 6 months old when we brought her in. Shy and insecure when she first arrived, Star blossomed into a happy little girl.

We saw their pleading eyes as they stared out at us from cages at the kill shelter. We knew we had to help them. They each are now in a loving home. We have others still waiting to become a part of a family.



Like yesterday's trash, Jill and Joe were destined for the landfill. They were alive, but unwanted and disposed of by an

irresponsible and reprehensible cat owner who could not be bothered to sterilize her cat. It was during one of those evenings of heavy rain. A neighbor was putting out his own trash when he heard the babies' cries coming from their death bag. He sheltered and fed them for the night before taking them to the S.P.A.



Now they are happy, healthy, adorable little creatures looking for caring, loving, responsible families.

These are just a few examples of what we face every day, year round. We have many tales of animals in need and how the S.P.A. comes to their rescue. Thanks to our hardworking volunteers and staff combined with ever-important donations from supporters like you, we also have countless happy endings.

Our S.P.A. Cats and Dogs Need Your Help (continued)

Please help us help them by donating to the S.P.A.! Our major expenses are food, medications, vaccines, and litter for our shelter animals; clinic medical supplies, lab costs, and equipment; facility maintenance; cleaning costs for our population of dogs and cats; office supplies; and salaries for our small staff. We do not receive government assistance. It takes the ongoing support of our animalloving donors to keep us in operation. The cost of caring for all of our animals and the beloved pets of our clients exceeds \$2 million pesos per year.

All new donations to the S.P.A. through the end of the year up to a total of \$2,500 USD will be MATCHED!

We hope this will give you additional motivation to make as generous a gift as you can. All funds received will be used to benefit our animals. Please review the form below for details about how to donate. Thank you for becoming a part of our effort to provide a refuge for cats and dogs, regardless of how long it takes to find homes for them.

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PAY BY CHECK (enclose completed form with payment):

- Pay by Mexican or U.S. check to **Sociedad Protectora de Animales de San Miguel de Allende**, **A.C.** (the full name is required or the bank will not accept the check); or
- Pay by U.S. check to San Miguel Community Foundation (for a U.S. tax receipt) (mark for S.P.A.).

Your check may be dropped off:

- > At the S.P.A., Los Pinos #7, Col. Lindavista, San Miguel de Allende (phone: 415-152-6124); or
- At any La Conexion location (mark envelope "S.P.A., PMB 18").

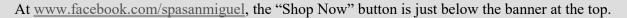
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At <u>www.spasanmiguel.org</u>, click the "Donate" button at the top of any page. Click "Donate with PayPal" and login to PayPal to complete the donation. You may also choose to donate using a debit or credit card; then follow the directions to create a PayPal account.

BY CASH: Please bring cash donations to the S.P.A., Los Pinos #7. For directions, call 415-152-6124.

THANK YOU!

November Adoptions

Dog adoptions: Lilly, Max Cat adoptions: Jill, Harlow, O'Malley











Annual Meeting News

The S.P.A.'s 2021 Annual Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 17, 2021. Megan Gabel, Harry Burrus, and Jayn Corral were re-elected to the board. The S.P.A. Board of Directors is now composed of Megan Gabel (General Director), Harry Burrus (Vice Director), Jayn Corral (Treasurer), Jayn Corral (Secretary), Jack Gewarter, DVM (Member), and Marthe Fraser (Member).

2021 Dog Adoptions

2021 Cat Adoptions

"Like" our <u>Facebook page</u> to get the latest news!

December Pets of the Month By Megan Gabel and Jayn Corral

How about donating today to take advantage of the matching offer? Among those who will benefit from your donation to the S.P.A. are our December Pets of the Month. Almost 3-1/2 years old, Tigre is a very sweet, gentle dog, low-key and friendly. A large boy, he loves treats and insists on getting them. Frankie is a delightfully exuberant happy guy. About 2 years old, he is small and affectionate and his tail seems to never stop wagging. He loves going for a walk and is curious about all he sees.

Joe, a sweet laid-back little tabby boy now about 4 months old, likes to play with toys and his roommates. He also likes the company of humans as he watches the day go by. About 1-1/2 years old, Ginger gets along well with other cats, but mostly stays by herself enjoying the day and treats. She will be a great pet in the right loving, quiet home with a patient owner.

Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during December and receive a free adoption kit. All our available cats and dogs are on our website <u>https://www.spasanmiguel.org/</u> - the "Adopt Me" pages. For both, our adoption fee is only 600 pesos and includes all current vaccinations, deworming, and sterilization. Adoption hours at the S.P.A. are Monday-Saturday, 11-2, Los Pinos #7, 415-152-6124. Only one person may enter the S.P.A. for an adoption interview. Masks and social distancing are required.









Vaccination Day By Jayn Corral

It had been a very long time since I have had a good belly laugh. But I couldn't help it the other day as I watched Robin's return from getting her vaccination.

The back-story is that Batman and Robin came to the S.P.A. under very sad circumstances at the height of the Covid pandemic in September 2020. Their owner passed away due to Covid and, unfortunately, had not made provisions for her two cats in the event of her death, something all pet owners should do. It fell to relatives to re-home her cats. Having no success in finding a new home, they reached out to the S.P.A.

At the S.P.A., the gregarious and dutiful Batman cared for his extremely shy sister, Robin, who, if she had her way, would be invisible to humans. Batman comforted her as best he could, but he was soon adopted leaving Robin to her own devices. Three-year-old Robin sat on the high shelf with terror in her eyes for months. Every day I would sit near her trying to win her trust, hoping she would sit on my lap or allow me hold her. After many months, she began to play her lap/shelf/lap/shelf game with me. Eventually, much to my delight, she spent more time on my lap than on the shelf.

A few weeks ago, it was time for her annual vaccination. I knew from previous experience that she could be a tenacious fighter. So I summoned up my courage, armed myself with deli ham for bait, and put on my leather gloves. First day, no go. Second day, no go. I could see that I would need an assistant, so Elliot volunteered to help put her in the zippered bag to transport her to the clinic. Together we were able to get her in the bag even as she fought mightily to escape. In the clinic, Dr. Omar Córdova, the S.P.A.'s vet, swiftly administered the vaccine and within minutes we were on our way back in the cattery. Feeling pleased with ourselves and thinking our mission was complete, we placed the bag on the floor to release Robin.

That is when Robin had had enough. Still in the zippered bag, she raced around the cattery as if trying to escape a wildfire. Elliot and I were laughing hysterically at ourselves and the sight that he described as "tumbleweed rolling around and around in an old western movie." We stopped the rolling bag and released Robin. She ran as far away from us as she could. Would she ever trust us again? The good news is that she does trust us and is also vaccinated!

We'd love for Robin to find her forever family, one that she can count on to make a safe haven for her for the rest of her life. You will have to earn her trust, but it will be worth it! Meet her and our other adoptable cats at the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124, any day, Monday-Saturday, 11-2.



Max, the Magnificent By Megan Gabel

Max apparently wandered the streets of San Miguel for months. A big friendly guy, he was posted several times on Pet SOS – San Miguel's prominent lost and found Facebook page. People would feed him and send him on his way until the next person discovered this sweet boy in need of help. Someone even took him to what was probably a free sterilization clinic and had him neutered, but then let him go. The next family that found him saw that he was recovering from surgery, took him in for a sleepover, and called the S.P.A. to see if we could help.

When we first met Max on his pre-intake examination by our vet, Dr. Omar Córdova, other than his large size, handsome appearance, and good health, Max did not impress us as being particularly friendly or sweet – he was calm, not a bit aggressive. This is not unusual for a dog who is being brought into an unfamiliar environment, being prodded by a vet he doesn't know, meeting new people for the first time, and hearing a lot of dogs barking. But Max, likely a Bernese Mountain Dog mix only about 1-1/2 years old, needed to be saved from the streets so he became an S.P.A. resident.

As she usually does so lovingly and expertly, Christina, the S.P.A.'s adoption coordinator, befriended this newcomer to help him adjust. After he was released from mandatory isolation (per S.P.A.'s standard procedures), he was put in a casita next to Dulce. Max fell in love with Dulce. Smitten, he looks at her with goo goo eyes and eagerly follows her when they are taken for a walk.

Then Christina discovered Max's other passion and hidden talent. He loves balls! He will chase them, catch them at eye level, in the air, as he focuses intently on the ball, never losing sight or giving up the quest. He doesn't tire of the game and will let Christina know via a unique bark that he's ready to receive her tosses again. It is really a riot to watch and enjoyable to do. Check out his video on our website <u>https://www.spasanmiguel.org/max</u>

Just as we were finalizing this issue of Paws & Claws, Max was adopted! We still wanted to share the story of this big beautiful dog that is a lot of fun and always eager to play. Tigre is another big boy who would do great in a home, but his story is for another day. Adoption hours are Monday-Saturday, 11-2, Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124. The S.P.A.'s adoption fee for cats and dogs is 600 pesos and includes all current vaccinations, deworming, and sterilization (and more). All our available animals are shown on our website www.spasanmiguel.org



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We're returning to the Organic Market on Saturday, December 11!!



Pick up one for yourself, a family member, and as a terrific present, just in time for the holidays! Available at the S.P.A. and at the S.P.A.'s Organic Market's table Saturday, December 11







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.

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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 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: <u>http://</u><u>leonoracohenbooks.webstarts.com/naughty_little_puppy.html</u> - 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.PA.!

Waiving or reducing the normal fee charged by MacDonald Package Delivery Services (<u>https://www.macdonaldspackages.com/</u>) 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: <u>www.spasanmiguel.org/fundraisers</u> 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 Being Self-effacing



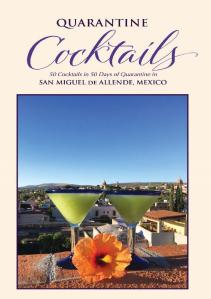


The S.P.A.'s clinic is open! The S.P.A. can meet your pet's needs, from routine preventative care to diagnosis and treatment of problems to surgical procedures and more. We have a well-equipped clinic and offer packages to help you save on vaccinations and sterilization. Under the current circumstances, 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



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 Galeria San Francisco at the Fabrica la Aurora. ORDER HERE for SMA or Amazon/US: www.janedill.com/cocktails

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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 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%

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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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EL DESPACHO - Las Moras #13 - Colonia Guadiana - Ph. 415-154-7195 Hours: Monday-Saturday 9am-3pm; 5pm-8pm Food - 5-10%

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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 <u>www.spasanmiguel.org/members/</u> (via PayPal) or in our office.

Please email <u>MembershipSPA@gmail.com</u> if you have questions.



Rewarding Memberships

November was the month of Thanksgiving, and a reminder that we should be mindful to appreciate who (two and four legged) and what we have in our lives, on not just that day, but every day. No matter how you celebrate "Thanksgiving," or even if you don't, it's a practice that we all can and should embrace every day. "Gratitude is a quality similar to electricity. It must be produced and discharged and used up in order to exist at all" - William Faulkner.

We are thankful to **Kay** and **Jack Latona** (family) for renewing their memberships. We are also thankful for the return of **Cindy** and **Casey Roth** (family) as members. Welcome back. To all of you reading this, we couldn't do what we do without you.

You can join or renew online via PayPal through our website <u>HERE</u>, in our office (by cash or check), or via other methods (see same website page). Please email <u>MembershipSPA@gmail.com</u> 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, December 11 at Ancha de San Antonio 123, from 9 to 3:30. 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: <u>www.spasanmiguel.org</u> 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.

EDITOR: Harry Burrus

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