

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



July 2021

Paws & Claws

HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED



From the Director

THANK YOU to all who donated to the S.P.A.'s Pet Food Money Bank fundraiser and helped us take full advantage of the matching donations offer. The \$2,000 USD match was met!! That's great news and we appreciate your support and the generosity of our anonymous donors who offered the match!

HOWEVER, we still have not met our goal of \$250,000 pesos (about \$13,500 USD)! Remember that 100% will be applied to the annual cost of feeding our resident animals and those in foster care. All you have to do is click on the PayPal Donate button below for an instant donation. See the next page of this issue for more information including other ways to donate to our Pet Food Money Bank. You could also click [HERE](#) for a page on our website chock full of information.

Please don't delay, deposit funds today! Please spread the word and share this issue with friends and family. We really need your help!

We are very pleased to announce our July dental discount special! During July, our normal price of 700-1,000 pesos for teeth cleaning (cats and dogs) has been reduced by 20%!! For more details, see page 5 of this issue. Make an appointment for your cats and dogs today to reap the benefits of this savings! .

We are looking forward to the time when all our employees, friends, and neighbors will be vaccinated. Meanwhile, the S.P.A.'s protocol restricting visitors and volunteers is still in place. Adoptions and clinic visits require special precautions. We look forward to the day when our doors will be open to everyone again.

-Megan Gabel, General Director

Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
June	4	1
YTD	13	18

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

See what your donation dollars and pesos support: youtu.be/6grULRHi6Sk

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PET FOOD MONEY BANK

Don't Delay—Deposit Pesos and Dollars Today



The S.P.A. has an average of 100 mouths to feed!

- We are the only 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 100 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 / \$13,500 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 Now" 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****

June Adoptions

Dog adoptions: Abby, Buffy, Paco, Mango

Cat adoptions: Berto



Abby



Mango



Paco



Berto



Buffy



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[2021 Dog Adoptions](#)

[2021 Cat Adoptions](#)

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July Pets of the Month

By Jayn Corral and Megan Gabel

Our July Pets of the Month are Jacinta and Malena (cats) and Dusty and Gypsy (dogs). Each one would make a great addition to your family!

Jacinta is a stunning silky, almost iridescent, all black athletic kitten. A contented lap-sitter, she gets along great with all her roommates. Malena is a unique black and white tuxedo kitten with a black nose and black spot on her face and a triangle badge on her chest. She is independent, yet curious and friendly. Both kittens are about 7 months old.



Six-month-old Dusty, a boy, is an adorable spaniel mix. A little over a year old, Gypsy, a girl, is a small, sheltie mix. Both dogs are happy campers - energetic, playful, full of love, and a lot of fun!



Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during July and receive a free adoption kit. Our adoption fee for cats and dogs is 600 pesos and includes all current vaccinations, deworming, 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: leash, collar, starter food, a toy, and instructions. For cats, the kit includes: tote bag, temporary litter box, litter, scoop, starter food, and instructions.

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.

The S.P.A.'s July Dental Discount Special Starts Now!

By Megan Gabel

July is 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 having your dog's or cat's teeth cleaned. S.P.A. residents Sugar and Nadia are looking forward to their dental cleanings. During July, our normal price of 700-1,000 pesos for teeth cleaning (cats and dogs) has been 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 today!

Not only is dental care vitally important to your pet's teeth and gums, but proper dental care contributes to a longer life, 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.

Your pet can't tell you about teeth pain and will instinctively hide illness or weakness. It is up to you to be vigilant. Here are the signs to look for that indicate oral or dental disease:

- Bad breath
- Loose teeth
- Discolored teeth, yellowed from tartar
- Chewing from only one side
- Drooling or pawing at the mouth
- Avoiding your contact with their face
- Loss of appetite or weight

Please bring your beloved cats and dogs to the S.P.A. clinic for all their veterinary care. We have a terrific, well-equipped, on-site clinic with a wonderful vet, Dr. Omar Córdova. The S.P.A. can provide routine care for your pet (general check-up and vaccinations) and meet all your pet's needs, including diagnosing and treating medical issues, taking x-rays as necessary, performing sterilizations, other surgeries, and providing emergency care.

To avoid having a long wait, it is best to call for an appointment (415-152-6124). Our address is Los Pinos 7 and the clinic is open Monday-Saturday, 9-3, with extended hours on Tuesdays and Saturdays to 4. Tuesdays and Saturdays are discount days! Consultations and most vaccinations are reduced on those days.



Eva in Charge of All Things

By Jayn Corral

Not unlike the U.S. Congress, Eva and I have diametrically opposing opinions. I have been known to say (quite often and honestly) that I prefer cats to humans and she adamantly and consistently says that she has no need for other cats and much prefers humans. We will never agree, but so be it. She probably has reasons for feeling that way, as do I.



Eva

Sometimes, it is beneficial to be very opinionated and demanding. Just ask Eva, who now enjoys her own private suite at the S.P.A. with room service and three-times daily cleaning. She has a view and can watch as the dogs and their walkers pass by as she enjoys the sun and gentle breezes. She loves human visitors and will saunter up to them, sit on their lap, and stretch to their shoulders to give a long hug.

On the other side of her space are the very cats that she believes should not be there. If one of them dares to peer at her through the barrier, she will howl, hiss, and growl as if the world is ending. The interloper usually back off, understanding that Eva is very serious.

Eva has progressed quite a bit. At first, she was defensive and would gently bite human volunteers. Now she reaches out with her front paws, no claws, to pull their hand close to her, and she only gives love bites. When she first arrived at the S.P.A., she was placed with another cat, Oreo. Eva has decided that the two of them can co-exist in their private suite and not have to deal with all the ne'er-do-wells on the other side.



Oreo

Eva, an almost two-year-old beautiful calico, came to the S.P.A. with her three kids in April 2021. We suspect that there were more kids, but she isn't talking. With her kids gone, she is now a free woman without the responsibilities of raising a family. She has been spayed so her hormones are settling down. Yet being in a shelter with communal living is problematic for her. She desperately needs a home where she is the only cat and in charge of all things.

If you are looking for a cat to share your life with, please consider Eva. She will make a great partner. Adoption hours are Monday-Saturday, 11-2, Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124.

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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.

Canine Distemper, a Disease Preventable by Vaccination

By Megan Gabel

Canine Distemper Virus (CDV) is a highly contagious disease. In recent weeks, we have noticed a significant increase of dogs infected with CDV coming into the S.P.A. clinic. It is spread through direct contact (including sharing an infected dog's food or water bowl) and air exposure (i.e., a cough, sneeze, or bark). Females can spread the virus through the placenta to her puppies. CDV infects dogs and other animals. A multi-systemic disease, it can cause, respiratory, gastrointestinal, and neurological problems. It attacks and weakens the immune system, which lowers the dog's resistance and ability to fight off other infections. The survival rate and length of infection depend upon the strain of the virus and the strength of the dog's immune system. Too many times, the disease can be fatal.

What dogs are at risk?

- Young dogs (2-6 months of age) and unvaccinated puppies older than 6 weeks of age.
- Unvaccinated dogs of any age or breed.

Some of the common clinical signs of distemper include:

- Watery to pus-like discharge from eyes and nose.
- Fever of 103° F to 105° F (39.5° C to 41° C).
- Listlessness or lethargy.
- Loss of appetite and interest in drinking.
- Dry cough and then moist 'wet' cough.
- Vomiting, diarrhea, and nausea.
- Possible hyperkeratosis (thickening of the skin) of the paw pads and nose.
- In later stages, neurological signs include seizures, tremors, head tilt, partial or full paralysis, nystagmus (repetitive eye movements), and myoclonus (irregular involuntary contraction of a muscle).

Distemper is preventable by vaccinating your dog. A series of vaccinations is administered to puppies to increase the likelihood of building immunity. It is important to keep distemper vaccinations up-to-date throughout your dog's life and avoid any gaps in vaccinations.

Distemper can be diagnosed by your veterinarian through assessment of clinical symptoms and laboratory testing. There is no specific treatment for distemper. Once diagnosed, treatment typically consist of supportive care.



Vaccinations of all S.P.A. dogs are current and include canine distemper protection. So if you adopt Pammy or Georgina or any of our dogs, you can rest assured that they have been vaccinated.



We urge you to make an appointment with our veterinarian, Dr. Omar Córdova, for guidance concerning your dog's vaccination schedule. Located at Los Pinos 7, the S.P.A.'s on-site clinic is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9-3 and Tuesday and Saturday from 9-4. Please call 415-152-6124 for an appointment.

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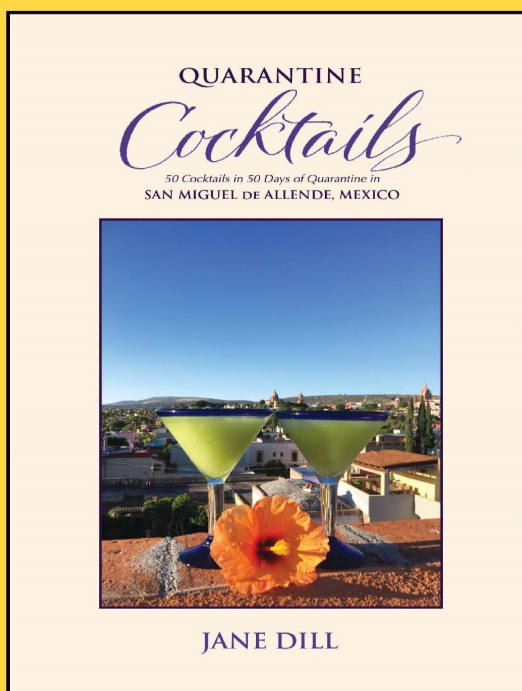
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The S.P.A.'s clinic is open! The S.P.A. can meet your pet's needs, from routine preventative care to diagnosis and treatment of problems to surgical procedures and more. We have a well-equipped clinic and offer packages to help you save on vaccinations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

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*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

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



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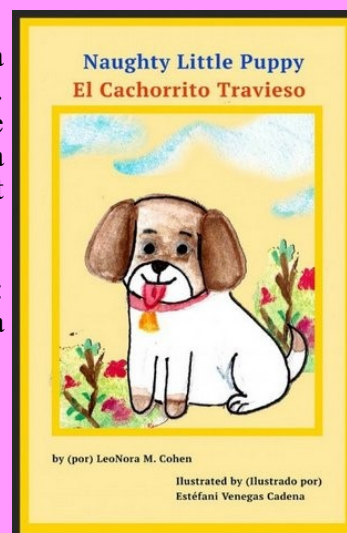
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Naughty Little Puppy (El Cachorrillo Travieso) by Leonora M. Cohen is a bilingual, charming story about what it means to have a puppy as a pet. Suitable for 5-10 year olds, the story is beautifully illustrated and can be sung to the old folk tune, "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.



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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%

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%

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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%

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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.

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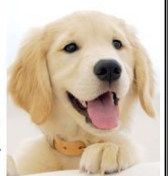


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Click [HERE](#) to see the Catalogue of Jayn's Crafts AND learn how to place an order for local delivery or pickup (NEW!!). Some examples are shown below. See the catalogue for more!



S.P.A. T-shirts & Caps

Pick up one for yourself, a family member, and as a terrific present!



(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

June's been a tough month for our family. Unexpectedly, our cat Chuckie went over the rainbow bridge June 14th. Some of you may remember his story. I wrote an article about "Chuckie the Fountain Cat" after he literally "fell into our lives" at 4 weeks old. He dropped from a high wall into deep water in May of 2013. He had 8 plus years as a loving and beloved pet, and brought us much joy. That's a pretty good run for a feral kitten that nearly drowned before he weighed a pound. Seems a long time ago. Seems like yesterday. Be grateful for your furries and love them every day.

We are grateful to **Anna Buchanan** (individual), **Rena Cochlin** (individual), and **Marthe Fraser** and **Marie Bulgin** (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 stay at least 6 feet (2 meters) away from S.P.A. personnel. Adoption hours are Monday-Saturday, 11-2.**

***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. 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, 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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