



August 2023

Paws & Claws



HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED

From the Director

We are still working on raising 250,000 pesos which we need to cover the annual cost of feeding our cats and dogs! The low exchange rate is making it very difficult to reach our goal. Thank you to everyone who has donated so far to this, our only major fundraiser of the year. All money will be applied to the annual cost of feeding our resident animals (an average of 100 cats and dogs, including those in foster care). Please help!

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.



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Shelter News: Read about our dogs' exciting venture to Canada on page 6 of this issue.

-Megan Gabel, General Director

Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
July	9	0
YTD	19	10

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

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/6grULRHi6Sk

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

Donate



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 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 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 / \$14,000 USD

How to Contribute to the Pet Food Money Bank

-online at www.spasanmiquel.org ("Donate" button on any page) or www.facebook.com/spasanmiquel ("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.

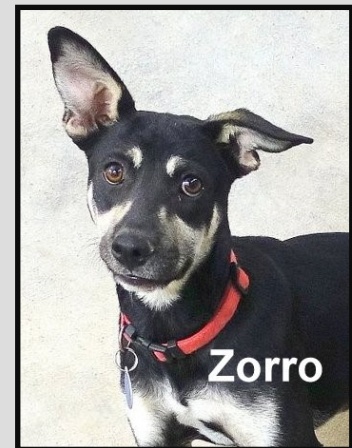
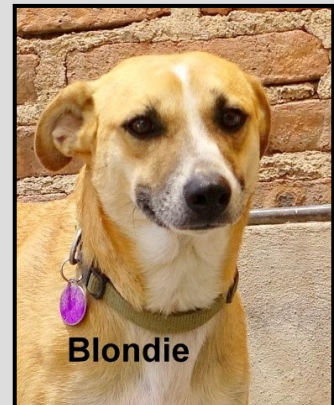
-Checks and cash may also be left at the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7.

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

July Adoptions

Dog adoptions: Charlie, Dexter, Sunshine, Blondie, Annie, Bonnie, Pepe, Zorro, and Nick,

Cat adoptions: No cat adoptions this month.



[2023 Dog Adoptions](#)

[2023 Cat Adoptions](#)

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August Pets of the Month

By Megan Gabel and Heidi Wulfers



Pierre

Our featured cats are Pierre and Luke. Pierre arrived at the S.P.A. in mid-March 2022 at just 1 month old. Now 1-1/2 years old, he is a sweet guy with a gentle personality. Long and lanky, he moves comfortably among his fellow felines. He gets along well with people and other cats and will make a great pet for a loving family looking for a confident young male.

Luke arrived at the S.P.A. in early July 2022 as a 2-week-old baby. Now 1 year old, he has left his childhood behind and adopted patience and calm with people and other cats alike. He, like many teens, thinks he is the cock of the

walk. Handsome and confident Luke will make a wonderful addition to your household.

In the event you are looking for more than one cat, Luke and Pierre are great pals and would be delighted to be adopted together.



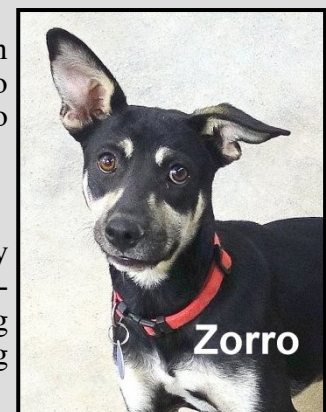
Luke

Our featured dogs are Zorro and Ebony. Zorro is a feisty little guy about 1 year old. He loves toys! Throw a ball and he runs to get it and then brings it back. We have homemade sheet toys that he is equally happy to retrieve and then play with himself. He's an animated, friendly boy who likes getting attention. **BREAKING NEWS: Zorro was just adopted!**



Ebony

Ebony, almost 9 months old, is a very happy, playful puppy. Small/medium-sized, but still growing, she enjoys going for a walk and has a great time playing with other dogs.



Zorro

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 (masks required).

Our adoption fee is 600 pesos. For dogs, it includes sterilization, all current vaccinations, deworming, and the leptospirosis booster. For cats, the fee includes sterilization, all current vaccinations, deworming, and the feline leukemia vaccine and booster. 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



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

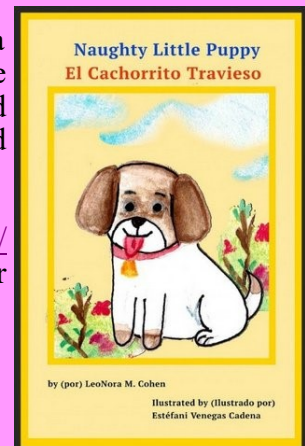
* or peso equivalent

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

Naughty Little Puppy (El 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 - 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 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.

The Canadian Adventure

By Megan Gabel

As I'm sure some of you have noticed, dog adoptions haven't been particularly soaring at the S.P.A. We hoped that sending some dogs to a foster-based shelter in Canada would open a world of opportunity for our dogs. The fact that the dogs would be in homes and not cages while they waited to be adopted is an important ingredient for us.

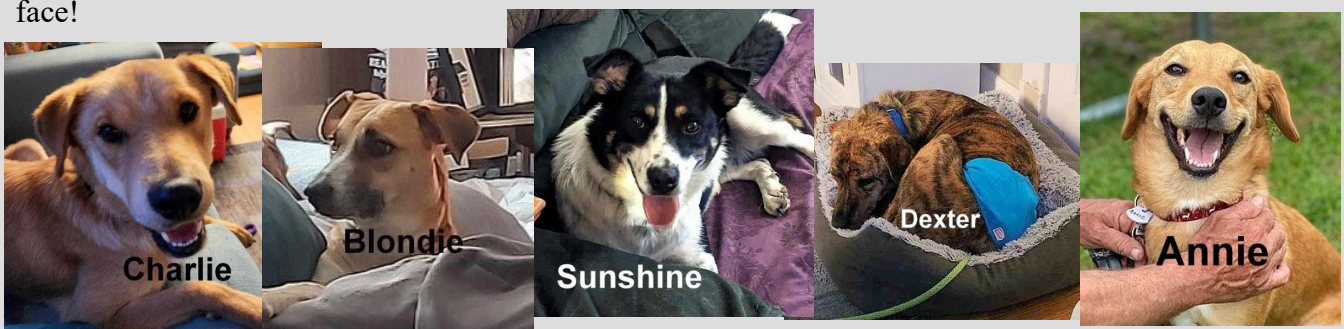
A lot goes into preparing to send dogs to Canada for adoption. Deciding on which dogs would be good candidates is the first step. Size matters. Personality and adoptability are important considerations. Making sure all of their vaccinations and tests comply with U.S., Canadian, and transport requirements is critical. Each dog needs a collar with a tag with the dog's name. They need to start getting used to being in a crate. A care bag of food, water, paper towels, and poop bags should be assembled. The dogs need to be checked by the vet and we hope to give each dog a bath before the trip. All paperwork has to be completed and signed by the vet on a timely basis.

We chose four dogs to go on the latest trip to Canada scheduled for July 5 departure: Charlie, Sunshine, Dexter, and Blondie. At the last minute, we added Annie who already had an adopter lined up in Canada. The dogs would be put on a transport here to meet and be put on a transport scheduled to leave for Canada from San Antonio, Texas at 6 p.m. on July 5.

On July 4, we moved the crates out of the dogs' cages to near the S.P.A. exit door where the dogs would be loaded on the van in the middle of the night. We removed food and water by 4 p.m. that day. At 3 a.m. on July 5, flashlights in hand, Cotton, Harry, and I met Julio and David to load the five dogs in the van. Each dog was wearing a harness and had a leash handy to use on short walks during the long trip. The departure went very smoothly. By around 3:15 a.m., we waved goodbye.

I checked in with Julio a few hours later and learned that three of the five dogs threw up in the van (car sick) and pooped inside the van as well. Not a surprise. When I checked in later to see how close they were to San Antonio, I learned that they were stuck at the border to the U.S. There was a traffic jam because one of the bridges had been closed. I contacted the Canadian transport to see if they would wait for us if we ran a little late. They said they couldn't. The pressure mounted to get into the U.S. I kept in contact with Julio and the Canadian transport, hoping we could make it to San Antonio in time. The van with our dogs was in line for over 2 hours! When they finally reached the inspectors, Julio and David were asked to take all the dogs out of their crates while the inside of the van was inspected. With six inspectors standing over her, sweet little Annie got scared, backed out of her harness, and ran! Fortunately, David caught her and brought her back to safety.

It was after 5 p.m. when they made it through to the U.S., but there was no way they were going to meet the 6 p.m. San Antonio deadline. Luckily, they were able to get to the next loading point, Katy, Texas. Late, but the Canadian transporter agreed to wait. The dogs arrived in Canada on Friday, July 7. Charlie, Blondie, and Sunshine discovered the joys of stretching out on a couch and Dexter curled up in a cushy bed. Sunshine has a new BFF, a puppy in her foster home – the perfect choice to keep up with Sunshine's energy. Annie is surrounded by love from her new family. They think she is the perfect dog! A lover of water, she has already dipped in the lake for a swim. Look at the smile on her face!



The Poetry of Canada Bound



Know Thy Feline

By Heidi Wulfers

As I was sitting on my terrace today, enjoying my garden, my cat Remy came and curled up next to me. I adopted Remy when he was almost a year and a half old. I found myself reflecting on why I adopted him and not another cat. He isn't uniquely attractive; he isn't uniquely interesting. He is just another nondescript brown tabby.

But, being a volunteer for the S.P.A., I had come to know the personality of Remy. And I was bringing him home to be a companion to another cat who had lost his best friend. It was a perfect match.

So how does one come into the cattery and select a cat or kitten without the benefit of having met them, seen them grow, and finally understanding their personality? I would suggest that adopting an older cat can provide the answer to those questions.

Kittens are so very cute. The temptation to bring one home is hard to resist. But kittens' personalities are in flux. Cat personalities are not fully formed until around two years of age. So, if you adopt a kitten, they may not turn out to be the companion you imagined. However, once the kitten's personality is well established, you know what you are getting. Hence, I knew Remy was the right choice for my household situation.

I was talking with another volunteer in the adult area of the cattery. Three of our cats, Robin, Ritz, and Aussie, were climbing on my lap and head butting my arm. They are older cats who, once upon a time, were particularly difficult challenges for one reason or another. But now that they have matured, learned to trust, and have fully formed personalities, I would easily recommend them to the right adopter.



The S.P.A. has wonderful cats of all ages. Please consider adopting an older cat who will give you years of enjoyment and very few surprises.

Adoption hours at the S.P.A. are Monday-Saturday, 11-2, Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124. Our available dogs are here: <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-dogs/> Our available cats are here: <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-cats/>



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9 AM—3 PM
Tuesday & Saturday
(discount days)
9 AM—4 PM
By appointment is best.

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All T-shirts: donation of 200 pesos each.

Caps: red, black or khaki (donation of 150 pesos each).



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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. 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. 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.

Rewarding Memberships

Some of you are dog people, some are cat people ... but we are all animal people. No disrespect to dogs (or dog people), but as a “cat-Dad” I love AND am humbled by this quote from Christopher Hitchens: “Owners of dogs will have noticed that, if you provide them with food and water and shelter and affection, they will think you are god. Whereas owners of cats are compelled to realize that, if you provide them with food and water and shelter and affection, they draw the conclusion that they are gods.” In our house, Ruben and Alvin would concur.

The S.P.A. would like to thank **Anna Buchanan** (individual) and yours truly, **Randy Hummel** and **Traci Tighe** (family), and **Christina Adenfors** (individual) for renewing their memberships. We couldn't do what we do without the donations of our members. Thank you all.

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. 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.**

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It would be great to hear from you!

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