



October 2022

Paws & Claws



HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED

From the Director

EXCITING NEWS! Four S.P.A. dogs are now in Canada! On September 21, 2022, Scout, Crystal, Muffin, and Priscilla headed north for adoption, chaperoned by our terrific volunteer Sandy Lubin. We are delighted to partner with Pets Alive Niagara to make this dream come true for these wonderful, highly adoptable dogs. The dogs will be in foster homes until the perfect family shows up for each of them which we are confident will happen quickly! Pages 8 and 9 has photos of their 4 a.m. departure.

A special thanks to Marni, Yvonne, and Ashlee for providing a loving foster home for Crystal, Muffin, and Priscilla respectively for almost a month prior to travel. This experience will help each of them adjust to their new lives and families in Canada. What a kind and generous thing these women and Sandy did for our dogs!

ORGANIC MARKET: Look for us at the Organic Market on Saturday, October 8, 2022. See page 13 for examples of what is available at our table. This is the last time that we will have a presence at the Organic Market! Stock up on gifts now!

GENTLE REMINDER: Has your dog had an annual Bordetella vaccination? Are your cat's vaccinations up-to-date? Puppies and kittens have more comprehensive needs than adults. Timing of vaccinations for adults and for youngsters is important. Our clinic is open and our vet, Dr. Omar Córdova, is ready to help!

NEW FEATURE: Our website (<https://www.spasanmiguel.org>) now has a new feature! In the upper right corner of each page, you can choose to see the page in English or in Spanish. That includes the bios of our cats and dogs! Please pass the word!

-Megan Gabel, General Director

Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
September	5	7
YTD	20	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: 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

Crafts, T-shirts, Caps: www.spasanmiguel.org/market

See what your donation dollars and pesos support: youtu.be/6grULRH6Sk

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September Adoptions

Dog adoptions: Scout, Crystal, Muffin, Priscilla, Charlie

Cat adoptions: Leyla, Linas, Lebron, Fergie, Leonor, Leah, Bindi



Linas



Leah



Lebron



Bindi



Crystal



Charlie



Priscilla



Scout



Muffin



Leyla



Leonor



Fergie

[2022 Dog Adoptions](#)

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October Pets of the Month

By Megan Gabel and Jayn Corral



Lolita

Lolita is a lovely, smart dog. She stares deeply in your eyes when you talk to her, one-on-one. Sometimes, she just stretches out and calmly and patiently listens to you talking to her. She is friendly with people, but is selective about her dog friends.

Soleil is a gentle, sweet dog. She wags her tail, softly puts her paw in your hand and then switches paws so each can be massaged. She is a little cautious when meeting someone new, but that passes quickly. Give her a chance to trust you, and she will.



Soleil

Both of our October dogs are medium-sized and about three years old.



David

David is a sweet black and white boy who wants to be able to relax and enjoy life. However, somewhere in his past, he learned to mistrust people. He enjoys playing with toys and gets along great with other cats and kittens, especially his sister, Dolly. But, he is still initially fearful of human contact.

Perla, is a gorgeous diluted calico sporting gray, white, and orange colors. She loves to play, is a good eater, and is

curious about life. She gets along well with other cats and with people.



Perla

Both of our October cats are about seven months old and each would love a home with another cat as a playmate.

Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during October 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 photo, a bio, and, for dogs, a video.

Reasonable Expectations When Adopting a Dog – the “Rule of 3” By Megan Gabel

Sometimes when people take a shelter dog home, they don't take into consideration the dog's history or what the dog is going through by being uprooted from what she knows and being thrust into a totally new situation with strangers. Here are some general guidelines for what to expect. Of course, each dog is unique.

At Three Days: Your home could be overwhelming, inspiring the dog to alternatively explore and sniff enthusiastically or withdraw into her shell and sleep a lot simply because it is so much to digest. She won't know what she is supposed to do. Allowed on furniture? Where to eat (not the kitchen trash)? What really are her toys (not your shoe)? Not eating is common. She may not even go to the bathroom or could have diarrhea. These first few days require an immense amount of patience on your part. Remember to relax.

What can you do to help? During the first 3 days, create a safe space for your dog. It could be a crate with an open door, a blanket inside with a few toys, and food and water nearby. It should be off limits to other animals in the house, children, and visitors. Speak softly and patiently to your dog, letting her know that you're there. Sit on the floor – read a book – occasionally calmly talk to her. Maybe throw a small treat in her direction. Don't crowd her. No pressure.

At Three Weeks: Your dog will have a much better understanding of what is expected of her and will understand her new routine. When she is going to be fed – when she'll go for a walk – when and where to go to the bathroom. You'll start to see more of her true personality and less of her initial response – whether that was fear, excitement, stress or a combination of all three. You will have figured out if there are behavioral problems that you need to work on, either by yourself or with professional help. You'll still need to be patient, but things should be a lot easier.

At Three Months: Your dog will finally feel at home. She will know the routine and feel secure both in her environment and with you.



Bonnie

Meet a shelter dog like Angel, Bonnie, and Smoky at the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124, any day Monday-Saturday. Adoption hours are 11-2. Please wear a mask.

Our low adoption fee (only 600 pesos) includes sterilization, all current vaccinations, deworming, and more. You will need a leash and collar when you leave the S.P.A. with your new pet. Our adoption kit (250 pesos) includes those items plus more.



Angel

Our dogs (photos and videos) are on our website at <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-dogs> Click on the photo of the one who peaks your interest and you will be taken to the next page with a bigger photo, the dog's bio, and a video. All our dogs deserve a chance to become part of a loving family.



Smoky



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

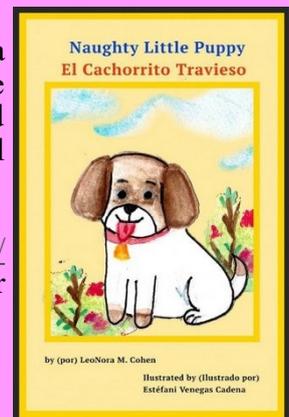
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Royalties from Children's Book Will Be Donated to the S.P.A.!

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 - 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 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.

Leonor's "El Grito"

By Jayn Corral

I am sure you have heard the crowds shout, "Viva Mexico!" and "Viva Independencia!" "El Grito de Dolores" (Cry of Dolores) became the battle cry of the large, popular, mob-like army amassed near Dolores Hidalgo to fight for Mexican Independence in 1810. Ending 300 years of Spanish rule, Mexico now celebrates its Independence Day on September 16. "El Grito" festivities abound, including parades, pyrotechnics, traditional dancing, rodeos, and Mexican flags flying everywhere. San Miguel de Allende played a prominent role in the path to Mexico's independence.

Leonor is doing her part to celebrate "El Grito." She is a happy girl, just wanting to spread her cheer to all those who can hear her. She has reason, other than Mexico's Independence, to be cheerful. She became a mother of six when she herself was just ten months old. She and her brood found their way to the S.P.A. on the United States' Independence Day in 2022 when her kids were just two weeks old. Leonor is a beautiful mostly white girl with chocolate powder dusting, a calico tail and blue eyes. She has a great, strong, loving personality and gets along well with other cats and with people. She was a wonderful mother, caring for, feeding, and defending her wee ones. The babies are now moving on to their own independence, freeing Leonor to explore the new life that awaits her.

She and her babies are now available for adoption and four along with Leonor have already been adopted! Three of the kittens are Siamese-type with tan fur, dark chocolate ears, tails, muzzles, and legs. Twins with mostly white fur and orange highlights on their ears and tails and one that looks like her mother round out the family. All have mom's blue eyes. They are all adorable and have a variety of wonderful personalities. Please check them out on our website at <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-cats>. The remaining available ones are shown in this article.

Meet the two remaining available kittens at the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124. Adoption hours are Monday-Saturday, 11-2 (mask required). 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 the animals at the S.P.A. are well-cared-for, well-fed and loved; however, it is not the same as having their own loving, forever family. Please consider making one or more of them a part of your family.



New Dogs at the S.P.A.!

By Megan Gabel

At the beginning of August, the S.P.A. brought in six dogs from Canine Control, the city's kill shelter. We're so happy we could save them. They are now ready for adoption.

We have named them Grace, Sierra, Champ, Lizzy, Ruby, and Sammy. Grace and Sierra are medium-sized. Champ and Lizzy are small/medium-sized. Ruby and Sammy are youngsters – small, but still growing. Lizzy has already been adopted!



Grace

Each has a different personality, but they have in common how sweet they are and how much they would love to be in a home. Grace (2-1/2 years old) is a very gentle dog who likes to give and receive attention. She gravitates to being by your side. She walks easily on a leash, loping along the street, seemingly not bothered by anything. Sierra (1 year old) is a beautiful dog with an animated personality. She is very eager to go for a walk and does very well on a leash. She loves getting attention and is very friendly to people and other dogs.



Sierra

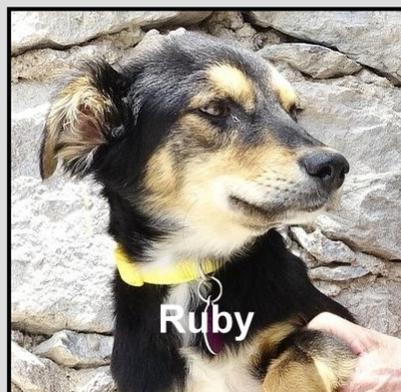


Champ

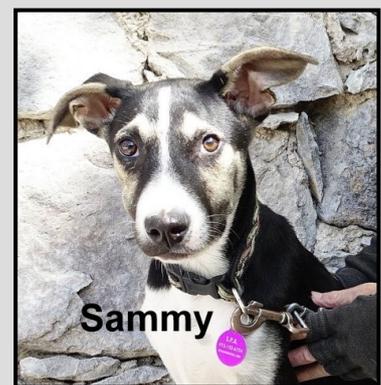
Champ (3 years old) is an alert, happy, energetic terrier mix. He is friendly with people and other dogs, loves to go for a walk, and likes to play. Ruby (8 months old) is an angel! She is an adorable, calm, gentle little girl who really loves to cuddle. She'll stay nestled in your arms without squirming for quite a while. Sammy (7 months old) is a cute little guy, full of spunk and energy. He is eager to go for a walk and enjoys playing and getting attention.

If you are looking to add to your family, please come to the S.P.A. and meet these dogs and others as well as our cats.

When you adopt one of our shelter residents, you are not only giving that animal a chance at a new life, but you are making space at the S.P.A. so that we can save other cats and dogs.



Ruby



Sammy

Our adoption hours are Monday-Saturday, 11-2, Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124 (masks required). Our available dogs are here: <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-dogs/> Our available cats are here: <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-cats/> 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.

The Poetry of Going to a New Home



Going to a New Home - Canada Bound





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Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124

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Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri.
9 AM—3 PM
Tuesday & Saturday
(discount days)
9 AM—4 PM
By appointment is best.

www.spasanmiguel.org
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.



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/ (via PayPal) or in our office.

Please email MembershipSPA@gmail.com if you have questions.

— *Looking Back at Shy, now 13-1/2 years old and going strong!* —



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

We're at the Organic Market on Saturday, October 8, 2022 (LAST TIME)



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 table Saturday, October 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

This little article always thanks those who support the efforts of the S.P.A. There are many ways that people help the S.P.A.—by donating supplies, money, time, becoming a member, supporting our fundraisers, and more. We are grateful for everyone’s contribution to the S.P.A. All of it benefits our cats and dogs.

Thank you to **Jayn and Tim Corral** (family) for renewing their membership. We couldn’t do what we do without our volunteers, members, and supporters.

You can join or renew your membership 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.**

***Come to the S.P.A.’s table at the Organic Market – Saturday, October 8, 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. THIS IS THE LAST TIME WE WILL BE AT THE ORGANIC MARKET!**

***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

If you need or want to contact me for any reason regarding Paws & Claws — to submit a story, send a photo, just to make a comment — please email me at SPAPawsandClaws@gmail.com
It would be great to hear from you!

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