



December 2023

Paws & Claws



HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED

From the Director

Happy Holidays! We are so grateful that anonymous donors have agreed to match all new donations to the S.P.A. through the end of the year up to a total of \$2,500! Please help us take full advantage of this generous offer to double contributions through December 31, 2023. 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 wonderful way to make the gift-giver, gift-recipient, 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, Día 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 [HERE](#) using PayPal. Other options for donating are listed on that same page. If you need more information, please email info@spasanmiguel.org

As our moto states, the S.P.A.'s goal is to provide hope, health, and homes for cats and dogs in need. We rely on the generosity of those 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 very happy holiday season and best wishes for a healthy, safe year in 2024!

-Megan Gabel, General Director

Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
November	0	1
YTD	19	20

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/6grULRH6Sk

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

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Please Help Us Continue to Provide for Our Cats and Dogs!

The Sociedad Protectora de Animales de San Miguel de Allende, A. C. is the oldest no-kill shelter for cats and dogs in San Miguel de Allende. We have been providing food, shelter, and care for unwanted and abandoned animals since 1980. Our goal has always been to find permanent, loving homes for our cats and dogs. We have an on-site clinic that 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.

What does “no-kill” mean at the S.P.A.? Barring unusual circumstances, it means that we are committed to providing food, care, and shelter for our resident animals no matter how long it takes to find them forever homes, even If they never get adopted.



Examples of our commitment to them are evident in the photos above showing some of the dogs as babies and how they look now, after spending their lives (so far) at the S.P.A. Then there is Martin who arrived as a kitten in 2009 and Vanderbilt, only 1 year old when he was given refuge at the S.P.A. in 2017. Although we find it hard to believe that no one has fully appreciated their uniqueness, the good news is that we know that all of our cats and dogs, no matter how long they have been at the S.P.A., are happy. We strive to meet all their needs on a daily basis and give them lots of compassion and love.

EXCITING NEWS

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

Please Help Us Continue to Provide for Our Cats and Dogs! (continued)

PLEASE HELP US CONTINUE TO HELP THEM AND ALL OUR RESIDENT CATS AND DOGS 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 any government assistance. It takes the ongoing support of our animal-loving donors to keep us in operation. The cost of caring for all of our animals and the beloved pets of our clients typically **exceeds \$2 million pesos per year.**

We hope the matching donation offer 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.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Country _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

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").

Or your check may be mailed to:

- ❖ Sociedad Protectora de Animales (S.P.A.), Los Pinos #7, Col. Lindavista, San Miguel de Allende, GTO, 37736, Mexico; or
- ❖ S.P.A., PMB No. 18, 220 N. Zapata Hwy. No. 11, Laredo, Texas 78043-4464 U.S.A..

CLICK HERE TO DONATE VIA PAYPAL INSTANTLY



OR DONATE ONLINE ON FACEBOOK OR OUR WEBSITE USING PAYPAL:

**At www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel: Click the "Shop on Website" button, at the top of page.

**At <https://www.spasanmiguel.org>: 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. Please note that it appears that the only way to donate using a credit card is through a PayPal account.

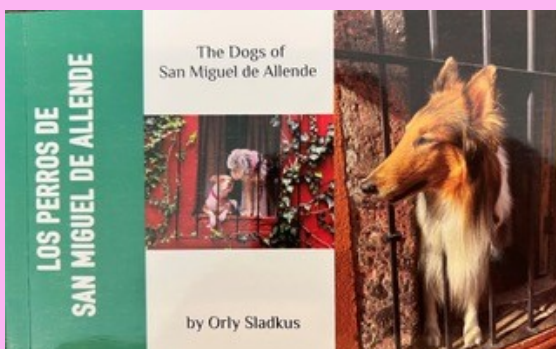
BY CASH: Please bring cash donations to the S.P.A., Los Pinos #7.
For directions, call 415-152-6124.

THANK YOU!

November Adoptions

Dog adoptions: No dog adoptions this month.

Cat adoptions: Luke



As a project for her bat mitzvah, Orly Sladkus put together a photo booklet to raise money for the S.P.A. What a wonderful and generous idea!

The booklet is available on Amazon [HERE](#)

[2023 Dog Adoptions](#)

[2023 Cat Adoptions](#)

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

December Pets of the Month

By Peter Soley and Megan Gabel

Ritz is a loving, adorable three-year-old who is always the first to greet cattery visitors. She is a petite and athletic tabby with brown highlights, a standout among the cats. Friendly to a fault, Ritz is the perfect companion, always ready to hop on your lap and show her love.

Nine-month-old Cloud is a playful youngster, always chasing toys and romping with his kitten pals. His coat is a handsome mix of white splashed with some tan. When the blue sky is reflected in his eyes, there are no rainy days when Cloud is around! Our confident and good-natured lad is ready to fill a home with love and amusement.



About 2 years old, Nube is a small/medium-sized sweet, gentle dog. After a rough start, she quickly adapted to her new surroundings. She is comfortable meeting new people and does fine with other dogs. She loves going for a walk and does well on leash. She is a smart girl who learned how to sit on command within a few minutes. She's ready to learn more tricks!



Sake, about 7 years old, had been in a loving home for 4-1/2 years when her owner became deathly ill and Sake needed a safe haven in October 2021. Medium-sized, she is a happy, friendly, playful dog. She's so excited about going for a walk that she spins in circles when it's her turn, tail wagging with the thrill of it all. She really likes getting personal attention, especially having her head petted.

Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during December 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. 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.

We Are Devoted to Our Cats

By Peter Soley

With cats, our primary goal is always to find the best forever home for all of our residents, regardless of age or temperament. Sometimes it can take a very long time for the right match. All the staff and volunteers at the S.P.A. are committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment for every animal, regardless of the length of stay. We work hard to create an environment where all cats feel at "home" and where healthy relationships between them can flourish. It's the long-term animal residents who often act in ways large and small to make the S.P.A. so special.

Most of the time, our long-term residents become pillars of their community, helping guide younger cats and promoting harmony. Martín, for example, arrived as a kitten in 2009 and over time has become a seasoned elder, respected by all and messed with by none. He has buddied with many of the younger cats, often protecting them during hostile moments. And now that Martín is experiencing some age-related health problems, it's common to see other cats affectionately head bumping him and standing beside him in fellowship.

Vanderbilt (affectionately called Vandy) arrived as a badly injured and frightened one-year-old in 2017. He healed and soon became so appreciative of the refuge the S.P.A. provides. While still a loner, Vandy is always in the center of the action and usually one of the first to greet volunteers each day. And he knows when to help police bad behavior, helping maintain harmony and building trust among the cats.

Martín and Vandy are two examples of the long-term cat residents the S.P.A. is committed to shelter for however long. They are proof that it's not just the human hands that do all the work. Many of the resident animals also contribute to the success of the S.P.A. And while not all animals may be lucky enough to be adopted, there are some standouts who truly make their S.P.A. community a home to all.



We Are Devoted to Our Dogs

By Harry Burrus

We have a fine collection of good-looking dogs. While I am fond of all of them, I confess eight that have been with us the longest occupy a special place in my heart. The impact of what I learn from them is unending. Most of them, aside from Shy and Dulce, were merely a few weeks old when they arrived at the S.P.A. Shy is pushing fifteen and Dulce is twelve. Rita is also twelve, Lola and Tessie are ten, and Apollo, Miny, and Sonny are nine.

They possess and demonstrate traits that I value. They're happy and in good moods (except when there are fireworks). They are not wallflowers. They are observant, curious, trusting, loyal, affectionate, and eager for company. I look forward to being with them.

When I think about how long they have been here, I find it astonishing. The shelter has been and continues to be an enlightening experience for me, expanding my appreciation and enjoyment of these wonderful sentient beings. They, in turn, give back so much. This is their home for as long as they need it to be their home. The S.P.A. is all they know so far. As they grow and age, I age along with them and I'm okay with that.





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 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.



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 Poetry of Beauty





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

Adoptions
Mon.-Sat.
11 AM—2 PM

Clinic Hours
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

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.



(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).



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.

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

With Thanksgiving in the rearview mirror, I have worked through all the leftovers (except a little pecan pie, which has the same approximate shelf life of both fruitcake and plutonium). One leftover taste still remains and that's the flavor of gratitude. I am grateful for the two and four-legged members of my family and for all of you reading this and the support you give to the S.P.A. It's my sincere hope you all found much to be grateful for too.

The S.P.A. would like to thank **Nancy and Bob Sylvor** (family), **Joey Santori and Jim LeNeve** (family), **Alan and Lynda Herring** (family), **Kim and Jim Samis** (family), and **Jayn and Tim Corral** for renewing their memberships. We couldn't do what we do without all of 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.spanmiguel.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/spanmiguel, 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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