

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



September 2022

Paws & Claws



HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED

From the Director

PET FOOD MONEY BANK

Terrific News:
WE REACHED OUR GOAL!!

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to our Pet Food Money Bank fundraiser. In a flurry of donations at the end of July through August, not only were we able to meet the matching offer of \$2,000 USD, but we also met our goal of \$250,000 pesos (about \$13,500 USD)!! All contributions to this fundraiser will be used to cover the annual cost of feeding our cats and dogs. We are extremely grateful for your support!

As we roll into September, perhaps the time is right to start thinking about holiday gifts? Check out our table at the Organic Market this Saturday, September 3. See page 12 of this issue for great ideas for this holiday season.

Sorry to say that we are continuing with our strict Covid protocol. No visitors or additional volunteers. Masks, social distancing, etc. -Megan Gabel, General Director

Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
August	2	4
YTD	15	28

Clinic/Office Hours:

Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri: 9am - 3pm
Tue, Sat (**Discount Days**): 9am - 4pm

Adoptions:

Mon - Sat: 11am - 2pm

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San Miguel de Allende,
GTO 37736 Mexico
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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

Donate

August Adoptions

Dog adoptions: Lizzy, Lilly

Cat adoptions: Jacinta, Orion, Fanny, Frazier



Lizzy



Jacinta



Fanny



Frazier



Orion



Lilly

[2022 Dog Adoptions](#)

[2022 Cat Adoptions](#)

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September Pets of the Month

By Megan Gabel and Jayn Corral

Our September cats have some things in common. A little over two years old, Corina is a beautiful, all gray blue Russian-type who gets along great with other cats. However, she does not express much appreciation for human attention. A beautiful gray and white girl, Dolly arrived at the S.P.A. in late June 2022 at the age of four months. She is extremely frightened of people.



Corina



Dolly

Shy has been at the S.P.A. since 2010. Now almost 13-1/2 years old, she is a beautiful, medium/large, black dog who used to be extremely shy with new people, but now seems to be open to making new human friends. When she is comfortable with you, she is a loving, gentle teddy bear of a dog who wags her tail in her excitement to see you. With the right family, she would be able to enjoy the rest of her days in a home.



Shy



Miny

Miny has been at the S.P.A. for more than eight years, having arrived when she was only five weeks old. A large, strong dog, she is playful, curious, friendly, and very sweet. She likes to splash in a tub of water in the dog exercise area. She's a little nervous on walks, wary of strangers, and occasionally throws off a bark at them. When she knows you, she is prone to stretching out across your lap for easy access to petting.

Our September Pets of the Month need special adopters, those who understand their backgrounds and limitations and are willing be patient and do what it takes to earn their trust. It would be wonderful if each of them could become a part of a loving family.

Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during September 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.

Celebrating Divas

By Jayn Corral

International Cat Day is celebrated by cat lovers around the world on August 8 whether there is a cat in their home, their heart, or their memories. We choose this month to celebrate the Divas of the S.P.A. Author Robert A. Heinlein's quote "Women and cats do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea" is fitting for our three divas at the S.P.A. Whether you call them a diva, a queen, a princess, a lady, or a prima donna, the titles all fit. Divas know what they want and will let you know if they don't get it, which can be a challenge in a communal shelter environment where special arrangements have had to be made to accommodate their proclamations, demands, and idiosyncrasies.

Orion, our celestial diva, came to the S.P.A. in March 2022 at almost two years old. She is a black longhaired, strong-willed tortoise with orange and gold highlights that appear as stars in a dark sky and huge eyes shining like mint green planets. She demands her own litter box and privacy. She will sit on a human's lap for hours and fend off all interlopers as if protecting her conquest. When assured that she rules her world, she will play like an Olympian. Other cats and kittens are just not her thing. Breaking News! Orion is adopted!

Eva, nicknamed "Eva the Diva," came to the S.P.A. in April 2021 at nearly two years old. She is a plump calico with a complex personality. Upon arrival she was, well, awful. She was mean and nasty. We worried that she would not adjust to her shelter situation. Over time, she evolved and insisted on sitting on the shoulders of humans. However, they were not allowed to touch her. She is now a lovely lady who prefers lounging and observing others as they get their exercise. She now allows being touched with her approval, which she grants more and more often, if the human approaches appropriately. She loves to be held and carried, but she decides when and for how long. She makes the rules, and the humans follow her orders. She is a real character.

Salem, a uniquely and beautiful sand-colored shorthaired petite tabby with bright gold eyes, is an almost perfect cat and really shouldn't fall into the diva category, however, she, too, requires special arrangements. She prefers the company and companionship of humans and has disdain for mischievous or annoying cats. She arrived at the S.P.A. in March 2022 with her three newborns. She was a perfect mother and is now teaching other youngsters the art of being a good cat.

If you don't currently have a cat in your life, consider it. One of these divas may be the perfect gift for you and for them. Adoption hours at the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124 are Monday-Saturday, 11-2.



Eva



Salem



Orion



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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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Questions? Call the S.P.A. office: 415-152-6124

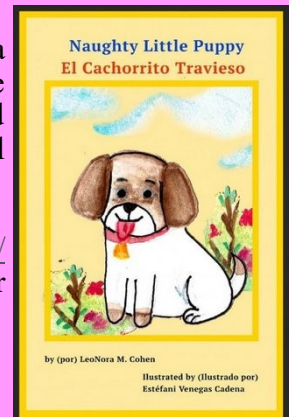
* or peso equivalent

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.



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.

So, you've adopted a dog! Now what?

By Megan Gabel

You've fallen in love with a dog, like Smoky, Dexter, Frankie, or John and now you're taking him home from the S.P.A. Here's what you need to know:

1. Food and water: For the first few days, mix some of the dog's S.P.A. food with his new food. Feed a very young puppy 3-4 times per day; adults, preferably twice daily, but once daily is satisfactory. Water should always be available.

2. Sleeping: Have a crate for the puppy to sleep in or use a box with a door cut out for easy access. Place a towel or blanket inside. An adult dog likes a crate too or a dog bed.

3. Safety-indoors: Securely close all areas containing cleaning liquids, powders, poisons, and medications. Note dangerous items in your house and prevent dog access.

4. Safety-outdoors: When your dog is outside by himself in a fenced or walled-in area, make sure that he is protected from the elements, his environment is secure, and he has shade and water.

5. General protection: Whether he is inside or outside, he should always wear a collar with an identification tag with your contact information on it. Supervise your children with your new dog to make sure they are treating him well.

5. Housetraining: Take your dog outside after eating and upon awakening (every 1-2 hours for puppies). You can also use newspaper and crate training methods. Reward him with praise, treats, and lots of love.

6. Health: When you leave the S.P.A., you will be given an appointment to bring in your new pet for a free follow-up visit. If you have questions, that visit is a good time to ask them. Keep track of all vaccination requirements. Use flea and heartworm preventative medication monthly. See the vet for any health concerns.

7. Additional puppy issues: A puppy may cry because he's lonesome. Reassure him, but ignore the crying. It will soon stop. Have chew toys for your puppy. An old shirt with a knot is a good idea. Puppies need to play. Try tug of war or throwing balls. Puppies should not be left outside for long periods by themselves even in a secure area. They need to be monitored.

8. Other resources: <https://www.youtube.com/> has helpful dog-related videos. Search the Internet and library.

9. Above all, enjoy your new family member! Pet him! Talk to him! Play with him! Take him for regular walks (on leash!). Be patient! Give your dog time to adjust. Read articles about the 3-3-3 Rule when adopting a dog so you know what to expect and when. Use your voice and words for discipline – no hitting!

To meet your new best friend, come to the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124 during adoption hours (Monday-Saturday, 11-2). Our available dogs are on our website Adopt Me pages, <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-dogs>



So, you've adopted a cat! Now what?

By Jayn Corral

You've fallen in love with a cat like Ginger, Sara, Fergie, or Perla and now you're taking her home from the S.P.A. Here's what you need to know:

1. **Supplies:** Food and water bowls, litter and litter box, scratching post, toys, and a bed/basket. Adding an article of your clothing to your new cat's space may help her get used to her new environment.
2. **Food:** Wet and dry food should be provided, unless your new cat does not eat wet food. Leave dry food out all day long. The S.P.A. uses Minino dry food and Felix soft food, which provide necessary nutrients and are reasonably priced. Fresh water should always be available. You will be given a small supply of food so that you can mix some of the cat's S.P.A. food with her new food.
3. **Introducing your new cat to her new home and/or another household pet:** At first, keep your cat in a small space and gradually introduce her to the rest of her new home. If you already have a cat, separate the cats, give extra attention to your original cat, and slowly let them meet each other to the point where you can swap food bowls and bedding, so they get used to each other's scent. Let them meet formally at mealtime. Hissing and staring are normal. Repeat until they tolerate each other. If you have a dog, keep them apart until your cat feels secure, which can take from three days to three weeks or longer. Small children should be taught to approach the cat slowly and gently. Hold a finger out to allow the cat to smell it before trying to pick up the cat.
4. **Health:** Keep track of all vaccination requirements. Use flea preventative medication as prescribed. Contact the vet for any health concerns. Monitor changes in your cat so you can report them to the vet. The S.P.A. has a full-time veterinarian on staff and our clinic is open to the public with lower cost prices for many services.
5. **Grooming:** Cats should be brushed regularly.
6. **Safety:** Make sure your cat always wears a nametag with your information on it, even though she should be an indoor-only cat. She may inadvertently get out of your house. Cats can fit in a space the size of the cat's head.
7. **Other resources:** <https://www.youtube.com/> has helpful cat-related videos. Search the Internet and library.

To meet your perfect cat or kitten, come to the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124 during adoption hours (Monday-Saturday, 11-2). Our available cats are on our website Adopt Me pages, <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-cats>



The Poetry of Feeling Refreshed



Wet Susie



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Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124

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(discount days)
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By appointment is best.

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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.



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.

Once upon a time : Cher & Sonny



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

We're at the Organic Market on Saturday, September 3, 2022



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, September 3, 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

Sometimes words are hard to come by, and as I sat down to write this short article today ... it was one of those times. With that in mind, I am grateful for Google and Josh Duhamel (really) for this quote: "Adopted pets are the best pets you can have. Most adopted pets come from loving homes that just can't care for them anymore. Or they are strays who have been on their own without the loving care they deserve." If you have room in your heart and home, adopt a pet today. They will show you how grateful they can be too.

We at the S.P.A. would like to thank **Diane Leger** (individual) and **Marilyn Vollman** and **Charles Oldfather** (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.**

***Come to the S.P.A.'s table at the Organic Market – Saturday, September 3, 2022 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.

***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.

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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