



May 2021

Paws & Claws



HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED

From the Director

THE S.P.A.'S PET FOOD MONEY BANK FUNDRAISER STARTS NOW!

Our goal is to raise \$250,000 pesos (about \$13,500 USD), 100% of which will be applied to our annual cost of feeding our resident animals and those in foster care. Look at some of our [Hungry Dogs](#) and [Hungry Cats](#)! Please help us feed them by making a monetary deposit to our Pet Food Money Bank today.

All you have to do is click on the PayPal Donate button below for an instant donation. See the next page and page 5 of this issue for more information including other ways to donate to our Pet Food Money Bank. You could also click [HERE](#).

Contributing to the cost of food for our animals is easy to do from the comfort of your own home. You don't have to wear a mask to do it!

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

We are encouraged and grateful for the progress of the vaccination effort in San Miguel and throughout Mexico. However, there is still a long way to go. We must all be patient and continue to be very careful - wearing masks (it's the law, after all), practicing social distancing, and washing hands. The S.P.A.'s protocol restricting visitors and volunteers is still in place. Adoptions and clinic visits require special precautions. Along with you, we are looking forward to the day when our doors will be open to everyone again.

-Megan Gabel, General Director

Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
April	4	5
YTD	9	12

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/6grULRH6Sk

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

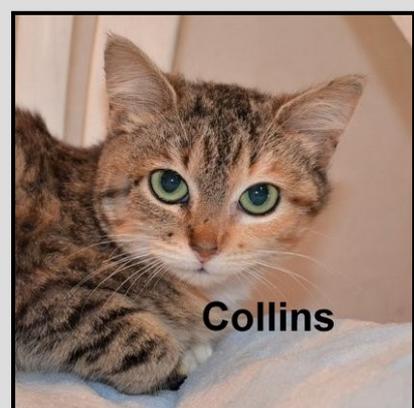
-Checks and cash may also be left at the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7.

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

April Adoptions

Dog adoptions: Star, Luke, Seattle, Tara

Cat adoptions: Nicky, Collins, Bob, Dobby, Duke



[2021 Dog Adoptions](#)

[2021 Cat Adoptions](#)

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May Pets of the Month

By Jayn Corral and Megan Gabel

The S.P.A.'s annual Pet Food Money Bank fundraiser, our only major fundraiser of the year, has started! Our goal: \$250,000 pesos (about \$13,500 USD)—100% will be applied to the cost of food for our resident and foster cats and dogs (an average of 100 in total). For more details, please see <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/pet-food-money-bank> or write info@spasanmiguel.org Please help!

Among those who would benefit from your donation are our Pets of the Month: Kahlua and Floyd (cats) and Nuni and John (dogs). A little over 2 years old, Kahlua is a beautiful multicolored Siamese cat with blue eyes. She is very friendly and sedate. Ten-month-old Floyd is a spunky, curious, and loving little guy. He is quick to greet visitors and loves to sit on laps.



Nuni, about 5-1/2 years old, is a medium-sized, friendly, energetic, and playful dog. She enjoys going for walks and eagerly sits on command for treats. About 1-year-old, John is a bit timid at first, a little cautious before he comes up to be petted, something he ends up liking a lot. He's a very sweet, affectionate dog.

Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during May 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.



The S.P.A.'s Pet Food Money Bank Fundraiser Starts Now!

The S.P.A.'s annual Pet Food Money Bank fundraiser is our only major fundraiser of the year. We know that times are difficult, but we hope that you make a monetary donation to apply to the annual cost of feeding our resident animals like Mango and Ginger.



Mango



Ginger

The S.P.A., San Miguel's only no-kill shelter for dogs and cats, houses a combined average of 100 animals and often has more in foster homes. We provide shelter, care (vaccinations, sterilization, medical care), and food for all of them until they become family companions—no matter how long it takes. Last year, almost 100 cats and dogs were adopted from us. We are proud of our adoption successes, knowing that we are helping to reduce the stray and homeless animal population in San Miguel de Allende.

As our cats and dogs become a part of families, we take in more animals. Some are so malnourished when they arrive that we must give them special supplemental food until they become stronger. Many of our animals, dogs in particular, have been at the S.P.A. for a long time (years). As they age, they require special food. Even some of our younger animals are sometimes on a unique diet. For these reasons, we have had to switch some of our residents from our regular, economy-priced food to other options. Because animals do not adjust well to changes in diet and we lack sufficient storage space, we need to raise money to cover the annual cost of feeding our cats and dogs, rather than seek donations of food.

The goal of this year's Pet Food Money Bank is \$250,000 pesos (about \$13,500 USD), 100% of which will be applied to the annual cost of feeding our family-pets-to-be. Please help us with this basic expense by making a monetary deposit to our Pet Food Money Bank. We rely solely on financial donations to survive and receive no government support. We economize, but need help from our supporters.

PayPal donations to our Pet Food Money Bank may be made by clicking the "Donate" button on the first page of this issue of Paws & Claws. They may also be made online at <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/pet-food-money-bank> or by clicking the "Shop Now" button on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel> Donate by Mexican or U.S. check to "Sociedad Protectora de Animales de San Miguel de Allende, A.C." (full name required) or 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, 415-152-6124 or at any La Conexion location (mark envelope "S.P.A., PMB 18"). Or mail your check 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 USA. Cash donations should be made at our office only (Los Pinos 7).

Questions? Call 415-152-6124 or write info@spasanmiguel.org

Please don't delay, deposit funds today!
We need and appreciate your help. Thank you!

Dulce and Tessie

By Megan Gabel

Dulce and Tessie have a number of things in common. Each is a very beautiful dog. Medium-sized Tessie, a Golden Retriever mix, has sparkling eyes. Medium/large-sized Dulce is a snow-white Lab mix. Each lovingly soaks up affection and readily gives it back to those she knows. Both would be best as the only dog in the home, for different reasons. Each has been an S.P.A. resident since 2013.

Dulce is a great dog! She is very smart and knows how to sit, stay (wait), come, shake (alternating paws on command) and more. She is very loyal, devoted, and protective. When I take her in the back exercise area, she sunbathes, but keeps checking on me, making sure she knows where I am and that I'm okay. She routinely gets up, comes over for a little attention, and then goes back to stretching out in the sun. She's prone to jealousy when another dog is around.

Tessie is lovely. She always sticks her nose out of her casita door when I bring her back from a walk, signaling that she wants some more attention, a little extra, special treatment. I step inside with her and massage her head as she presses her body close to mine. She likes to go on abbreviated walks, more like sniffing excursions than exercise. She often snarls at other dogs for no rhyme or reason, despite my warning to her that the snarling detracts from her extremely good looks.

All in all, both sound delightful, right? So why have they lingered at the S.P.A.? The simple answer is because it is difficult for potential adopters to meet them. Neither one does well with strangers, but each in a different manner. Dulce can be immediately unfriendly to people she doesn't know, but it's not clear which ones will be acceptable to her. In a home, it is unlikely that she will greet visitors by turning over for a belly rub. Tessie is slyer than that. Sometimes she snaps at someone when she is caught off guard. It could be someone who is trying to pet her without any advance warning. Simply reaching over her head could cause her to snap at the person. Thus, with both dogs, it is important to be cautious – to earn their trust and love. You have to be willing to invest in the time it takes for them to get to know you and you to know them. You have to be a smart owner if you decide that Dulce or Tessie is the right one for you.

Are you game? We can introduce you to Dulce and Tessie at the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7, Monday-Saturday, during our adoption hours from 11-2. Of course, you can meet all our cats and dogs during that time as well. See photos, bios, and videos about them on the Adopt Me! pages of our website at www.spasanmiguel.org



Dulce



Tessie

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- Jenn G

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- Helen K

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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.

Comforter, Healer, or Both

By Heidi Wulfers

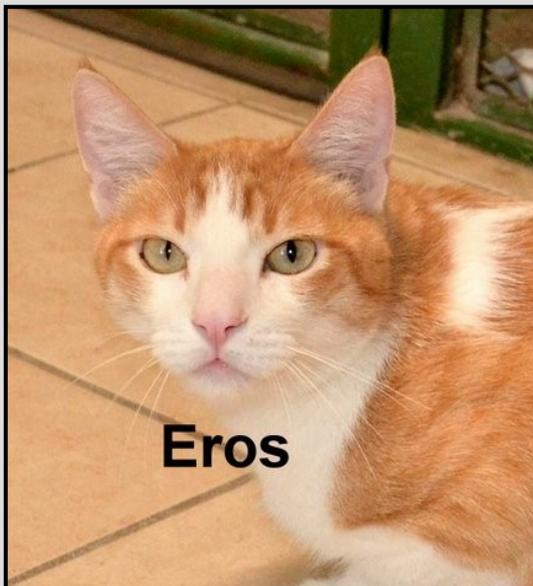
While I have had animals most of my life, I don't recall ever having had a traumatic injury as a pet owner. That changed a few weeks ago. But this story begins back in June.

Like others during this Covid pandemic, to ease our sense of isolation, my husband and I adopted a cat from the S.P.A. named Eros. He was 1-1/2 years old and indeed a charmer, so we kept his name. It fit. Over the last nine months, my husband and I fell head over heels in love with this guy. He has different vocals for different demands. He spoiled us with morning lap sits and enchanted us with his ever-widening exploration of our world. He became the trusted soldier monitoring our perimeter wall, sitting guard all night to ensure we did not come under attack from other furry nighttime prowlers. As all cat owners know, he became master and we, his humble servants, attending to his every whim.

Then I injured myself. The injury was traumatic resulting in seven hours spent in two emergency rooms to stabilize the wound. Surgery was scheduled for the following week. I was understandably in shock, physically and mentally exhausted. I came home and lay down to rest. Suddenly, Eros jumped on my stomach, lay down with his head on my chest next to my splinted arm, and purred. I dozed off and he stayed with me for an hour or more. For two weeks, both before and after the surgery, this behavior continued. The minute I lay down on the sofa or in bed at night, there came Eros to lie with me. I regularly nodded off to sleep feeling comforted by him.

Such a change in dynamics. Instead of us spoiling Eros, he was now taking care of me. After the first post-op review indicated it had been a successful surgery and I was out of danger, Eros's visits became more infrequent. But now I know. Not only is he a love, he is a comforter, and if the scientific literature is to be believed, his purring may actually have assisted me in healing more quickly. I am certain that the comparative ease in which I came through this traumatic event owes a great deal to Eros's comforting, healing touch.

The S.P.A. has other magical cats who will provide comfort to you in a myriad of ways. Hopefully, an emergency like mine won't be when you need to be soothed – just the ups and downs of everyday life, especially during these difficult times. Adoption hours at the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124 are Monday-Saturday, 11-2. See www.spasanmiguel.org for cats and dogs available for adoption.



The Poetry of a Ball Game





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

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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.

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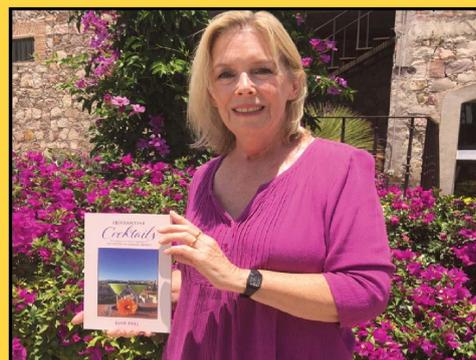
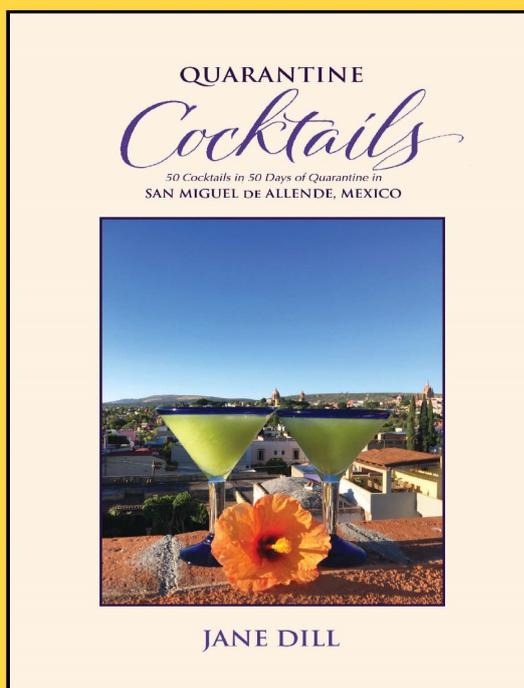
The S.P.A.'s clinic is open! The S.P.A. can meet your pet's needs, from routine preventative care to diagnosis and treatment of problems to surgical procedures and more. We have a well-equipped clinic and offer packages to help you save on vaccinations and sterilization. Under the current circumstances,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

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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.



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

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).

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All T-shirts: donation of 200 pesos each.

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



Rewarding Memberships

Those who know yours truly know that my wife and I are humans that belong to two feline S.P.A. alumni, Carlitos and Ruben. There is no space in our home for dogs, but there is in our hearts. For those of you who share your life and home with canine companions, here’s one for you: “Dogs are our link to paradise. They don't know evil or jealousy or discontent. To sit with a dog on a hillside on a glorious afternoon is to be back in Eden, where doing nothing was not boring--it was peace.”
 – Milan Kundera.

Whether they are dog or cat lovers (or both), we are grateful to **Barbara Johnson** (individual), **Patti Rickard** (individual), **Nancy Meckstroth** (individual), **Susan Rall** (individual), **Deanna Randall** (individual), and **Lori Rubin** and **Richard Bayer** (family) for renewing their S.P.A. memberships. We could not 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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