

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



January 2021`



# Paws & Claws

HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED

## From the Director

Happy 2021! Thank you for all that you did to help the S.P.A. during 2020. We ended the year with some very good news—we were able to take full advantage of the offer from anonymous donors to match new donations through December 31 up to a total of \$2,500!

We appreciate and need your continued support during 2021. You make it possible for us to provide food, care, and shelter for an average of 100 animals (combined total of cats and dogs) while they wait to be adopted. We are hopeful that as 2021 progresses, we will be able to invite you back as volunteers. Volunteers help socialize our animals and minimize their fear of strangers, making it easier for them to adjust to a new family.

Please take advantage of our clinic services for your pets. The S.P.A.'s on-site clinic and our full-time veterinarian, Dr. Omar Córdova, offer lower-cost, high-quality health care for your pets. Tuesdays and Thursdays are discount days at the S.P.A.'s clinic. We stay open later (until 4) and the vet's consultation fee plus most vaccinations are reduced on those days.

We also have packages to reduce the cost for providing full protection for your cherished cats and dogs. Please see our website [HERE](#) for details about what the various packages include.

Surely 2021 will be a better year for all of us than 2020. Meanwhile, wear your mask, practice social distancing, and stay safe and well!

-Megan Gabel, General Director

## Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
December	3	1
2020 Total	46	51

### Clinic/Office Hours:

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

### Adoptions, Visits, Volunteers:

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](http://www.spasanmiguel.org)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel](https://www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel)

Donate and support our fundraisers: [www.spasanmiguel.org/fundraisers](http://www.spasanmiguel.org/fundraisers)

(Donate-Sponsor a Casita-Become a Member-Remembrance Tree Leaf)

Dogs available for adoption: [www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-dogs/](http://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-dogs/)

Cats available for adoption: [www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-cats/](http://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-cats/)

Membership questions: [MembershipSPA@gmail.com](mailto:MembershipSPA@gmail.com)

Casita questions: [SPACasita@gmail.com](mailto:SPACasita@gmail.com)

Foster questions: [SPAFosters@gmail.com](mailto:SPAFosters@gmail.com)

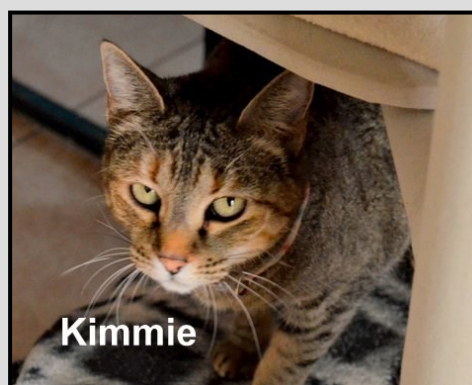
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**Donate**

## December Adoptions

December dog adoptions: Rocky, Cookie, Emma

December cat adoptions: Kimmie



[2021 Dog Adoptions](#)

[2021 Cat Adoptions](#)

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

## January Pets of the Month

By Jayn Corral and Megan Gabel

Almost 1-1/2 years old, Onyx is an elegant, petite black and white tuxedo sweetheart. She arrived at the S.P.A. with her four one-day-old babies, all now adopted. She is confident, loves people, and gets along well with other cats. Remy, a beautiful 8-month-old tabby, has adapted really well to the S.P.A. and has made lots of friends with people and his roommates. He loves to play and sit on laps. He is a cheerful boy. Both of these beauties will bring their new families lots of love and happiness.

Luke and Butch, medium/large dogs, are affectionate sweethearts. About 1-1/2 years old, Luke is a serial kisser – friendly with a constantly wagging tail. Butch, about 1 year old, can be a little nervous around strangers at first, but give him a chance to get to know you and he's Mr. Friendly. Both boys are handsome, strong, active, and curious, enjoy going for a walk, and are eager for attention.

Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during January and receive a free adoption kit. Preview all our animals at [www.spasanmiguel.org](http://www.spasanmiguel.org) (Adopt Me pages) and meet them at the S.P.A., Los Pinos #7, Monday-Saturday between 11 and 2, 415-152-6124.





## Will They Ever Have a Home?

By Megan Gabel

Tessie has been at the S.P.A. since 2013. Now about 8 years old, she is still a beautiful, medium-sized Golden Retriever mix with sparkling eyes. She knows how to sit on command and is happy to do so, especially for a treat. She loves to cuddle and get attention and walks easily on a leash, although she likes to stop and sniff a lot when she's outside. So, why is she still at the S.P.A.?

Zeus began his life at the S.P.A. in 2016 when he was only 6 days old. He was adopted a few months later and returned to the S.P.A. nine months after that. Something very wrong happened to him while he was in his adopted home. We believe he was kept tied up in a separate room because his owners were afraid to introduce him to their new baby. Since returning, he spends much of his time spinning circles in a cage and barking for attention. However, he loves going on a walk. He adores getting attention from those he knows and will cuddle endlessly. So why is he still at the S.P.A.?

The answer to these questions is because we cannot show them for adoption to strangers. We don't know how they will react. A few years ago, Tessie snapped at a possible adopter who tried to pet her when going over her head. She still occasionally snaps at people she doesn't know. When inside the S.P.A., Zeus barks feverously at strangers who try to approach him or to whom we are trying to introduce him. These two are wonderful dogs, but their options are limited. We hope that one day people will take the time to get to know and understand them and be willing to shower them with love in their own homes.

Until then, Tessie and Zeus are safe at the S.P.A. We will provide food, care, shelter and love to them for as long as it takes or as long as they live, whichever comes first.

Thank you for helping us help them!





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## **THANK YOU, ROSS MACDONALD, FOR HELPING THE S.P.A.!**

Waiving or reducing the normal fee for delivery service available through MacDonald Services ([www.macdonald-services.com/](http://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](http://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.**

## Will They Ever Have a Home?

By Jayn Corral

Nadia has been at the S.P.A. since November 2017. Now about four years old, she is a beautiful gray and almost pink tabby/calico girl with a fun personality. She is one of the first cats to greet volunteers and enjoys their company. She loves to play with her toys and with her best feline friends. So why has she spent her entire life at the S.P.A.?

Sheridan has only been at the S.P.A. since September 2020. She is a lovely black and white tuxedo two-year-old that enjoys lounging in the sun overlooking the puppies. She loves to spend time with human visitors and is comforted by their presence. Occasionally she will play with a toy or with another cat. So why is her future bleak for finding a forever home?

The answer to these questions is because they will require that perfect, special (rare) adopter. Nadia is extremely selective about whom she lets into her life. She was adopted once, but after a week, the adopter brought her back, stating, "I think she hates me!" I understood because Nadia has, on several occasions, attacked a new cat as it was introduced into "Nadia's territory." She gladly accepts some cats, yet emphatically rejects others. We don't know why or how she determines her friends or her enemies.

I am afraid that Sheridan is facing a long stay at the S.P.A., which is sad because she is very unhappy. She obviously had a family and home at some time in her past. This drastic change in her circumstances has overwhelmed and confused her. While she likes human attention, she does very little to entice an adopter.

These are great cats, but their options are limited. We hope one day people will take the time to get to know and understand them and be willing to shower them with love in their own homes.

Until then, Nadia and Sheridan are safe at the S.P.A. We will provide food, care, shelter and love to them for as long as it takes or as long as they live, whichever comes first.

Thank you for helping us help them!





## Will They Ever Have a Home?

By Megan Gabel and Jayn Corral

It's hard to believe that Lola has been at the S.P.A. for 7 years. Medium-sized and beautiful, she is a bundle of happy energy. She's playful, affectionate, and as sweet as can be. She gets so excited when receiving attention that she can barely stand still, but does, and then she sits and offers you her paw. A moment later, she'll crawl into your lap for some extra cuddling. So, why is she still at the S.P.A.?

Kahlua has been at the S.P.A. since mid-September 2020. She is a stunningly beautiful two-year-old Siamese-type girl with gorgeous markings and bright blue eyes. She gets along well with people and other cats. She especially enjoys sitting on a shelf with her best feline friend and sitting on laps of volunteers. She is very docile and uncomplicated. So why is she likely to spend a very long time at the S.P.A.?

The answer to these questions is simple. Lola's behavior described above happens only if she knows you. She transforms from a sweetheart to an aggressive, barking dog who works at scaring strangers away. This obviously impedes our ability to show her for an adoption. Kahlua takes the opposite approach, preferring to be invisible, hiding in dark places. She does nothing to encourage potential adopters to consider her. She obviously had a loving family at some time in her past. She is very depressed and confused by her new circumstances. Although she is loved and well-cared-for at the S.P.A., this does not replace the home and life she once knew.

These are wonderful animals, but their options are limited. We hope that one day people will take the time to get to know and understand them and be willing to shower them with love in their own homes.

Until then, Lola and Kahlua are safe at the S.P.A. We will provide food, care, shelter and love to them for as long as it takes or as long as they live, whichever comes first.

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**Lola**



**Kahlua**

## The Poetry of a Unique Friendship







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Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124

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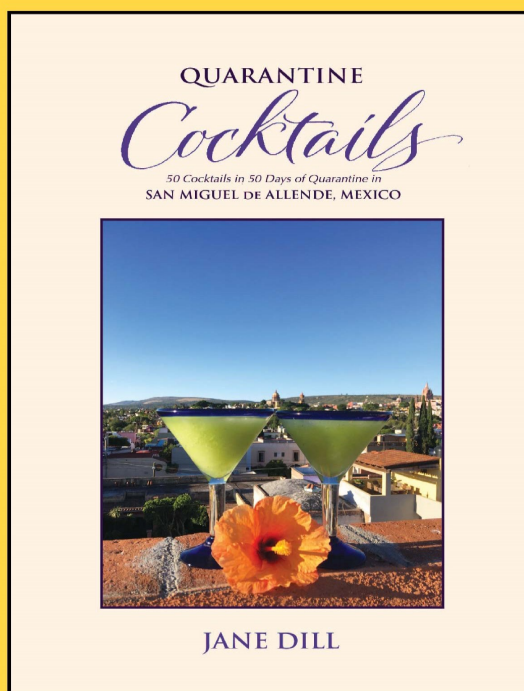
**The S.P.A.'s clinic is open!** The S.P.A. can meet your pet's needs, from routine preventative care to diagnosis and treatment of problems to surgical procedures and more. We have a well-equipped clinic and offer packages to help you save on vaccinations and sterilization. Under the current circumstances,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

**NOW ON SALE!**

## QUARANTINE COCKTAILS

*50 Cocktails in 50 Days of Quarantine in  
SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE, MEXICO*



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:  
[www.janedill.com/cocktails](http://www.janedill.com/cocktails)

## 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!



**The Remembrance Tree** exists in a prominent position, right at the inside entrance to the S.P.A. It is a permanent, beautiful, and impressive eight-foot copper-colored structure with branches containing leaves for honoring a departed pet.

Volunteer **Jane Dill** of Jane Dill Design ([www.janedill.com](http://www.janedill.com)) (thank you, Jane!) inscribes on a leaf the pet's name, the owner's name, and a personal message, if desired. The one-time cost of each permanent leaf is \$100 US (or peso equivalent).

To purchase a leaf or learn more, please email: [SPARemembranceTree@gmail.com](mailto:SPARemembranceTree@gmail.com)



## 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](mailto:SPACasita@gmail.com)  
Questions? Call the S.P.A. office: 415-152-6124

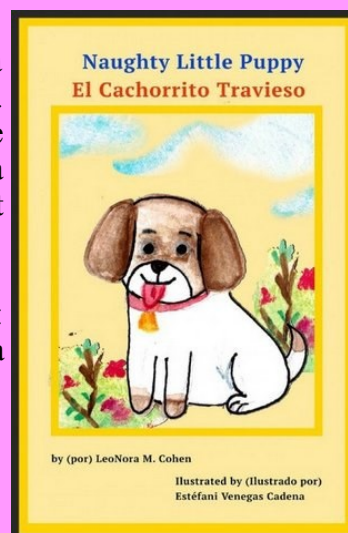
\* or peso equivalent

## 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](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.





## 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/](http://www.spasanmiguel.org/members/) (via PayPal) or in our office.

Please email [MembershipSPA@gmail.com](mailto: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! 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).

**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

With vaccines on the way, we still need to stay diligent. The return of “normal life” seems closer though and we should be grateful for the life that will return, the ones we have now, and the animals we share them with. Naturalist John Muir said: “Any glimpse into the life of an animal quickens our own and makes it so much larger and better in every way.” I couldn’t agree more.

We are happy to welcome **Michael** and **Barbara Hennings** (family) as our newest S.P.A. members! Welcome aboard and thanks for joining us! We also want to thank **David** and **Carolyn Morgan** (family), **Jim** and **Joey LeNeve** (family), **Carl** and **Emily Severinsen** (family), **Bob** and **Nancy Sylvor** (family), **Jim** and **Kim Samis** (family), and **Dic** and **Kathy Simandl** (family) for renewing their memberships. 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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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