

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



January 2023

Paws & Claws

HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED



From the Director

Happy 2023! Let's hope for a better, safer, and easier year than the past few years have been.

We are grateful for your help and support during 2022! 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! Because of you, we are able to continue to provide food, care, and shelter for our cats and dogs (about 100 in all) while they wait to be adopted.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Volunteering for the S.P.A. is very rewarding—mentally, emotionally, and physically. We tend to bond with our cats and dogs and get to know their personalities and quirks. Dog walking has the added benefit of helping you get into shape. How about making 2023 the year you become more involved with the S.P.A.? We are looking for volunteers to spend time with our cats and to walk and socialize our dogs. In an abundance of caution, we still have safety restrictions in place, but they won't impact your ability to enjoy your time with our animals.

Also, we are looking for additional board members. The S.P.A. is run by a very active and involved board of directors—all volunteers. Please think about what you might have to offer to help us manage the S.P.A. Being bilingual would be extremely useful, but not necessary. Being creative thinkers and animal-lovers are good characteristics. Time commitment varies, depending upon involvement and projects. Board meetings are once a month by Facebook Messenger. Please write info@spasanmiguel.org for more information.

-Megan Gabel, General Director

Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
December	3	0
TOTAL 2022	26	39

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/6grULRHi6Sk

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

Donate

December Adoptions

Dog adoptions: Ruby, Maggie, Grace

Cat adoptions: No cat adoptions for the month of December



[2022 Dog Adoptions](#)

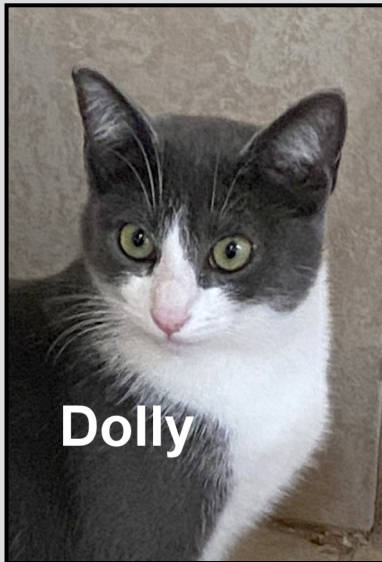
[2022 Cat Adoptions](#)

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

January Pets of the Month

By Jayn Corral and Megan Gabel

Our first set of Pets of the Month for 2023 are Dolly and David (cats) and Annie and Dexter (dogs).



Dolly

Dolly and her brother, David, now almost one year old, have been at the S.P.A. since July 2022. Dolly is a beautiful gray and white sweetheart and David is a handsome black and white tuxedo. They love to play with each other and toys, but both are unhappy in their communal living situation and are distrustful of humans.

It would be best for them to be adopted together since they are so bonded. Once they feel safe in their new home, we feel confident that, with patience and understanding, their new family will help them to become loving pets



David



Annie

Annie is bubbly, excited, happy, and eager for attention and a nice walk. About 2 years old, she's a beautiful, small/medium sized sweet girl who loves to cuddle and give a ton of enthusiastic kisses in return.

In contrast, meet Dexter, a very low-key, calm, medium-sized boy. He's curious, patient, and a tiny bit reserved when meeting someone new. Despite his previous life on chains, he is a nice, sweet boy with a somewhat vulnerable look on

his handsome face that makes you want to give him the love and attention he deserves.



Dexter

Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during January 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.

Happy New Year! We wish each of you a wonderful 2023!

Lolita and Butch, Good Neighbors

By Megan Gabel

Let me tell you about two of our dogs who benefitted from your donations to the S.P.A. Lolita and Butch have been neighbors at the S.P.A. for a couple of years, meaning their casitas are next to each other. Their backgrounds are quite different.

Butch has been at the S.P.A. since he was a mere baby – only 2 weeks old.



Butch

He is now 3 years old. Look at how he's changed! The only life that Butch has known has been at the S.P.A.



Baby Butch

A large boy, Butch is strong, active, and athletic. He has a very gentle mouth. Give him a treat and he practically gums it off your hand. He likes most other dogs and is happy, enthusiastic, and sweet. Sometimes, he's shy. It takes a little while for him to get used to a new person when the object is to adopt him. However, a new volunteer can easily take him for a walk. Go figure.

Lolita, on the other hand, spent the first 1-1/2 years of her life in a home. She came to the S.P.A. because her owners' circumstances changed and they could no longer take care of her. Fortunately, we had space at the time. She is also now 3 years old.

Medium-sized, slender Lolita is a lovely, smart dog. She stares deeply in your eyes when you talk to her, one-on-one, ready to give kisses. 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. She is easy to walk on leash, especially if an unfamiliar dog does not cross her path. She's easy to be with – soothing, not intrusive, undemanding, sweet.



Lolita

Meet Lolita and Butch at the S.P.A. any day, Monday-Saturday, 11-2, Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124 (masks required). Either would be a wonderful addition to your family. 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.



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

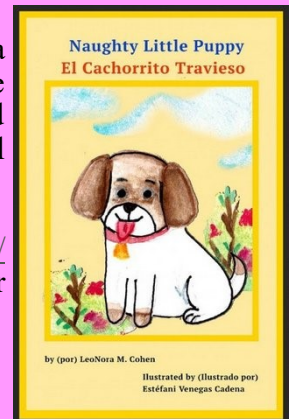
* or peso equivalent

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

Naughty Little Puppy (El 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.

New Year's Dreams and Resolutions

By Jayn Corral

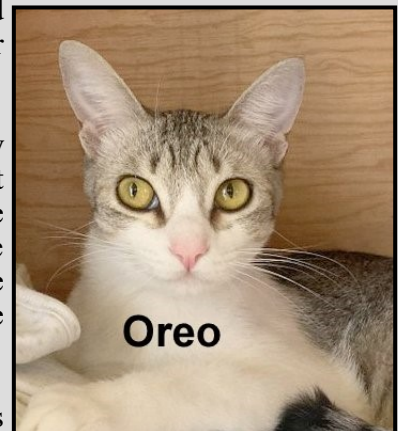
Did you know that the cats at the S.P.A. have been very good this year to ensure that their names are on the “nice list,” so that their dreams of a new home come true? A new year is upon us as many of us ponder, implement, or quickly abandon our resolutions. Even as the calendar turns the page from the Christmas season to introduce a new year, our cats have not forgotten nor given up on their dreams. They are a patient bunch and always hopeful for a future with the perfect loving family. If you have considered adopting a shelter cat, now is the time to make adopting a shelter cat your New Year's resolution. While our cats are the lucky ones who receive shelter, food, love, and medical care with us at the S.P.A., communal living in a shelter can be challenging for their wellbeing.

Eva has a complex, expressive personality making her a joy to spend time with. Originally defiant, she is now our “Eva the Diva” who expects her food to be served to her at her lounging spot and loves to be carried around on our shoulders. Once she claims her spot on a human lap, the other cats know it will be a while before it is their turn. This gorgeous calico is almost three years old and would make the perfect pet for someone wanting to dote on her and have her return the love.



Ginger used to be offish with people, but she has really come around so that now she loves to play, be petted, and especially loves her treats. Ginger is also a beautiful calico, now about two years old, and has spent her entire life at the S.P.A. She would love to have her own home where she knows she is loved and safe. She would do well as a single pet or with another cat for company.

Oreo is Ginger's brother. He is a grey tabby and white big boy, now about two years old. He was “the perfect” cat according to all the volunteers and was highly recommended for adoption. But when he was adopted, it just wasn't the right fit, so he is back at the S.P.A. He is not as happy as he was earlier, and I am sure he will again be “the perfect” cat when he finds the perfect home of his dreams.



Robin came to the S.P.A. over two years ago with her brother, Batman, when they were three years old, having been surrendered when their owner passed away suddenly from Covid. Batman was soon adopted leaving Robin alone and worried about her future. She was leery of people but gradually learned to trust and even love people. Now Robin is one of the happiest cats to see volunteers and would spend many hours on their laps if only she didn't have to share with other cats. She is a wonderful, soulful black and white tuxedo with a distinctive crooked tail from an earlier untreated injury. She would be so grateful to have her dream of living with a loving family and another cat to comfort her come true.

Make it your New Year's resolution to adopt any one of the wonderful, deserving cats that desperately need and deserve loving, caring homes. Please make their dreams come true in this new year. Each adoption creates more space for other deserving cats.

The Poetry of an Enduring Friendship



Apollo & Lola



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

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11 AM—2 PM

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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).



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!



Martin

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

As 2022 closes and 2023 arrives, it's pretty common to make new "resolutions" to dedicate ourselves to. Sometimes it's about creating healthier habits like dropping a few pounds, eating better, and exercising more. Sometimes it's about being better people and treating others with kindness, understanding, and compassion. I am a fan of all of these and will try to do better on all in 2023. My other resolution? To get on the floor and play with our cats more. How about you?

The S.P.A. would like to thank **Nancy and Bob Sylvor** (family), **Jim LeNeve and Joey Santori** (family), **Kim and Steve Duty** (family), **Kim and Jim Samis** (family), **Kathy and Richard Simandl** (family), **Harriet Chester** (individual), **Michelle McGowan and Dieter Storr** (family) for renewing their memberships. Welcome new member **Elizabeth Hanes** (individual). We certainly 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.**

***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!

Advertise in Paws & Claws and reach a large audience of animal lovers and consumers. Our rates are reasonable and our readership is large. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

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Preferred Providers: ask about our 15% discount.
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