

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



March 2023

Paws & Claws

HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED



From the Director

OUR DENTAL SPECIAL IS EXTENDED THROUGH MARCH: Improve your pet's dental health (by removing plaque and tartar) and overall health, quality of life, and general well-being by making an appointment for a dental cleaning. Now through March, our normal price of 700-1,000 pesos for teeth cleaning (cats and dogs) is reduced by 20% (includes anesthetic and professional cleaning with ultrasonic scaler/polisher). Take advantage of this very popular special offer by calling 415-152-6124 for an appointment!

CLINIC DISCOUNT DAYS: Did you know that Tuesdays and Saturdays are discount days at the S.P.A. clinic? Every week our vet's consultation fee is reduced on those days and some vaccinations are reduced as well. Those are good days to schedule an appointment for your cat or dog!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: We are looking for volunteers to spend time with our cats and to walk and socialize our dogs. Volunteering for the S.P.A. is very rewarding—mentally, emotionally, and physically. 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. For more information and to set up the required volunteer interview, please write info@spasanmiguel.org

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. 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
February	2	2
YTD	4	2

Clinic/Office Hours:

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

Adoptions & Volunteer* Hours:

Mon - Sat: 11am - 2pm
Masks required.

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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.

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February Adoptions

Dog adoptions: Lulu, Reggie

Cat adoptions: Salem, Max



Lulu



Reggie



Max



Salem



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March Pets of the Month

By Megan Gabel and Jayn Corral

Medium-sized, Sierra, about 1-1/2 years old, is a beautiful dog with an animated personality. She is very eager to go for a walk and does well on a leash. She loves getting attention and is very friendly to people and other dogs. A German Shepherd mix, Sierra is a climber so needs to be in a home with a high wall.

Nina, about 2-1/2 years old, is a very sweet, understated dog who loves to cuddle. She has hauntingly beautiful golden eyes and gazes at you intently. She is calm and friendly and gets along well with people and other dogs. The S.P.A. rescued both Sierra and Nina from Canine Control, the city's kill shelter.

Now about 8 months old, Luca and Luke are almost identical twins with all white coats and orange tips on their ears, noses and tails. They rely on each other and are very bonded. We'd love to see them adopted together. They are both happy, curious, well-behaved cuties who enjoy playing with toys and their roommates and being loved by the volunteers. Luca is the lap sitter of the two.

Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during March 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.



Sierra



Nina



Luke



Luca

S.P.A. Playmates

By Megan Gabel

S.P.A. dogs run and play together in groups in exercise areas at the S.P.A. This happens 3 times a day for about 45 minutes each time. Determining which dogs should be members of each playgroup is a big decision. It hinges upon the location of each dog's casita and the size and temperament of each dog. For about 1-1/2 days, a new dog does not mix with the rest of the dogs in the group. This gives them all a chance to adapt to the smells of their new friends. The first time a group is changed by the addition of a new dog, our three workers accompany them and monitor their interaction to make sure that trouble is not brewing.

Tessie's playgroup is comprised of Tessie, Frankie, Annie, Blondie, Clara, and Sammy. Most are small/medium-sized and each has a different personality. They range in age from a year old (Sammy) to about 10 (Tessie). When it's their turn to play, they, like almost all the dogs at the S.P.A., eagerly join the pack. Luckily, they seem to get along well together while they are in their dog exercise area.

Blondie is the latest addition to this group. She is about 3-1/2 years old and a sweet, gentle, playful dog. As evidenced by her instant attachment to us, we feel certain she will be a loyal and devoted pet, likely a Velcro honey-bun. She craves attention and lets you know that she would like to be with you.

About 1-1/2 years old, Clara is a small/medium-sized beauty, friendly and sweet. She likes to go for a walk on leash. She's easy and doesn't pull. She'll happily sit on the curb with you so she can soak in some love.

Sammy was recently added to Tessie's group. Small/medium-sized, but still growing, Sammy is full of spunk and energy. He is eager to go for a walk and enjoys playing and getting attention. According to our men, when he first went out with his new group, he kept trying to engage Clara in play. He apparently was annoying her which she didn't hesitate to let him know. We gradually integrated Sammy into the group and now he and Clara and the rest get along just fine.

Meet Tessie and her playgroup at the S.P.A. any day, Monday-Saturday, 11-2, Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124 (masks required). Each 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.



Changes for the Better

By Jayn Corral

Changed circumstances cause stress in animals just like they do in people. We have all experienced changes that are happy events filled with anticipation and excitement while others are steeped in sadness and despair. How do cats handle change? Just as change can be challenging for us, it can also be extremely unsettling and disruptive for cats. As cats linger at the S.P.A. it often becomes more stressful for them to transition to a home. Some cats adjust more easily than others and the patience of new owners can play a significant role.

Saved from having been thrown away in the trash, Max, Marco, and Morris arrived at the S.P.A. in September 2022 at just eight weeks old, barely old enough to be without their mother. They were underweight and in poor health. With lots of tender care and medical attention, they are now spunky, full of fun, and as happy as can be. They are the perfect age to move on to their forever homes.



Marco, a handsome black and white tuxedo with white paws and whiskers, is the leader of the family. "My Little Mo" as I call Morris, was the smallest and weakest of them all. He was determined to get better so he could enjoy a full, fun life. Now, he loves to climb and to play, play, play. This orange little creature stole my heart with his resolve. Each of them will give their new family many hours of fun and entertainment. Max, with a more contemplative personality, also loves to play. He is a beautiful Siamese-type, happy boy—he has been adopted!.

The volunteers and staff at the S.P.A. provide a comfortable environment, love, and a predictable routine while our cats are in our care. As a no-kill shelter, the S.P.A. is an interim answer until the animals are adopted or become long-term residents, which means we must limit how many deserving cats we can accept. Only with adoptions do we have space to accept new animals in need of our services.

The new year is a perfect time to commit to changing the lives of the cats of San Miguel for the better. Controlling overpopulation and keeping cats healthy help to prevent abuse and tragic deaths. The best way to do this is by sterilizing as many cats as possible and vaccinating them. The S.P.A. clinic offers a kitten package which includes sterilization and vaccinations at a reduced price. See this page of our website for more information. <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/clinic-services> There are several organizations in San Miguel that offer free or low-cost sterilization events. We need to educate pet owners and encourage them to take advantage of these opportunities to help.

Adoption hours at the S.P.A., Los Pinos #7, are Monday-Saturday between 11 and 2, 415-152-6124 (masks required). Our adoption fee is 600 pesos. 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/>





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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

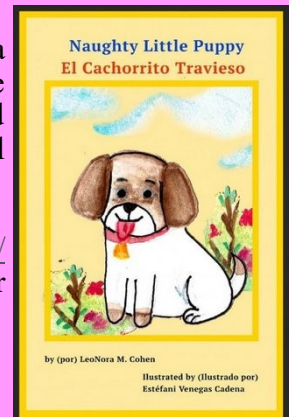
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Royalties from Children's Book Will Be Donated to the S.P.A.!

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.



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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.

Rescuing a Cat or Dog—a Big Responsibility

By Megan Gabel

You've rescued a cat or dog—now what? It's a dilemma. The S.P.A. is frequently contacted by people who have rescued an animal with the plan of dropping that cat or dog off at the S.P.A. Often, people contact us to solicit our help to pick up an abandoned or stray animal and bring the animal to the S.P.A. The S.P.A. is a shelter. It is not a rescue organization. We do not have the manpower or space to go out and rescue an animal, let alone automatically admit the animal in need to the S.P.A. What people don't seem to realize is that the S.P.A. has finite space and waiting lists which move very slowly, particularly for dogs. They also don't realize that we do not have the ability or staff to do the rescuing ourselves.

There are rescue organizations and individual rescuers in San Miguel—quite a few, as a matter of fact. It appears that all of them are stretched to capacity. While they might have the manpower to rescue a cat or dog, they have no place to keep the animal until they can find her a home. Many of the rescued cats and dogs need veterinary attention and the rescuers do not have the funds to handle that expense, let alone cover the cost of feeding all these needy animals. Even if an animal is healthy, there is the cost of vaccinations and sterilization to cover. Rescuers aim to find homes for their cats and dogs, but not all of them are feasibly adoptable due to health, age, and/or temperament.

The key, of course, to handling this horrendous problem is sterilization of cats and dogs. That is really the only way to get overpopulation under control. Several SMA organizations sponsor sterilization blitzes. The S.P.A. clinic offers packages for kittens, puppies, and adult dogs that include vaccinations and sterilization at a reduced price. Details are here: <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/clinic-services>

So that brings us full circle—what should you do if you rescue a cat or dog that has now become your responsibility? For sure, call the S.P.A. (415-152-6124) to take advantage of our waiting lists. Your position on the list has to be renewed every month so we know that you still have the animal. If you don't renew timely, we will assume that you have found a home for the animal and the animal will be removed from the list. Lolita, Dulce, and Smoky made it to the S.P.A. because they were on our waiting list.



Lolita



Dulce



Smoky

Protect your rescue by providing shelter for the cat or dog. Make sure your rescue is healthy by taking the cat or dog to a vet for a checkup. Once healthy, take care of vaccinating and sterilizing your rescue.

Find your rescue a home. Contact individual rescues and other organizations to see if they can help. Post on their Facebook pages (we can send you a partial list if you email info@spasanmiguel.org) using multiple photos and details about the animal including where you found her. Join the Civil List (<https://groups.io/g/CivilSMA1>) and post there. Ask neighbors if they are interested in adoption or know of someone who might be interested. Adoptions are very slow in San Miguel, but don't get discouraged. Post repeatedly.

In the meantime, socialize your rescue as best as you can. For dogs, work on teaching your dog some basic obedience skills. Taking these steps will make your rescue more attractive to adopters.

If having your rescue in a home creates a problem with your landlord, there are boarding facilities available. Also, see if friends can help you with easing the housing situation.

Before allowing your rescue to be adopted, carefully screen any potential adopter. Follow up with home visits. Make sure your rescue is going to a safe environment and protected from abuse. By choosing to help save a dog or cat, you have undertaken a big responsibility. Thank you!

The Poetry of Fine Dining





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(discount days)
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By appointment is best.

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(Front)



(Back)

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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!



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%

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Hours: Monday-Saturday 9am-6pm

General Surgery - 10%, X-Rays & Ultrasounds 10%, Hospitalization - 10%, Medications - 10%,
Vaccinations - 10%

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EL DESPACHO - Las Moras #13 - Colonia Guadiana - Ph. 415-154-7195

Hours: Monday-Saturday 9am-3pm; 5pm-8pm

Food - 5-10%

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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

There is nothing like the unconditional love of a pet. Kit Darling, infection control coordinator at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, has spent years studying the human-animal bond. The relationship pet owners form with their animals can be emotional, psychological, and physical, according to Darling. Pets can help decrease loneliness, and relieve stress and anxiety. Know someone who could use some unconditional love? Tell them to come by the S.P.A. during adoption hours and find the love they are looking for.

The S.P.A. would like to thank **Irene** and **Gregory Diamant** (family) and **Lynn** and **Steven Weisberg** (family) for renewing their memberships. Also, we would like to welcome the **Daniel Neuspiel** family to the S.P.A. as our newest members. Welcome, and thank you all for your support! 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.**

***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. 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.

***Look for us in our weekly online column in the Atencion!** Check it out [HERE!](#)

EDITOR: Harry Burrus

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