

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



June 2024

# Paws & Claws

HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED



## From the Director

**We're raising money for food for our animals and we need help!**

Our Pet Food Money Bank fundraiser is our big fundraiser of the year. Our 2024 goal is \$250,000 pesos (about \$15,500 USD), 100% of which will be applied to our annual cost of feeding our animals. The current exchange rate makes it more difficult.

When you peruse this issue and see photos of some of our cats and dogs, hopefully they will inspire you to take advantage of this opportunity to help provide food for these sweet, lovely animals. For an instant donation, click the "donate" button below or on our website. For more information including how to donate, please see page 2 of this issue, see <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/pet-food-money-bank>, call 415-152-6124, or write [info@spasanmiguel.org](mailto:info@spasanmiguel.org)

**EXCITING NEWS:** Families in the U.S. continue to want to adopt Mexican dogs. There is a new NGO in town called Rosey's Wish. It provides support to homeless dog shelters in SMA with food, medical supplies, sterilization services, and adoption assistance. Joe Howell, a dog angel, has partnered with Rosey's Wish to take 15 SMA dogs by bus to Iowa in July. Rosey's Wish is putting together a list of the lucky 15 which will include at least 1 dog from the S.P.A., hopefully Frankie and Bubble. Help support their efforts by clicking here: <https://gofund.me/81db018b>



Frankie

-Megan Gabel, General Director

## Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
May	4	0
YTD	14	6

### Clinic/Office Hours:

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

### Adoptions, Visits, Volunteers:

Dogs: Mon - Sat: 11am - 2pm  
Cats: Mon - Sat: 11:30am - 2pm

Los Pinos 7, Col. Lindavista  
San Miguel de Allende,  
GTO 37736 Mexico  
Ph: 415-152-61

### 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)

Instagram: [www.instagram.com/spa.sma/](https://www.instagram.com/spa.sma/)

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

(Donate-Sponsor a Casita-Become a Member)

Volunteer Info: [www.spasanmiguel.org/volunteer](http://www.spasanmiguel.org/volunteer)

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)

See what your donation dollars and pesos support: [youtu.be/6grULRH6Sk](https://youtu.be/6grULRH6Sk)

**Donate**



## PET FOOD MONEY BANK

Don't Delay—Deposit Pesos and Dollars Today



**The S.P.A. has a many as 100 mouths to feed!**

- We are the oldest 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 50 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 / \$15,500 USD***

### How to Contribute to the Pet Food Money Bank

-online at [www.spasanmiguel.org](http://www.spasanmiguel.org) ("Donate" button on any page) or [www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel](https://www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel) ("Shop on Website" 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.

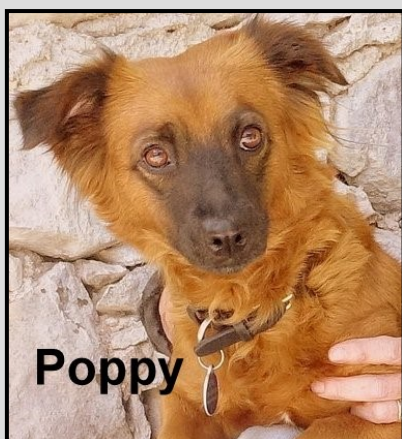
**\*\*Please call 415-152-6124 or write [info@spasanmiguel.org](mailto:info@spasanmiguel.org) for more info\*\***



## May Adoptions

Dog adoptions: Flora, Juanito, Felix, Poppy

Cat adoptions: No adoptions



[2024 Dog Adoptions](#)

[2024 Cat Adoptions](#)

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

## June Pets of the Month

By Megan Gabel

Zander is a beautiful, cat-show-quality tabby. He is also an adorable, curious, and playful cat who loves to be around people.

A gorgeous calico, Ginger relishes chasing the laser pointer light. She is very shy, but allows petting and will play when she doesn't have to compete with others.



Sammy, about 1-1/2 years old, is a small/medium-sized nice-looking dog. He is full of spunk and energy. He is eager to go for a walk and enjoys playing and getting attention. Rescued by the S.P.A. from Canine Control, he is safe with us as he waits for his forever homes.

Medium-sized Pammy, about 4 years old, is gradually learning to go for a walk on the street and to comfortably meet new people. She is playful, affectionate, very energetic, and spirited. She runs like a gazelle on her way to the dog exercise area to play with her neighbors.



Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during June and receive a free adoption kit. Meet them and all our available cats and dogs at the S.P.A., Los Pinos #7, Monday-Saturday between 11 and 2, 415-152-6124. You can preview all our dogs here: <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-dogs/> and our cats here: <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-cats/>. Clicking on the animal's photo will take you to another page with a bigger photo, a bio, and, for dogs, a video.



## New Dogs at the S.P.A.!

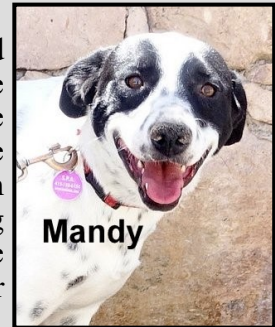
By Megan Gabel

The S.P.A. has just welcomed nine new dogs - different sizes, ages, and personalities! Let me tell you about these wonderful dogs.



**Maria**

Maria and Mandy are 2-1/2-year-old, medium-sized sisters. They are lovely girls, gentle, friendly to people and other dogs, affectionate cuddlers. Maria is more subdued and has less black spots while Mandy is the extrovert with markings over most of her body. Both girls have healthy soft coats, lively eyes, and are loving and friendly; always excited to spend time with the volunteers and one another - walking, playing or offering hugs and kisses.



**Mandy**



**Manzana**

Manzana, about 2-1/2, and Nina, about 2, have become best friends. They share a casita and love to go on walks. A little scared of the big street, Manzana insists that Nina accompanies her; little Nina is definitely the leader on their joint walk. They are bouncy, curious, happy, adorable little girls who welcome playtime and getting affection.



**Nina**



**Baxter**

We rescued Baxter and Selena from Canine Control, the City's kill shelter. About 2 years old, Baxter is a happy fella! His tail is constantly wagging, signaling that he is eager for some love and attention which he is happy to reciprocate. Small/medium-sized, he's a really nice dog. What a happy girl Selena is! About 3 years old. She is a small/medium-sized beauty, full of kisses and love! A calm girl, she gets along well with people and other dogs. She enjoys going for a walk and does well on a leash.

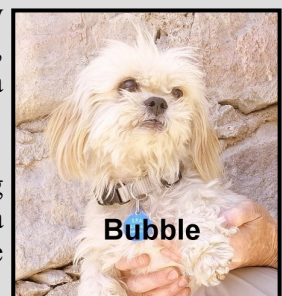


**Selena**



**Moka**

About a year old, Moka had been left tied to a tree, abandoned. We were happy to have space to offer her a safe haven. She is a very friendly, happy, energetic girl who absolutely loves retrieving a tennis ball and bring it back for more, eager for the next toss. She can even catch a ball on a fly.



**Bubble**

Tiny Bubble, about 5 years old, was found running along a highway - no way to leave him behind. He is a cute little guy, friendly and understated. His favorite thing? Getting his belly rubbed.



**Champ**

Champ is a quiet, lanky boy about 4-1/2 years old. He is very low key. He slowly ambles along on a walk, stopping often to sniff and receive reassurance. He is a clam, sensitive, and sweet-natured boy who has learned to trust people again and relates very well to our volunteers.

If you are looking to add to your family, please come and meet these new dogs (and all our cats and dogs) and give them a chance at a new life.

## We've Got a Cat for That!

By Debbie Campbell

Are you considering adopting a cat? We have a wide range of feline companions for you to meet - and one could be just right for you! If you are looking for a cat who will sit contentedly on your lap while you are binge-watching your favorite show, then Ritz is the cat for you. She's a willowy beauty who is still very playful, but delights in companionship.



**Ritz**



**Surfer Boy**

If you prefer cats on the frisky side, meet Surfer Boy. He is a lanky tangerine tabby who loves to chase toys one minute and loll on your lap the next. He's still a juvenile, so many years of fun await.

Zander is our most handsome cat. He has amber-colored eyes, a perfect tabby coat, and snowy white paws. He's a bit aloof, but he secretly loves humans and would enjoy being the center of your attention.

We have two tuxedos for your consideration: Vanderbilt and Robin. Vanderbilt looks like he's been on the losing side of a playground scuffle, but he is fastidious and has excellent manners. He's been at the shelter for most of his life. It would be wonderful if he could live out his days in comfort.

Robin is the epitome of resilience. Despite her rough past, she's the most affectionate cat at the shelter. The hole in her ear and her kinky tail tell a story of survival, but her heart is full of love and she always seeks a warm lap for her daily cuddle.



**Robin**



**Sandy**

If you want a cat with a sparkling personality, you'll be smitten with Sandy. She is a diminutive, orange beauty who will love you deeply but doesn't like to be fussed over. She's still developing, but is an independent, vocal, and engaging young lady.

Aluxe and Xel-Ha, a pair of sisters, would delight in being adopted together. These two arrived at the S.P.A. as kittens many years ago. They have had a comfortable life with us, but why not give these easy-going, affectionate felines the chance to live out their golden years in a forever home?

If you are up for a challenge - we have a handful of cats who want to be loved, but need to be in a caring home where they are the only pet. Dolly, David, Ginger, and Sara are all beautiful, healthy adults, and they will become delightful companions with some patience and gentle coaxing.

If you are looking for a stunning Russian-Blue-type, perhaps you can turn Corinna into a housecat! She is beautiful - but unapproachable. Do you have the magic touch? She needs to be in a quiet environment where, with patience, she just might come in from the cold.

We have several more cats that just might steal your heart. Please come and meet them during adoption hours, Monday-Friday, 11:30-2, Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124.

Please help us raise money to apply to the annual cost of feeding them and all our cat and dogs. The goal of our Pet Food Money Bank fundraiser is \$250,000 pesos or \$15,500 USD. For more information and to donate, see <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/pet-food-money-bank>





## 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

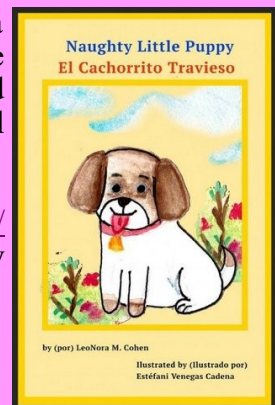
\* or peso equivalent

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

*Naughty Little Puppy (El 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](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.



## Did you know that:

- the S.P.A. has been around since 1980 and is the oldest no-kill shelter for cats and dogs in San Miguel?
- we house / foster as many as 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.**

## The Poetry of a Power Nap







**Sociedad Protectora de Animales**  
Los Pinos 7; 415-152-6124

Adoptions, Visits, and  
Volunteers  
Mon.-Sat.  
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.*

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



## 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 9-2; 4-7. Saturday 9-2.

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 9-2; Saturday 9-12.

Consultations – 10%

**MVZ MICHAEL KRONISH** - Salida a Celaya #57 - Ph. 415-185-8185; 415-109-9957

Hours: Monday-Friday 9-6:30; Saturday 9-2.

Consultations - 10%, Routine Vaccinations - 5%, Spaying/Neutering - 5%

**MVZ ALMA RUTH MIRANDA** - Stirling Dickinson #27 - Ph. 415-152-2341

Hours: Monday-Saturday 9-6. Discounts apply to cash only.

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

### RETAILERS AND GROOMERS

**DUSTY PUPPIES** - Guardiania #17A – Colonia Guadiana – Ph. 415-154- 4555

Hours: Monday-Friday 10-6.

Bath, grooming, teeth cleaning & nail clipping - 5% (cash only),

**XOLOSPA** - Calle Refugio #2-1A Col. San Antonio - Ph. 415 100 4405

Hours: Monday-Friday 10-2, 4-6:30; Saturday 9:30-2:30.

XoloSpa is operated by one woman specializing in small to medium dogs.

All grooming services including nail clipping - 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.

**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.

*Please call 415-152-6124 for an appointment with our terrific vet,*

*Dr. Omar Córdova.*



## Rewarding Memberships

Do you personally know any animal lovers who are aware of your love of the S.P.A., but are not members? Have you ever asked them to support our cause? Does that sound “uncomfortable”? Emily Collins of GlobalGiving said: “Some of the most incredible people raising money for projects on GlobalGiving don’t work for nonprofits. They’re people like you who are passionate about a cause and want to raise money from their friends and family to support it.” You don’t have to ask them to give to you. Consider referring them to our website to become a member or “virtually adopt” one of our beloved residents. We (and the residents) would be grateful.

The S.P.A. is grateful to **Joyce Gibson** (individual), and **Rena Cochlin** (individual) 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

**\*Visit the S.P.A.** Get a guided tour of the S.P.A. Sign up to volunteer, walk a dog and get fit at the same time, and cuddle with our dogs and cats. .

**\*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. 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.

**\*Follow us on Instagram** at [www.instagram.com/spa.sma/](http://www.instagram.com/spa.sma/) Chock full of fun photos and bios of our animals and all sorts of useful information.

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It would be great to hear from you!

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3 monthly issues	500 MXN	450 MXN	375 MXN
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