

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



December 2024

# Paws & Claws

HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED



## From the Director

**Happy Holidays!** Thanks to anonymous donors, all new donations to the S.P.A. through the end of the year up to a total of \$2,500 USD will be matched! Please help us take full advantage of this generous offer to double contributions through December 31, 2024. Our sweet (and not-so-sweet) cats and dogs need YOU. Esther, her family, and Champ, highlighted on page 2 of this issue, could not have made it without your support.

Helping the S.P.A. is a great way to make the gift-giver, gift-recipient, and the S.P.A. feel happy! Give a donation "In Honor Of" Christmas, New Year's, Chanukah, Dia de Reyes, birthdays, anniversaries, and just the joy of living. Let us know the occasion and we'll send timely notice to the honoree of your gift to the S.P.A. For an instant donation through PayPal, click the "Donate" button below. Other methods for donating are described on page 3 of this issue and on our website [HERE](#).

As our moto states, our goal is to provide hope, health, and homes for cats and dogs in need. The S.P.A. relies on donations from generous souls in this community and elsewhere (including the U.S. and Canada). Every penny/centavo you contribute will be used for the benefit of the cats and dogs sheltered at the S.P.A. who are waiting to become a part of loving families. There is never a shortage of homeless, needy animals for your donations to help.

We wish you all a wonderful holiday season and best wishes for a terrific 2025!

-Megan Gabel, General Director

## Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
November	1	1
YTD	31	26

### Clinic/Office Hours:

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

### Adoptions, Visits, Volunteer:

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

Los Pinos 7, Col. Lindavista  
San Miguel de Allende,  
GTO 37736 Mexico  
Ph: 415-152-6124

### 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)

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**

## Now Is Your Chance to Join Us in Saving Cats and Dogs!

If you find an abandoned dog or cat in San Miguel de Allende, you can count on the Sociedad Protectora de Animales (S.P.A.) for assistance and advice. The S.P.A. is the oldest no-kill shelter in San Miguel. Everyone knows that for more than 44 years, we have been committed to maintaining a refuge for animals who can't ask for help themselves. Our volunteers help socialize them and prepare them for a life away from the S.P.A. in a home. Thanks to donations from our supporters, our well-respected non-profit organization shelters and finds homes for many of our resident cats and dogs each year. Our on-site clinic and skilled and caring veterinarian provide veterinary services to the public and lower-income families as well as our resident animals. None of this could happen without the financial help we receive from donations.

It is a great time to donate to the S.P.A. **Now, through the end of the year, all new donations to the S.P.A. up to a total of \$2,500 USD will be MATCHED!!** Any amount you choose will help us continue our work and achieve our goals. All funds received will be used to benefit our animals.

Donations make it possible for us to care for animals like Esther, her three kittens, and Champ.



Three newborn kittens were abandoned at the S.P.A. The likelihood of them surviving without a mother was slim. It turned out that their mom had been frightened away by a dog in the waiting area of the S.P.A. After we found her, she was so happy to be reunited with her babies. Because we were full at the S.P.A. at that time, our next obstacle was to figure out where to house this family. No foster was available. Miraculously, a woman showed up at the S.P.A.'s doorstep that same day, asking if she could help by fostering a cat. We asked how she felt about fostering a mother cat and three tiny ones and she said yes! Problem resolved. In a few weeks, Esther, and her three sons, Elliot, Eduardo, and Enrique, will be sterilized, vaccinated, and available for adoption.

Champ was an owner surrender or more like an owner giving up on a dog he had adopted as a three-month-old puppy and kept for four years. Upon arrival at the S.P.A. the second time, Champ was a hulking, growling, frightening dog who couldn't be touched. Cautiously, one of our workers moved him to our isolation area while we tried to figure out what to do with him. It took him many weeks to decompress as we worked with him daily. Facing him in isolation made him hide. When I sat with my back to him and tossed treats behind me, he cautiously moved forward to take a treat as long as I didn't turn around. Days later, I sat on steps about 25 feet away and tossed treats to the front of his isolation cage.



For the first time, he came out of the isolation cage and moved to get the treats, but then scurried back to safety. There came a time when he walked up to where I was sitting. I was able to put a collar on him and took a few steps towards the clinic where, more days later, he ultimately was finally examined by the vet. Later, he took a few steps to the street. Still later, a walk on the street.

He now has dog friends at the S.P.A. and easily goes for walks, loping slowly like a lion. He's a volunteer favorite because he is sweet, gentle, and very easy to walk. What a transformation!



## Join Us in Saving Cats and Dogs!

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These are just two examples of what we face every day, year round. We have many tales of animals in need and how the S.P.A. comes to their rescue. Thanks to our hardworking volunteers and staff combined with ever-important donations from supporters like you, we have countless happy endings.

**PLEASE HELP US CONTINUE TO HELP THEM AND ALL OUR RESIDENT CATS AND DOGS BY DONATING TO THE S.P.A.!** Our major expenses are food, medications, vaccines, and litter for our shelter animals; clinic medical supplies, lab costs, and equipment; facility maintenance; cleaning costs for our population of dogs and cats; office supplies; and salaries for our small staff. We do not receive any government assistance. It takes the ongoing support of our animal-loving donors to keep us in operation. The cost of caring for all of our animals and the beloved pets of our clients typically **exceeds \$2 million pesos per year.**

Thank you for becoming a part of our effort to provide a refuge for cats and dogs.

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**PAY BY CHECK (enclose completed form with payment):**

- Pay by Mexican or U.S. check to **Sociedad Protectora de Animales de San Miguel de Allende, A.C.** (the full name is required or the bank will not accept the check); or
- Pay by 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, Col. Lindavista, San Miguel de Allende (phone: 415-152-6124); or
- At any La Conexion location (mark envelope "S.P.A., PMB 18").

Or your check may be mailed 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 U.S.A.

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\*\*At [www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel](http://www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel): Click the "Shop on Website" button, at the top of page.

\*\*At <https://www.spasanmiguel.org>: Click the "Donate" button at the top of any page. Click "Donate with PayPal" and login to PayPal to complete the donation. You may also choose to donate using a debit or credit card; then follow the directions to create a PayPal account. Please note that it appears that the only way to donate using a credit card is through a PayPal account.

**BY CASH:** Please bring cash donations to the S.P.A., Los Pinos #7.

For directions, call 415-152-6124.

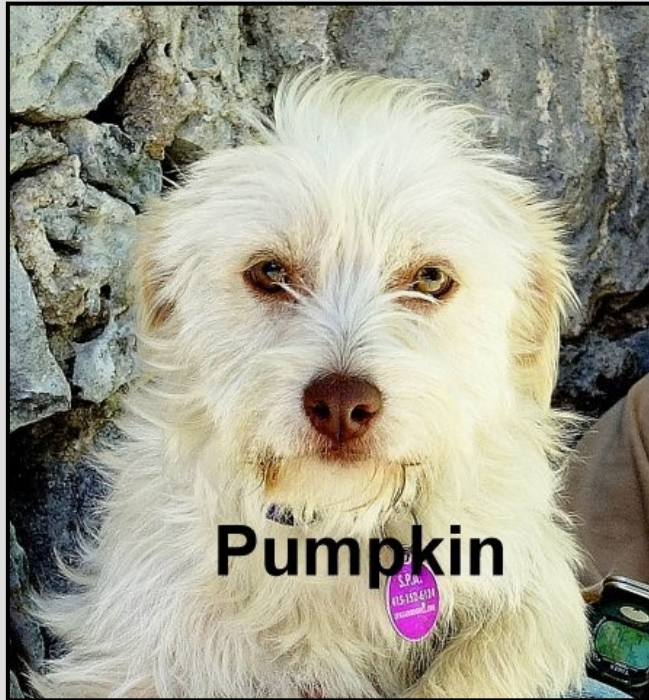
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## NovemberAdoptions

Dog adoptions: Pumpkin

Cat adoptions: Gaby



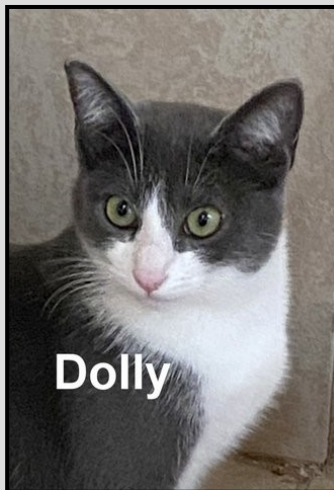
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**December 2024 Pets of the Month****By Megan Gabel**

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. They are doing better nowadays and seem to be getting along with other S.P.A. cat residents. They no longer spend their days hiding from the world. David is very shy, but allows petting and appreciates being near people. Dolly is inquisitive and her beautiful green eyes take in everything. They are a little over 2-1/2 years old.

**Dolly****David**

Now about 1 year old, Sergio is a small dog who sometimes takes a few minutes to get to know you before his tail starts wagging incessantly and he moves in to get some petting. He is a very happy, enthusiastic boy who loves to go for a walk. He is a champion tennis ball fetcher. He never tires of retrieving a ball.

**Sergio****Selena**

Selena is a small/medium-sized beauty, full of kisses and love. About 3-1/2 years old, she is a calm girl who gets along well with people and other dogs. She is one of our easiest dogs to walk on leash and she looks forward to her turn to venture outside.

Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during December 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.



## The Poetry of a Cat Nap

