

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



March 2020



Paws & Claws

HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED

From the Director

S.P.A. DOGS TO HOMES IN THE U.S.A. AND CANADA: Thanks to Tammy Belden, Mocha, Latte, Dipper, Stella, and Snowflake are in homes in the U.S. with only Maple still waiting for her forever home there. Thanks to Teenie Gibson, Abby and Sophie now have loving homes in Canada. We are extremely grateful to these S.P.A. dog volunteers for their devotion to S.P.A. dogs and giving them these opportunities

DENTAL SPECIAL EXTENDED THROUGH MARCH: Due to popular demand, we have extended our dental cleaning special through the entire month of March. See the ad on page 6 for details. Did you know that Tuesdays and Saturdays are discount days at the S.P.A. clinic? Those are good days to schedule a consultation!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Randy Hummel has been spearheading membership for several years now. He has done a fantastic job, but he's ready to pass the mantle to another volunteer. Please consider helping the S.P.A. by handling memberships. You don't have to be in San Miguel to do it! It requires sending renewal reminders, thank you notes, updating the membership list, etc. Knowledge of Microsoft Outlook and Mail Merge are helpful. If you would like more information, please email info@spasanmiguel.org

JOB OPENING: We are also looking for a full-time veterinary assistant-a paid position. Please see page 9 for more information.

Thank you for your support! -Megan Gabel, General Director

Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
February	3	5
YTD	15	8

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

Facebook: www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel

Donate-Sponsor a Casita-Become a Member-Remembrance Tree Leaf:

www.spasanmiguel.org/fundraisers

Volunteer Info: www.spasanmiguel.org/volunteer/

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Cats available for adoption: www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-cats/

Membership questions: MembershipSPA@gmail.com

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See what your donation dollars and pesos support: youtu.be/6grULRH6Sk

Donate

February Adoptions

February dog adoptions: Tex, Cooper, Spot

February cat adoptions: Regis, Rusty, Sammy, Jazz, Kiki



Abby & Sophie's first sniff of Canadian soil.



Upon meeting them, the woman in charge of the shelter wrote: "These 2 are the best dogs I have ever met. The most gentle sweet fun outgoing yet calm . Absolutely amazing . Thank you. "

Both were adopted within a short time!



[2020 Dog Adoptions](#)

[2020 Cat Adoptions](#)

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March Pets of the Month**By Jayn Corral and Megan Gabel****Jerry****Larissa**

Jerry, almost 2 years old, is a spunky and entertaining large, sleek tabby. Frisky, fun, and affectionate, he has a mind of his own and is full of surprises. Larissa, just over a year old, is a black and white beauty with longish fur. Her personality is as (or more) beautiful as her coat. Very loveable and social, she enjoys being petted and sitting on laps.

**Fina**

Fina, about 2 years old, is a medium-sized beauty. She likes people and other dogs, enjoys going for a walk, and is very playful. Spot was a March Pet of the Month, but he was just adopted!

Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during March and receive a free adoption kit. Preview all our animals at 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.

Why I Love Older Pets

By Heidi Wulfers

As one of seven children growing up in a college town in Northeastern Ohio, I came to know and love many kinds of animals. My parents encouraged each of us to take in pets for our own, not only for the pleasure they brought, but as a way to teach responsibility. Thus we had a menagerie: dogs, cats, fish, canaries, ducks, hamsters, white mice, and a horse! My mother drew the line at boa constrictors!

I moved away from Ohio in 1974, and away from pet ownership, when I went off to university, and then to a life overseas. Animals just didn't fit the world I was in.

Fast forward to 2000. I returned to the U.S., bought a home, and prepared to raise two young boys of 6 and 9 years of age. Imagine! The thought of introducing a sense of responsibility to the next generation loomed large. In quick succession, we adopted a 5-year-old breeder cat who had been put out to pasture when her breeding days were over. Then we adopted a 4-year-old hound dog who had been taken away from her owners by court order due to neglect. To fill out the family we adopted a 1-year-old orange kitty who had been rescued with her sisters from a dumpster. Our home was filled with animals and the special joy they bring. They did not immediately love one another, but over time became companionable and we all coexisted happily.

Fast forward to 2019. My boys are grown and in exciting faraway places. Our furry family have gone, one by one, to the rainbow bridge. So what now? Now I volunteer at the S.P.A. here in San Miguel. And what wonderful loving special animals are here.

It seems many who come to the S.P.A. wanting to adopt desire the young ones. Understandably. They are so sweet, and so cute! But I must say, there are some amazing, AMAZING, dogs and cats of a more mature age whom one can adopt. Xel-Ha and Trinidad are two cats that come to mind.

There are so many advantages to taking an older pet into one's home. No potty training required! No clawing furniture or climbing curtains or eating shoes! A special bond is formed when older pets are adopted. They know they have been well and truly rescued and give and give and give. I know this from personal experience.

The S.P.A. is located at Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124. Adoption hours are Monday-Saturday, 11-2.



Trinidad



Xel-Ha

Planning for Your Pet's Future

By Megan Gabel

A lovely couple came to the S.P.A. the other day to adopt a dog. They already had 2 dogs and 3 cats, but their third dog had recently died and they wanted to complete their family. The couple was probably in their late sixties, early seventies. When considering their options, they were looking at younger dogs. I asked them what plans they had made for their pets should something happen to them. The woman asked, in surprise, "You mean if I die?" And I said, "Yes." She said that they hadn't thought about that.

How many times have you read a post about a dog or cat who has become homeless because of the death of the owner? Luckily, people in the community seem to rally around to try to help and find a new home for the formerly beloved pet, but that's not so easy to do.

My husband and I have made arrangements for someone to look after our dog if something happens to us. That person has a key to our house and contact information for someone in the States who also has a key to our house and will come to San Miguel to get our dog. Their information is posted on a bulletin board in our house. We have provided each with details about our dog – who our vet is – what food she eats and when – where the food is in our house and other matters that are important to our dog's daily routine. We are members of the 24 Hour Association and have included in our paperwork the fact that we have a dog and who to contact if something happens to us.

What have you done? No matter what your age, if you own pets, isn't it time you considered their future? How about setting up a tag team to take care of your animals should something happen to you, permanently or temporarily? Make it even easier by providing detailed instructions about your pet's needs.

Also, please consider adopting an older dog or cat, one that you have a better chance of outliving than a puppy or kitten. At the S.P.A., Nube, now almost 8 years old, is a beautiful, medium-large, spry and playful dog. She's affectionate, but not demanding, and loves to go for a walk. Miny, a little over 6 years old, is large, playful, curious, friendly, very sweet, and just adorable. She needs coaxing to go for a walk and would be happy in a home where she could be by your side and give you all the attention you want. Meet them at the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124, Monday-Saturday, 11-2.



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Thunder

By Harry Burrus

When lightning strikes a cloud, creating thunder, the dark cloud often has a chocolate sheen, an iridescence, emblematic of Thunder's fur coat. Thunder's a three and a half-year-old black lab mix. When I approach her casita, Thunder's metronome tail rocks a lively tempo. I sense her velvety smile. I pick up my pace to greet her. This charmer is eager for some togetherness; so am I. She makes me feel good because she appreciates the attention and values my being with her. Plato said there is not a selfless act. Indeed, my giving attention to Thunder which is greatly treasured by her gives me pleasure when I see how happy she is. A win, win. We head out.

As we stroll, she takes in the sights and absorbs a medley of smells. She stops and chews grass. I don't rush her. This is her time. She feels like munching a green salad. Fine. An observant lass, she knows who is on the sidewalk and street. She demonstrates equanimity until her inner filter reacts to something she deems upsetting. Then she barks. She may lunge and give a shout out if it's a dog she finds disagreeable or a person with a cane or an umbrella or a woman carrying an enshrouded baby. She responds to my "Leave It" and "No." After she has shared her feelings about these encroachers, we resume our walk as though nothing happened. Hey, we didn't encounter anything.

I've discussed her lineage which goes back further than the 1800s in Newfoundland and on to England. She's a good listener. Hearing this information, her ears elevate. It is an attention grabber. She acts genuinely fascinated by this data. She looks at me, her ears still up. I add to our chat that a distant lab relative, King Buck, was on a postage stamp in 1959. Her eyes sparkle, impressed.

As you're having your morning coffee at home or at an SMA café and pondering what adventure to go on for the day, consider indulging yourself and making the acquaintance of an S.P.A. animal by volunteering. Like Socrates's pupil, Plato, your performance will most likely make you feel good about yourself. Be selfless. Come to the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124, for a treat. Our adoption/volunteer hours are 11-2, Monday-Saturday.





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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 Extending Lives (www.extendinglivesmexico.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.

The Poetry of Awareness



S.P.A. Veterinary Assistant Job Opening

The S.P.A. is looking for a full-time veterinary assistant. This paid position requires working Monday-Saturday, a minimum of 38 basic hours per week. Candidates must be bilingual, mature, and responsible. Prior experience is helpful, but not necessary. Loving animals and being willing to learn are important qualities. Must be qualified to work in Mexico.

Duties include assisting our vet in treating patients (cats and dogs), scheduling S.P.A. animals for vaccinations and sterilization, updating animals' records, and organizing the clinic and its supplies. The applicant must be comfortable and capable in the handling and restraint of all types of dogs and cats and capable of maintaining very clean and sanitary conditions at all times. Punctuality and reliability are essential.

If interested, please email info@spasanmiguel.org or drop off your CV at the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7, San Miguel de Allende. Please provide details about you, your skills, your background, and your current and past work experience.



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By appointment is best.

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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 vet, Dr. Omar Córdova.

The S.P.A. Needs YOU! Volunteer NOW!!

If you love cats and dogs and can spare some time, we would love to have you come and volunteer! Volunteer hours are Monday-Saturday from 11-2. If you are interested, please come to the S.P.A. during that time and Christina will show you the ropes. The cats and dogs eagerly look forward to your visit!



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) (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



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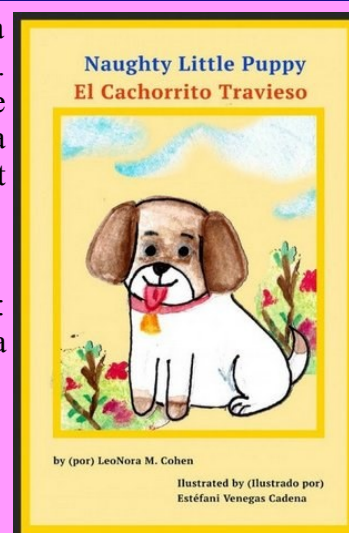
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Royalties from Children's Book Will Be Donated to the S.P.A.!

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 - 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

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Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-2pm; 4pm-7pm Saturday 9am-2pm

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Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-2pm; Saturday 9am-12 noon.

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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 (400 pesos for cats and 450 pesos for dogs). 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.



At the Organic Market Saturday, March 14

In addition to the S.P.A. T-shirts and caps pictured below:



Check out our range of T-shirts & caps for both cat and dog lovers.

Unisex T-shirts come in 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!

All T-shirts are 200 pesos each.



(Front)



(Back)



Women's T-shirts are available in red, white, or black (S, M., L. and XL).

Men's T-shirts come in white or black (M, L, XL, and XXL).

Caps are available in red, black or khaki for a donation of 150 pesos each.

Pick up one for yourself, a family member, and as a terrific present: Available at the S.P.A. and at the S.P.A.'s Organic Market's table — **Saturday, March 14, 2020.**



Rewarding Memberships

Hello Animal Lovers...my favorite kind of people. I hope you are having a wonderful winter. If you are like me, you look forward to the blooming of the Jacarandas and, at the same time, cringe a little at the approach of the afternoon heat of April and May. That's a small inconvenience though and always makes me grateful for interior rooms that don't receive direct sunlight and afternoon siestas.

Speaking of being grateful, we at the S.P.A. would like to thank **Stephen and Sue Smith Weideman** (family), **Willie Williams** and **John MacLeod** (family), **Britt Zaist** and **Henry Vermillion** (family), and **Karen Hafer** (individual) for renewing their memberships. Your ongoing support means so much to us and the animals in our care. 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 and \$50 USD minimum 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.** Look around, sign up to volunteer, walk a dog and get fit at the same time, and cuddle with puppies, cats, and kittens. Monday-Saturday, 11am-2pm, at Los Pinos #7, Colonia Lindavista, 415-152-6124.

***Come to the S.P.A.'s table at the Organic Market – Saturday, March 14 at Ancha de San Antonio 123, from 9 to 3:00** (lower level, turn right). We have beautiful and unique hand-crafted items, perfect for cat and dog lovers, and S.P.A. T-shirts and caps. We welcome donations to the S.P.A. at our table and we're happy to answer your questions about our shelter.

***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.

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
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