



June 2021

Paws & Claws



HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED

From the Director

**BREAKING NEWS: ANONYMOUS DONORS
WILL MATCH ALL DONATIONS TO THE
S.P.A.'S PET FOOD MONEY BANK
THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021 UP TO A TOTAL
OF 2,000 USD!!**

Now is a great time to donate to our Pet Food Money Bank! All funds received will apply to the annual cost of feeding our resident and foster cats and dogs (an average of 100 in all). Our goal: \$250,000 pesos (about \$13,500 USD). Let's take full advantage of the chance to double June donations!

Please help us with this basic expense by making a monetary deposit to our Pet Food Money Bank. Because animals do not adjust well to changes in diet and we lack sufficient storage space, we need to cover the cost of feeding our cats and dogs what they're used to eating rather than asking for donations of food. We do not receive any government support and rely upon your donations to help us cover this basic expense.

To donate instantly via PayPal, please click the donate button below. For more information, please see the next page of this issue, check our website [HERE](#), call our office at 415-152-6124, or write info@spasanmiguel.org.

Don't delay-deposit today and have your donation matched!!!

Thank you!

-Megan Gabel, General Director

Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
May	0	5
YTD	9	17

Clinic/Office Hours:

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

Adoptions:

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 and support our fundraisers: www.spasanmiguel.org/fundraisers

(Donate-Sponsor a Casita-Become a Member-Remembrance Tree Leaf)

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

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PET FOOD MONEY BANK



Don't Delay—Deposit Pesos and Dollars Today



The S.P.A. has an average of 100 mouths to feed!

- We are the only 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 100 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 / \$13,500 USD

How to Contribute to the Pet Food Money Bank

-online at www.spasanmiquel.org ("Donate" button on any page) or www.facebook.com/spasanmiquel ("Shop Now" 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.

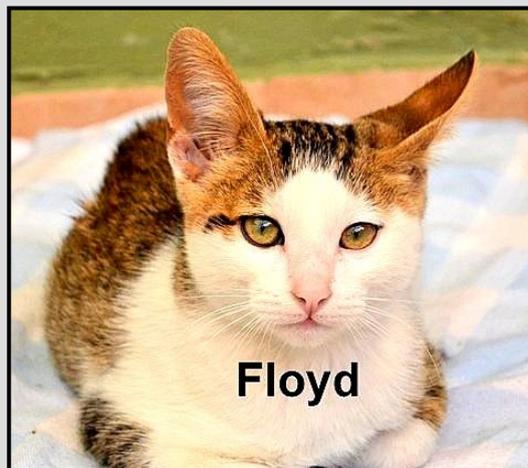
-Checks and cash may also be left at the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7.

Please call 415-152-6124 or write info@spasanmiquel.org for more info

May Adoptions

Dog adoptions: No dog adoptions this month.

Cat adoptions: Floyd, Dusty, Sergio, Ignacio, Isabela



[2021 Dog Adoptions](#)

[2021 Cat Adoptions](#)

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June Pets of the Month

By Megan Gabel and Jayn Corral

Jazmin is a sweet, affectionate, smart dog, eager to please, but very frightened to go for a walk on the street. About 5-1/2 years old, she stretches her medium/large body next to you and presses against your leg so she can be patted.



Miny, about 7 years old and large, is playful, curious, friendly, very sweet, and just adorable. She'll happily go for a walk, but sometimes gets spooked by new sights and sounds.

About 1 year old, Oreo is a sweet tabby with salt and pepper fur. He has a quiet, playful temperament and gets along well with other cats, kittens, and people. He was shy when he was very young, but has now blossomed into a loveable cat.



Ginger, also about 1 year old, is a beautiful calico sweetheart although very reclusive. She gets along well with other cats and kittens and enjoys receiving human attention. She doesn't like to be picked up or forced to do anything that she doesn't want to do. It will take a lot of patience to earn her trust, but she will eventually make it worth it.

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.

Reasonable Expectations When Adopting a Dog – the “Rule of 3” By Megan Gabel

Sometimes when people take a shelter dog home, they don't take into consideration the dog's history or what the dog is going through by being uprooted from what she knows and being thrust into a totally new situation with strangers. Here are some general guidelines for what to expect. Of course, each dog is unique.

At Three Days: Your home could be overwhelming, inspiring the dog to alternatively explore and sniff enthusiastically or withdraw into her shell and sleep a lot simply because it is so much to digest. She won't know what she is supposed to do. Allowed on furniture? Where to eat (not the kitchen trash)? What really are her toys (not your shoe)? Not eating is common. She may not even go to the bathroom or could have diarrhea. These first few days require an immense amount of patience on your part. Remember to relax.

What can you do to help? During the first 3 days, create a safe space for your dog. It could be a crate with an open door, a blanket inside with a few toys, and food and water nearby. It should be off limits to other animals in the house, children, and visitors. Speak softly and patiently to your dog, letting her know that you're there. Sit on the floor – read a book – occasionally calmly talk to her. Maybe throw a small treat in her direction. Don't crowd her. No pressure.

At Three Weeks: Your dog will have a much better understanding of what is expected of her and will understand her new routine. When she is going to be fed – when she'll go for a walk – when and where to go to the bathroom. You'll start to see more of her true personality and less of her initial response – whether that was fear, excitement, stress or a combination of all three. You will have figured out if there are behavioral problems that you need to work on, either by yourself or with professional help. You'll still need to be patient, but things should be a lot easier.

At Three Months: Your dog will finally feel at home. She will know the routine and feel secure both in her environment and with you.

Almost a year ago, we adopted Nube. She had been at the S.P.A. for 8 years. As daily volunteers, we knew her well. Nevertheless, she went through an adjustment period in our home – longer than the guidelines above. Now we're as pleased to have her as she is to have us!



Meet a shelter dog like Gypsy and Buffy at the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124, any day Monday-Saturday. Adoption hours are 11-2. Our dogs (photos and videos) are on our website at <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-dogs> They all deserve a chance to become part of a family.



Better Together

By Jayn Corral

When I searched for some quotes and songs about things being better together, I found almost all the sites related to the human species. This one by author Cassandra Clare seems appropriate to other species as well. I'm talking about cats. She said, "In some ways, we've been through something no one else can ever understand but the two of us. We are always and absolutely better together."

This is so true for Kahlua and Sheridan. They can't tell us what their lives were like before they arrived at the S.P.A. We don't know if they are siblings or not. We don't know anything about their previous lives. All we know is that they lived together with a human family. That ended last September when they were about two years old and surrendered to the S.P.A. to care for them until they could be re-homed.

They were in shock and depressed. They rarely moved from their safe spots and chose not to eat or interact with the strangers in their midst. Over time, a lot of time, Sheridan, a big black and white tuxedo sweetheart, began to get comfortable and move about without being bothered by her roommates. She now is a brave, independent cat and enjoys playing with toys. She understands that her role is to console and support her "sister" Kahlua.

Kahlua, a gorgeous Siamese-type with blue eyes, on the other hand, had been described as being "room decor" rather than a family pet. She just sat on her shelf and didn't move, although she did accept and appreciate human attention. It was only recently that Kahlua joined Sheridan in playing and finding some fun in life. They share space, food, toys, and good times. It is heartwarming to see them as they should be. Well, as good as they can be in a shelter.

We hope you will consider adopting them together. They need that perfect family that will give them a loving, caring, safe home together so they can live out their days as they deserve - because they are better together. S.P.A. adoption hours are Monday-Saturday, 11-2, Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124.



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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 MacDonald Services (www.macdonald-services.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.

Vanderbilt

By Jayn Corral

Do you remember the who-done-it crime show from the 1970's TV show starring Peter Falk as Lieutenant Columbo with the Los Angeles Police Department? The rumpled beige raincoat attired; disheveled homicide detective typically solved murders mysteries after asking "Just one more thing." The S.P.A. has the gato version of Columbo.

Vanderbilt was named for one of the wealthiest families in America in the 1800s. They were of Dutch origin and made their fortune in the shipping and railroad empires operated by Cornelius Vanderbilt.

Our gato Vanderbilt more appropriately should have been named Columbo. He came to the S.P.A. in late September 2017 at the age of one year. He had an odd posture, a short tail, drippy eyes, a messy black and white coat, and a bad attitude. He obviously had a troubled first year of life. His tail and back were broken and never treated. He was in pain and did not tolerate petting. Volunteers learned quickly that it was NOT ok to touch him anywhere other than his head and chin. We warned visitors to be wary of him. In fact, if he decided it was the thing to do, he would run across the room and bite a volunteer in the leg.



He was placed on daily medication to help relieve the pain. Over time, he just opened his mouth to accept the pill. He seemed to be overly groggy from the medicine so, after a while, our veterinarian decided to stop medicating him.

Something wonderful happened to Vanderbilt since he has been at the S.P.A. He loves his S.P.A. home and loves his roommates. He is the first cat to welcome a new resident. He loves to play with others and will approach volunteers when he wants a gentle head and neck massage. Although he still is prone to bite without warning, most of the time it is a soft love bite or a message that it is time to stop.

Columbo, I mean Vanderbilt, is a fun, quirky little fellow with lots of spunk. He may be the perfect companion for the special person, but not for most people. The S.P.A. has many terrific cats that would be a great addition to your family. Remy, Oreo, and Jacinta are wonderful cats. Please check our website (www.spasanmiguel.org) for available cats ready for adoption. Our adoption hours are Monday-Saturday, 11-2 at Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124.



The Poetry of Double Dreaming from Top to Bottom





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

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11 AM—2 PM

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Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri.
9 AM—3 PM
Tuesday & Saturday
(discount days)
9 AM—4 PM
By appointment is best.

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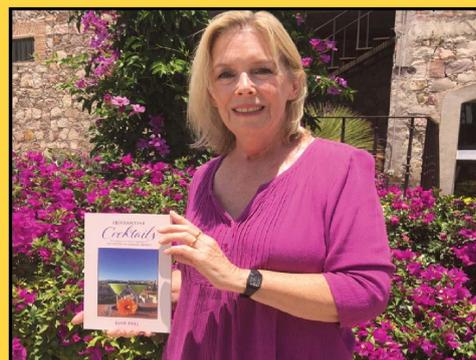
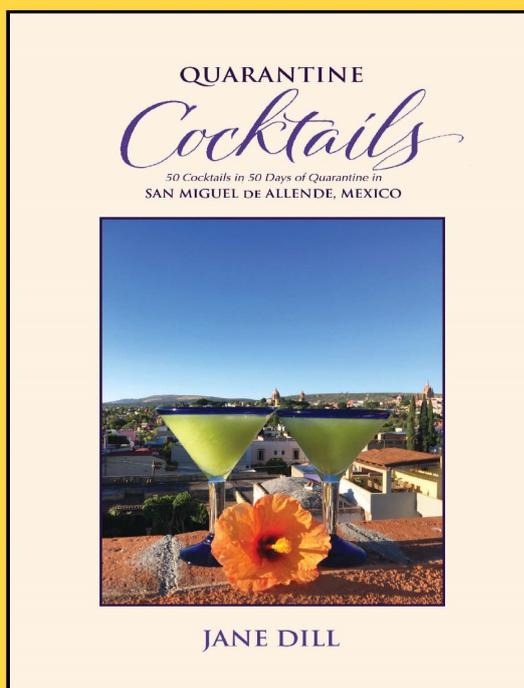
The S.P.A.'s clinic is open! The S.P.A. can meet your pet's needs, from routine preventative care to diagnosis and treatment of problems to surgical procedures and more. We have a well-equipped clinic and offer packages to help you save on vaccinations and sterilization. Under the current circumstances, 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.

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QUARANTINE COCKTAILS

*50 Cocktails in 50 Days of Quarantine in
SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE, MEXICO*



JANE DILL, the S.P.A.'s volunteer calligrapher for the Remembrance Tree (for 8 years) has written a book! **QUARANTINE COCKTAILS** is a collection of 50 cocktails and "mocktails" developed during the lockdown last spring and posted nightly on Facebook. It's "Quarantine Mixology", improvising and having fun with whatever ingredients you have on hand. Also makes a great gift! Available in SMA at the Galería San Francisco at the Fabrica la Aurora.

ORDER HERE for SMA or Amazon/US:
www.janedill.com/cocktails

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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 Questions? Call the S.P.A. office: 415-152-6124

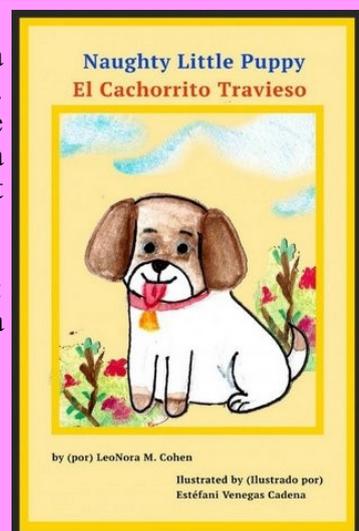
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Royalties from Children's Book Will Be Donated to the S.P.A.!

Naughty Little Puppy (El 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

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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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.



Beautiful Crafts / S.P.A. T-shirts & Caps

Click [HERE](#) to see the Catalogue of Jayn's Crafts AND learn how to place an order for local delivery or pickup (NEW!!). Some examples are shown below. See the catalogue for more!



S.P.A. T-shirts & Caps
Pick up one for yourself, a family member, and as a terrific present!



(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).



Rewarding Memberships

May 2021 has given us a lot to be grateful for. In San Miguel, thousands over 60 have been vaccinated, and now thousands of the 50 to 59 group have received at least one shot. The restaurants and shops of San Miguel are beginning to see business increase. With more people vaccinated, more potential adopters will be visiting the S.P.A. and giving forever homes to some of our cats and dogs. Lastly, all contributions to the S.P.A.’s Pet Food Money Bank fundraiser through June 30 will be matched up to a total of \$2,000 USD. We are grateful for anything you can give. No amount is too large or too small!

Thank you to **Adam Berkowitz** and **Kaley Parsons** (family) for renewing their memberships. We couldn’t do what we do without you and without all of our members.

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

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