

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



February 2023

Paws & Claws

HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED



From the Director



Our fun-loving cats have finally taken off their party hats and the cattery has resumed its calm and quiet demeanor.

The S.P.A.'s very popular dental cleaning special is back for February! On page 9 of this issue, read why you should take advantage of this savings and then call for an appointment today! Those kisses that your pet bestows on you on Valentine's Day will be that much sweeter!

Please take the time to report instances of animal abuse by calling 911. The dispatcher will take the report and forward it to Canine Control personnel, who then will check the situation. Don't give up - be persistent. English-speaking dispatchers are available because of our large expat community. These reports can also be anonymous.

Megan Gabel, General Director

Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
January	2	0
YTD	2	0

Clinic/Office Hours:

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

Adoptions & Volunteer* Hours:

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

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)

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.

Donate

January Adoptions

Dog adoptions: Jett, Oreo

Cat adoptions: No cat adoptions in January



PUT A SMILE ON YOUR PET'S FACE!

Routine and preventative dental care
is vital to your pet's long-term health.



Ultrasonic Dog & Cat Teeth Cleaning

February Special: **20% Discount** (Regularly 700-1,000 pesos)

Please call for an appointment

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[2023 Dog Adoptions](#)

[2022 Cat Adoptions](#)

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Be My Valentine – Our February 2023 Pets of the Month

By Megan Gabel and Jayn Corral

Love is in the air this month and it's no different at the S.P.A. Lulu and Reggie are devoted to each other. They are the best of buds, so much so that they happily share a casita. Both are about 1-1/2 years old, sweet, affectionate, and love to cuddle with each other and people. Lulu is a Schnauzer mix, small and adorable. She and Reggie, a Chihuahua mix, are constantly at play in their shared casita home. They like to go on walks together. It builds their confidence on the street. Lulu prances along the sidewalk and Reggie conducts exploratory sniffs of the surroundings. As you can see in their video (<https://youtu.be/VxC4Er1P4ro>), they have a great time together.



Lulu



Reggie



Salem

Mother/daughter love is highlighted by Salem and Sara. Salem came to the S.P.A. as a new mother with her three babies, one of whom was Sara (the others have been adopted). This beautiful tan-colored girl was a great mom even though she was only ten months old herself at the time. She wins the civic duty award having accepted, nurtured, and saved the life of another kitten. About 1-1/2 years old, she has a perfect demeanor, sweet and loving.



Sara

Sara is Salem's mini-me daughter with identical markings and tan coloring with brilliant gold eyes. She is such a lovely, adventuresome cat, not quite one year old. She is curious, playful, and loving and enjoys playing with her roommates.

Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during February 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.

Calling All S.P.A. Volunteers!

By Megan Gabel

How about making 2023 the year you become more involved with the S.P.A.? Volunteering for the S.P.A. is very rewarding—mentally, emotionally, and physically. We tend to bond with our cats and dogs and get to know their personalities, quirks, and histories. Would you like to know about Aluxe, Sara, Morris, and Zander? Just ask an S.P.A. cat volunteer and you'll get detailed answers along with some smiles and a chuckle or two. How about Smoky and Dulce? Or Pammy and John? What are their backstories? Dog volunteers will be happy to fill you in. Amazing how our abilities to remember affectionately minute details about our animals seem to be enhanced while remembering to do a chore around the house seems to fade away.

Dog walking has the added benefit of helping you get into shape. It's a great way to burn off those holiday calories and increase your stamina. Our goal is to walk each dog every day for about 15-20 minutes. We often try to find a stoop to sit on and give the dog some one-on-one petting attention. They really seem to like that and it warms our hearts to see their reactions.

We would like to have more volunteers to spend time with our cats and to walk and socialize our dogs. 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. If you would like to volunteer, please write info@spasanmiguel.org to set up an interview and make arrangements to start spending some quality time with our cats and/or dogs.

We are also looking for additional board members. The S.P.A. is run by a very active and involved board of directors—all volunteers. We need some new blood! Please think about what you might have to offer to help us manage the S.P.A. Being bilingual would be extremely useful, but not necessary. Creative thinkers and animal-lovers are good characteristics. Time commitment varies, depending upon involvement and projects. What kind of projects interest you? We have quite an extensive variety from which to choose. Board meetings are once a month, currently by Facebook Messenger. Learn more about the S.P.A. by checking out the layers of pages on our website (<https://www.spasanmiguel.org>). Please write info@spasanmiguel.org for more information.





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

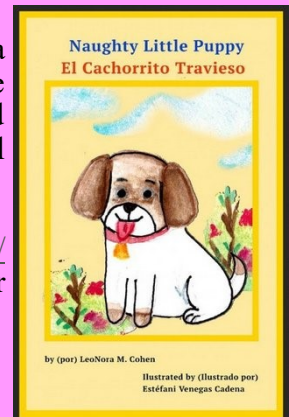
* or peso equivalent

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 - 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.



THANK YOU, ROSS MACDONALD, FOR HELPING THE S.P.A.!

Waiving or reducing the normal fee charged by MacDonald Package Delivery Services (<https://www.macdonaldspackages.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 S.P.A.'s February Dental Discount Special Starts Now!

By Megan Gabel

Does your dog have bad breath? What about your cat? That's just one symptom of dental disease. Taking care of your pets' teeth and gums not only freshens their breath, but also is vitally important to their overall health. Proper dental care contributes to a longer life too, something that I'm sure is near and dear to your hearts. Periodontal disease (an inflammation of a tooth's deep supporting structures) causes the build-up of plaque on the teeth. It is the most common ailment affecting cats and dogs and is preventable. According to the American Veterinary Dental College, periodontal disease may cause problems in the mouth and teeth and also "be associated with damage to internal organs in some patients as they age." It is often not treated until it is too late and has already done extensive damage.

Your pet can't tell you about teeth pain and will instinctively hide illness or weakness. It is up to you to be vigilant. Here are the signs to look for that indicate oral or dental disease:

- *Bad breath
- *Loose teeth
- *Discolored teeth, yellowed from tartar
- *Chewing from only one side
- *Drooling or pawing at the mouth
- *Avoiding your contact with their face
- *Loss of appetite or weight

February is dental discount month at the S.P.A. clinic. 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. During February, 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! S.P.A. residents Butch, Vanderbilt, Shy, and Apollo are looking forward to getting their teeth cleaned.

Bring your beloved cats and dogs to the S.P.A. clinic for all their veterinary care. We have a terrific, well-equipped, on-site clinic with a wonderful vet, Dr. Omar Córdova. The S.P.A. can provide routine care for your pet (general check-up and vaccinations) and meet all your pet's needs, including diagnosing and treating medical issues, performing sterilizations, other surgeries, and providing emergency care. To avoid having a long wait, it is best to call for an appointment (415-152-6124). Our address is Los Pinos 7 (a map is here: <https://www.spasanmiguel.org>). The clinic is open Monday-Saturday, 9-3, with extended hours on Tuesdays and Saturdays to 4. Tuesdays and Saturdays are discount days! Consultations and most vaccinations are reduced on those days.



Love, Luca and Luke

By Jayn Corral



Time to celebrate Valentine's Day! February, the month of love, is here. I guess I am a non-conformist because I celebrate love and gratitude every day. I agree with Randeep Hooda, actor, who said "February days are a marketing gimmick, love happens everyday." Nevertheless, I will concede that there is no better time than now to fall in love with an S.P.A. cat or two.

Cats show they love you by purring, bunting, or rolling onto their back. Purring can be a sign of love or stress so you must also look at their body posture and behavior. Bunting is when a cat will rub their cheeks on you or an object to leave their scent, marking their territory. Throwing themselves on their back and rolling around is a loving greeting and means they want your attention. Other loving signals are scratching, kneading, and hunting and gifting their prey. I was once given a live mouse and my cat was so proud of her gift.

Be prepared to receive lots of signs of love from Luca and Luke! They are gorgeous twin brothers, all white with orange tips on their tails and ears and blue eyes. They came to the S.P.A. with their mother and siblings in July 2022 when they were just two weeks old. They are both very playful and happy. Luca is the lap-sitter of the two. They both like to romp around with each other and with their roommates. We are hopeful that they will go home to their forever family soon. They are extremely bonded to each other so please consider adopting them together and giving them the loving, caring home that they deserve. They are adorable and will surely complement your family with love every day of the year.



The Poetry of Encirclement





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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).



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%

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

Hours: Monday-Saturday 9am-6pm

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

RETAILERS AND GROOMERS

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

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

Food - 5-10%

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

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

We know adopting a pet and giving it a loving home has benefits for the pet, but what about the adopter? The National Institute of Health says: “The unconditional love of a pet can do more than keep you company. Interacting with animals has been shown to decrease cortisol (a stress-related hormone) and lower blood pressure. Other studies have shown that animals can reduce loneliness, increase feelings of social support, and boost your mood.” When you adopt a pet, the benefits go both ways. So who do you think should be grateful for whom?

The S.P.A. is grateful to **Cheryl and Colin McNaught** (family) for renewing their memberships. We are also excited to welcome **Walter Fogg** (family) and **Julie Wilson** (individual) as new members. Welcome!\

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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It would be great to hear from you!

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3 monthly issues	500 MXN	450 MXN	375 MXN
12 monthly issues	1800 MXN	1500 MXN	1300 MXN

**Preferred Providers: ask about our 15% discount.
 To convert to dollars, use current conversion rate.**

