

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



August 2020



# Paws & Claws

HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED

## From the Director

We hope you are all doing well, staying safe, and making the best of these difficult times. If you'd like some uplifting news, check out our July adoptions page! Feast your eyes on each picture. What a great month for our cats and dogs!!

Remember that our clinic is open and ready to serve you. We make it possible for you to continue to provide routine veterinary care for your pets and address other needs they may have. Please call for an appointment—415-152-6124.

Also, our adoption hours are the same. If you are ready to adopt, please click on the links in the yellow box below to see our available cats and dogs. Now is a perfect time to bring a new family member home! Great entertainment and a wonderful distraction.

To take advantage of our clinic and to meet our adoptable cats and dogs, we simply ask that you follow our safety protocol. 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. clinic with his animal. Similarly, only one person may enter the S.P.A. for an adoption interview. Anyone entering the S.P.A. must wear a mask and stay at least 6 feet (2 meters) away from S.P.A. personnel. Thank you for helping us all stay safe.

And thank you for your continued support of the S.P.A.!

*-Megan Gabel, General Director*

## Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
July	8	11
YTD	34	32

### 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](http://www.spasanmiguel.org)

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

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

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

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)

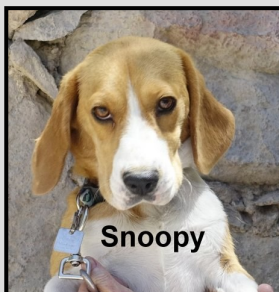
See what your donation dollars and pesos support: [youtu.be/6grULRH6Sk](https://youtu.be/6grULRH6Sk)

**Donate**

## July Adoptions

July dog adoptions: Sassie, Snoopy, Mitzy, Bailey, Gema, Missy, Sam, Tara

July cat adoptions: Tinkerbelle, Binny, Tono, Bento, Boni, Vivaldi, Tomas, Schubert, Bach, Chopin, Mozart





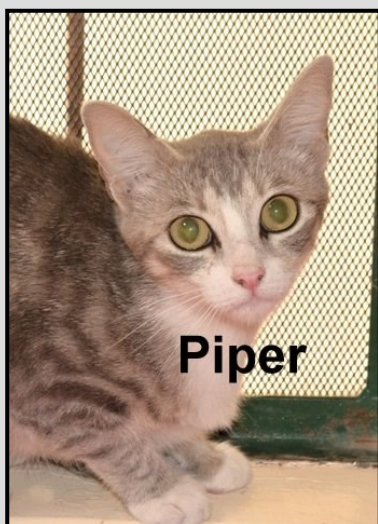
**August Pets of the Month****By Megan Gabel and Jayn Corral**

Sisters Nuni and Jazmin, about 4-1/2 years old, are medium/large, sweet dogs. Nuni is the “brave” one, unafraid of strangers, likes attention, happy to go for a walk on the street. Jazmin musters courage to go for a walk and does better if Nuni joins her. Jazmin is eager to give love and kisses once she knows you. Both are alert and observant and would be protective of their forever family.



About 9 months old, Piper, a beautiful gray tabby, is a bundle of energy and quite athletic. She is an excellent climber and escape artist. She thinks she is the queen of all things.

Annabelle, about 4 months old, has all the perfect cat personality traits and no bad habits. She is very confident, loving, and full of joy and happiness.



Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during August and receive a free adoption kit. Preview all our animals at [www.spasanmiguel.org](http://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. Please note that only one person may enter the S.P.A. for an adoption interview. That person must wear a mask and stay at least 6 feet away from S.P.A. personnel.

## The Fab Four Are In Town!

By Megan Gabel

John, Paul, Georgina, and Ringo are at the S.P.A., waiting for their forever homes. About 2-1/2 months old, their personalities are starting to take shape. John seems to be the most cautious. He yips at you first, before coming in to be petted. Paul is probably the most self-confident of the bunch, sort of fearless. Georgina is the most mature. She observes, assesses, and acts wisely. Ringo is the calmest and often sits and just takes in the scene. They enjoy playing tug of war with each other, using a multi-armed homemade toy as the object of their attention.

Having a puppy in your life will make you feel good, especially in times like these! Puppies lift your spirits, blossom to become your best friend, are beneficial for your health (mental and physical), and are just plain fun!

The S.P.A.'s adoption fee is 500 pesos and includes all current vaccinations, deworming, and sterilization (and more). Meet these adorable puppies at the S.P.A., Los Pinos #7, Monday-Saturday between 11 and 2, 415-152-6124. At this point, only one person may enter the S.P.A. for an adoption interview. That person must wear a mask and stay at least 6 feet away from S.P.A. personnel.







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⇒ Local Business Listings

⇒ Community Organizations

⇒ Classes and Workshops

⇒ Real Estate Rentals and Sales

For more information please send an email: [ron@discoversma.com](mailto:ron@discoversma.com)

## 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/](http://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](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.**

## **“Adopt” a Cat or Dog With a Click on Your Computer**

**By Megan Gabel**

For those of you who love animals, but can't adopt or are not too excited about venturing out to the S.P.A. because of the coronavirus, how about becoming a virtual pet owner? The Adopt Me! pages on our website (<https://www.spasanmiguel.org/>) give you the opportunity to take certain cats (like Martin and his girlfriend, Taiwan) and dogs (like Susie) under your wing and bring them virtually into your home – no muss, no fuss!

Taiwan, a sleek, petite, all-black, short-haired beauty, arrived at the S.P.A. in January 2016, only 2 months old, where she met the love of her life, Martin. She is quite shy and shuns interaction with people unless treats are involved or she is side by side her boyfriend, Martin, who has been at the S.P.A. since 2009. She and Martin are inseparable. They eat, sleep, play together, and protect each other from potential dangers. They make a lovely couple, both quite happy to be in their forever home together at the S.P.A.



Susie, an S.P.A. resident since 2011, deserves the Mother of the Year award. While she doesn't particularly like adult dogs or unfamiliar people, she looks after our young dogs from around 6 months to a year old. She's smart and astute. When she knows you, she's a devoted, protective, and loving dog.



Virtually adopt (\$20 USD per month) Martin, Taiwan, or Susie or another in that program and we'll give you regular updates about your chosen virtual pet. It's a great way to become part of the S.P.A. experience.

## The Poetry of Anticipation







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(discount days)  
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*By appointment is best.*

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

## HIGH QUALITY PET CARE AT THE S.P.A. CLINIC!

**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.

## The S.P.A. Will Need You to Volunteer (Later)!

If you love cats and dogs and can spare some time, we would love to have you come and volunteer when the Covid-19 pandemic is resolved! Volunteer hours are suspended for now.





## 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](http://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](mailto:SPARemembranceTree@gmail.com)



## 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

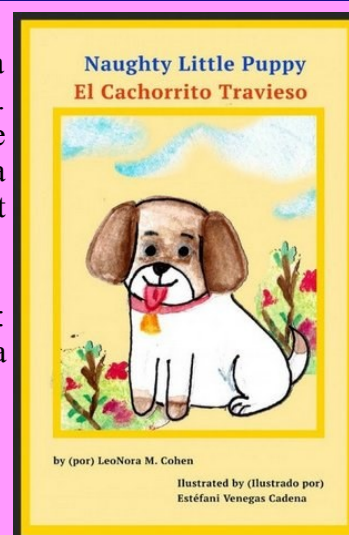
\* or peso equivalent

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

*Naughty Little Puppy (El 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](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%

**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 (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/](http://www.spasanmiguel.org/members/) (via PayPal) or in our office.

Please email [MembershipSPA@gmail.com](mailto:MembershipSPA@gmail.com) if you have questions.

[2020 Dog Adoptions](#)

[2020 Cat Adoptions](#)

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

## At the Organic Market: Next Date Pending

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 —

**We'll let you know when we'll be there next!**





## Rewarding Memberships

Relieve your stress and loneliness by adopting a cat or dog from the S.P.A.! We have some wonderful choices for you. Help yourself and our animals by giving them homes. Win-win!

The following people have boosted our mood by renewing their S.P.A. memberships: **Steven and Rhea Calkins** (family), **Claudine Langan** and **Chuck Rubin** (family), **Marilyn Vollman** and **Charles Oldfather** (family), **Gene and Lei Bammel** (family), **Dianne Leger** (individual), and **Yours Truly** and my lovely wife, **Traci Tighe** (family). Welcome to our newest members, **Carol Wheeler** and her son **Nick** (family)! Thank you! We could not 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 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

**\*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](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. 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](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.

## EDITOR: Harry Burrus

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**It would be great to hear from you!**

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