

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



October 2021

Paws & Claws



HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED

From the Director

Has your dog had an annual Bordetella vaccination? Are your cat's vaccinations up-to-date? Puppies and kittens have more comprehensive needs than adults. Timing of vaccinations for adults and for youngsters is important. Our clinic is open and our vet, Dr. Omar Córdova, is ready to help!

We want to make it easier to fully protect your pets, so we offer three different packages to reduce prices: (1) Complete Puppy Package, (2) Complete Kitten Package, and (3) Adult Dog Package. All packages require full payment in advance and expire one year from the payment date. Details about our packages are available on our website [HERE](#). Each package is described on that page in a downloadable pdf format in Spanish and English.

We offer more ways for you to save money! Tuesdays and Saturdays are discount days at the S.P.A. with lower prices than other days for a consultation and most vaccinations. Our clinic is open from 9-4 on those days so you can take advantage of the savings. Clinic hours are 9-3, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

We also give a discount on sterilizations when an S.P.A. pet is adopted and an unsterilized pet is at home. Within two months from the date of adoption, the discount will be given – no limit on the number of pets sterilized and it doesn't matter if you adopt a cat and have an unsterilized dog at home or vice versa or both – the appropriate discount applies.

For a clinic appointment, please call 415-152-6124.

-Megan Gabel, General Director

Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
September	1	1
YTD	26	28

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/6grULRH6Sk

Donate

September Adoptions

Dog adoptions: Honey

Cat adoptions: Rafa



[2021 Dog Adoptions](#)

[2021 Cat Adoptions](#)

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October Pets of the Month

By Jayn Corral and Megan Gabel

Mandy and her older brother, Jett, are beautiful, medium-sized German Shepherd mixes. Mandy, about 1 year old, is a very friendly, happy, playful dog, full of energy. About 3 years old, Jett is an affectionate sweetheart who likes people and wants to be around them. He's curious, friendly, and really enjoys getting attention.



About 3 years old, Eva, a big, beautiful, spunky calico with a big personality, likes being bossy to other cats while still wanting some discrete cuddles from volunteers. She would do best as a single pet. Willow, about 6 months old, is a petite black and white tuxedo cat with a spunky and lovable personality. She is adorable, affectionate, carefree and playful and loves to sit on volunteers' laps.



Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during October and receive a free adoption kit. All our available cats and dogs are on our website www.spasanmiguel.org/ - the "Adopt Me" pages. For both, our adoption fee is only 600 pesos and includes all current vaccinations, deworming, and sterilization. Adoption hours at the S.P.A. are Monday-Saturday, 11-2, Los Pinos #7, 415-152-6124. Only one person may enter the S.P.A. for an adoption interview. Masks and social distancing are required.

Choose the S.P.A. Clinic for Your Pet's Veterinary Care

By Jayn Corral

Are you looking for a good, affordable veterinary clinic to care for your pet? Did you know that the S.P.A. is not only the place to go to adopt a dog or cat, but also provides high quality veterinary care for the community's cats and dogs at reasonable prices?



Ginger

Dr. Omar Córdova is the veterinarian at the S.P.A.'s well-equipped clinic. Not only does he take care of our S.P.A. cats and dogs like Ginger and Pammy, but he is available Mondays through Saturdays to diagnose, treat, and care for your pets as well. Dr. Córdova can do blood tests, clean teeth, vaccinate, medicate, and sterilize your pet. He can diagnose and treat illnesses and injuries. He can take X-rays and perform surgery. For surgeries, the clinic is pleased to offer the option of gas anesthesia. If necessary, we can hospitalize your pet overnight.

Prices for consultations and other services are lower than most San Miguel clinics. Tuesdays and Saturdays feature discounts on consultations and selected vaccinations. Save even more money by buying a package. For example, a complete puppy package with a value of \$2,877 for a male puppy is only \$2,250. The package includes 2 consultations, 3 multiple vaccinations, 2 dewormings, Bordetella vaccination, rabies vaccination, leptospirosis booster, and sterilization. Packages are good for one year and are also available for kittens and adults. See this page of our website for more details: www.spasanmiguel.org/clinic-services



Pammy

Dr. Córdova provides all services with the love, care, sensitivity, and concern as if your pet were his own. In most cases, he can see your pet the same day although, for your convenience, he encourages you to make an appointment at our clinic at Los Pinos 7 (415-152-6124). Clinic hours are Monday-Saturday, 9-3 with hours extended to 4 on Tuesdays and Saturdays so the public can take advantage of the discounts on those days.

Do yourself and your beloved pets a favor by making the S.P.A. clinic your first choice for veterinary care and save a lot of money by doing so without sacrificing quality. Refer your friends and neighbors to the S.P.A. clinic so they, too, can take advantage of these benefits.

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With this site we can see cat sitters, view their photos and their reviews. It's wonderful! We have used HouseSitMexico three times and would highly recommend them.

- Darlene M

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Wonderful service!! HouseSitMexico helped me with my listing. I had 6 very qualified candidates within 48hrs. If you need a Mexico house sitter this is the site to use.

- Jenn G

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Have used this site since its inception (in 2016) and have had awesome results with getting our house sits filled in less than 1 week—and with incredible house sitters! Highly recommended!

- Helen K

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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

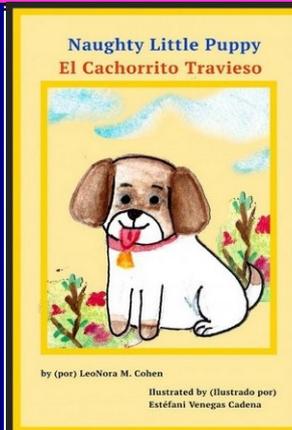
* or peso equivalent

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

Naughty Little Puppy (El 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.



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.

Welcoming Your New Dog Home

By Megan Gabel

You've fallen in love with a dog, like Gypsy or Lilly, and now you're taking her home from the S.P.A.. Here's what you need to know:

1. Food and water: For the first few days, mix some of the dog's S.P.A. food with her new food. Feed a very young puppy 3-4 times per day; adults, preferably twice daily, but once daily is satisfactory. Water should always be available.
2. Sleeping: Have a crate for the puppy to sleep in or use a box with a door cut out for easy access. Place a towel or blanket inside. An adult dog likes a crate too or a dog bed.
3. Safety-indoors: Securely close all areas containing cleaning liquids, powders, poisons, and medications. Note dangerous items in your house and prevent dog access.
4. Safety-outdoors: When your dog is outside by herself in a fenced or walled-in area, make sure that she is protected from the elements, her environment is secure, and she has shade and water.
5. General protection: General protection: Whether she is inside or outside, she should always wear a collar with an identification tag with your contact information on it. Supervise your children with your new dog to make sure they are treating her well.
6. Houstraining: Take your dog outside after eating and upon awakening (every 1-2 hours for puppies). You can also use newspaper and crate training methods. Reward her with praise, treats, and lots of love.
7. Health: When you leave the S.P.A., you will be given an appointment to bring in your new pet for a free follow-up visit. If you have questions, that visit is a good time to ask them. Keep track of all vaccination requirements. Use flea and heartworm preventative medication monthly. See the vet for any health concerns.
8. Additional puppy issues: A puppy may cry because she's lonesome. Reassure her, but ignore the crying. It will soon stop. Have chew toys for your puppy. An old shirt with a knot is a good idea. Puppies need to play. Try tug of war or throwing balls. Puppies should not be left outside for long periods by themselves even in a secure area. They need to be monitored.
9. Other resources: www.youtube.com has helpful dog-related videos. Search the Internet and library.
10. Above all, enjoy your new family member! Pet her! Talk to her! Play with her! Take her for regular walks (on leash!). Be patient! Give your dog time to adjust. Read articles about the 3-3-3 Rule when adopting a dog so you know what to expect and when. Use your voice and words for discipline – no hitting!

To meet your new best friend, come to the S.P.A. Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124 during adoption hours (Monday-Saturday, 11-2). Our available cats and dogs are on our website Adopt Me pages, www.spasanmiguel.org



Welcoming Your New Cat Home

By Jayn Corral

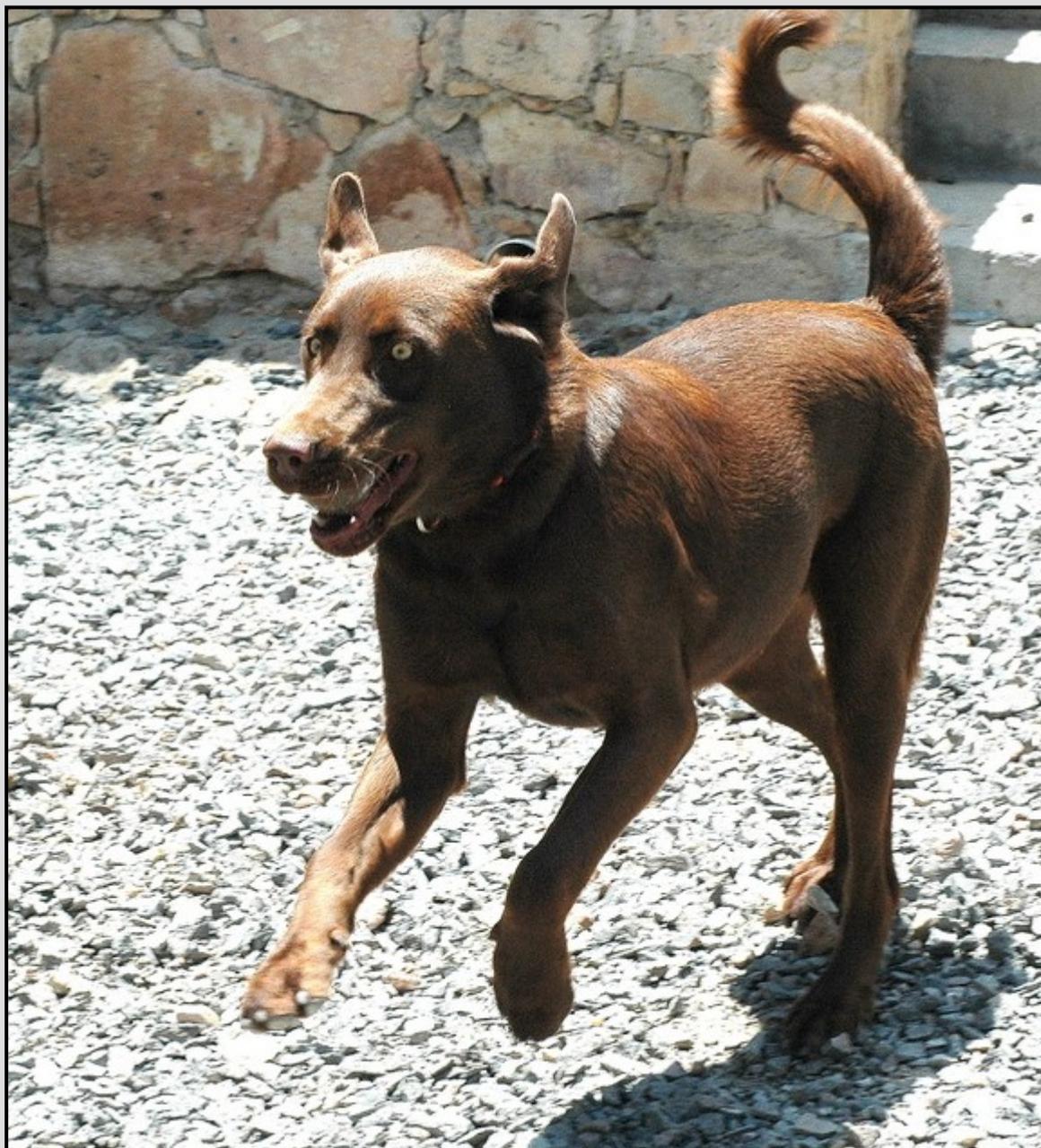
You've fallen in love with a cat, like Kahlua or Willow, and now you're taking her home. Here's what you need to know:

1. Supplies: Food and water bowls, litter and tray, scratching post, toys, and a bed/basket.
2. Food: Wet and dry food should be provided, unless your new cat does not eat wet food. Leave dry food out all day long. Fresh water should always be available. For the first few days, mix some of the cat's S.P.A. food with her new food.
3. Introducing your new cat to her new home and/or another household pet: At first, keep your cat in a small space and gradually introduce her to the rest of her new home. If you already have a cat, separate the cats, give extra attention to your original cat, and slowly let them meet each other to the point where you can swap food bowls and bedding, so they get used to each other's scent. Let them meet formally at mealtime. Hissing and staring are normal. Repeat until they tolerate each other. If you have a dog, keep them apart until your cat feels secure, which can take from three days to three weeks or longer. Small children should be taught to approach the cat slowly and gently. Hold a finger out to allow the cat to smell it before trying to pick up the cat.
4. Health: Keep track of all vaccination requirements. Use flea preventative medication as prescribed. Contact the vet for any health concerns.
5. Grooming: should be brushed regularly.
6. Safety: Make sure your cat always wears a name tag with your information on it, even though she should be an indoor-only cat. She may inadvertently get out of your house.
7. Other resources: www.youtube.com has helpful cat-related videos. Search the Internet and library.

To meet your perfect cat or kitten, come to the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124 during adoption hours (Monday-Saturday, 11-2). Our available cats and dogs are on our website Adopt Me pages, www.spasanmiguel.org



The Poetry of Robustness





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Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124

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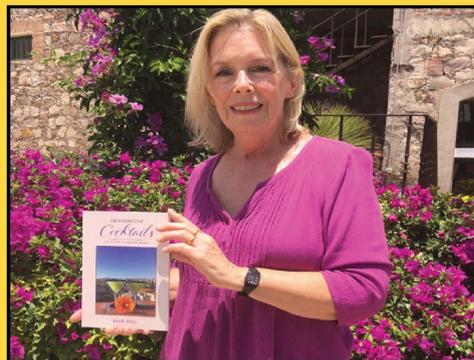
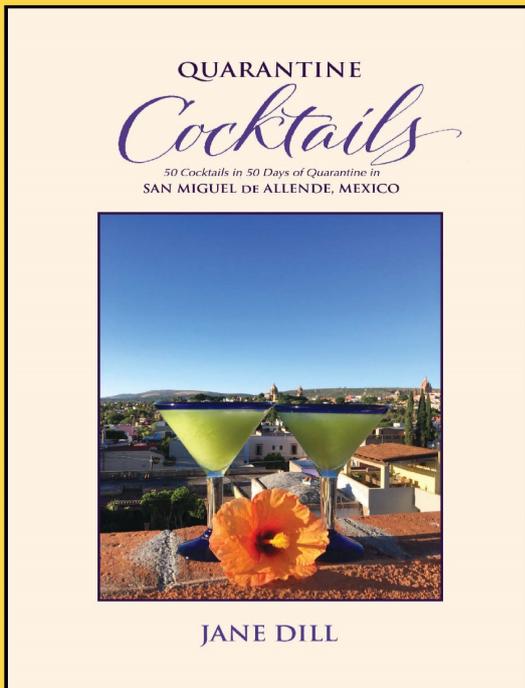
The S.P.A.'s clinic is open! The S.P.A. can meet your pet's needs, from routine preventative care to diagnosis and treatment of problems to surgical procedures and more. We have a well-equipped clinic and offer packages to help you save on vaccinations and sterilization. Under the current circumstances,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

NOW ON SALE!

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

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%

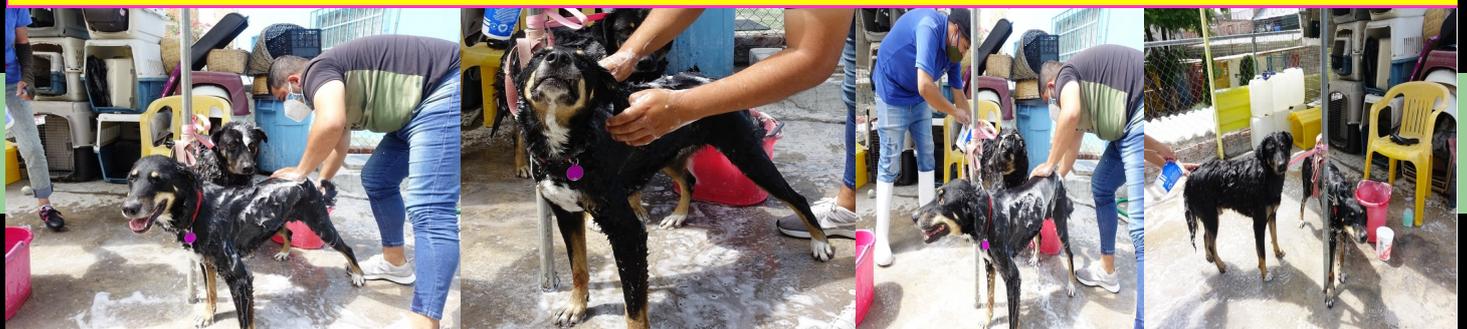
DUSTY PUPPIES - Guadiana #17A - Colonia Guadiana - Ph. 415-154- 4555.
Hours: Monday-Friday 10am-6pm
Diamond Naturals - Dog/Cat Food - 10%, Regular Teeth Cleaning - 20%, SPA Bath Only - No Clipping -
By Appointment - 10%, Pet Supplies - 10%

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.



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

My wife, Traci, and I recently did a road trip to the US for our first post-Covid visit with families. We're now at the beach in Baja Norte before we wind back to SMA. We visited an Animal Rescue in the town where we are and...well, let me just say we came away with a renewed appreciation for what a special place the S.P.A. is, how lucky all the animals that find their way there are, and how special each and every volunteer, staff, and members are. I have never felt more grateful for each and every one of you.

This month we specifically thank **Dic** and **Kathy Simandl** (family), **John Piccolo** and **Cecelia Almes** (family), **Donna Foudray** (individual), **Jan Charkow** (individual), and **John Reynolds** (individual) for renewing their memberships. Thank you all. 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 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

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
It would be great to hear from you!

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3 monthly issues	500 MXN	450 MXN	375 MXN
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