

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



November 2021

Paws & Claws

HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED



From the Director

GIFTS FOR YOU AND OTHERS: Despite the fact that the pandemic is lingering, it is still the time of the year when we all think about holiday gift-giving. We have the perfect suggestion for you—one stop shopping and benefit the S.P.A. at the same time!

Incredibly talented Jayn Corral has created beautiful, unique items, some animal-themed, all really special. Page 13 of this issue gives you an idea of the wonderful items by Jayn. Click [HERE](#) for the Catalogue of Jayn's Crafts to see samples of her hand-made oven mitts, hot pads, tortilla warmers, zippered pouches, tote bags, bandanas, and masks. Just in time for the holidays, choose from a variety of designs to order. Contact Jayn at SPAShopNow@gmail.com with questions, to place an order, and arrange for pickup or delivery. The last page of the catalog has ordering instructions. Plus, the extra bonus is that Jayn is donating 100% of the proceeds to benefit S.P.A. dogs and cats!

When you pick up your order, you can also pick up an S.P.A. T-shirt and/or cap as presents (and for you)! Our latest design not only is good for those who love cats and dogs, but it is a great souvenir from San Miguel de Allende. See page 13 of this issue for more details.

Has your dog had an annual Bordetella vaccination? Now is the time for that all-important protection. It's also a good time to make sure your cat's and dog's vaccinations are all up to date. Make an appointment at our clinic for your pet's annual exam by calling 415-152-6124.

-Megan Gabel, General Director

Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
October	0	4
YTD	26	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
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Easy Links

Website: www.spasanmiguel.org

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

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Dogs available for adoption: www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-dogs/

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

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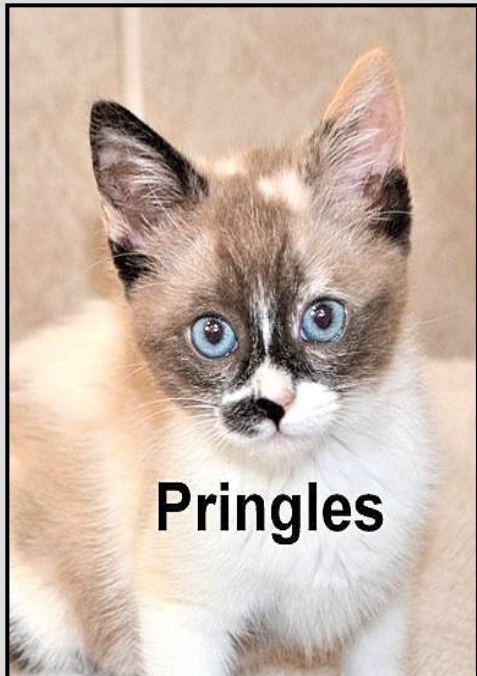
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October Adoptions

Dog adoptions: No dog adoptions this month.

Cat adoptions: Cheeto, Remy, Pringles, Lily



Pringles



Cheeto



Remy



Lily

[2021 Dog Adoptions](#)

[2021 Cat Adoptions](#)

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November Pets of the Month

By Jayn Corral and Megan Gabel

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. Zander, about 10 months old, is a bit tentative with new people, but will be a great pet once he learns he can trust his family and surroundings. He's inquisitive and playful with his roommates.

Almost 2 years old, Butch is a strong, active, athletic boy, still puppy-like in many ways. He likes other dogs and is happy, enthusiastic, and sweet. Almost 8 years old, Sonny is very energetic, but also likes to cuddle – a great combination. He would be best as the only dog in the house. Both are large, energetic dogs, who are shy and cautious when meeting someone new and would require a lot of patience from a new owner. They each love getting attention and being petted once they get to know you.

Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during November and receive a free adoption kit. All our available cats and dogs are on our website <https://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.



Eva



Zander



Butch



Sonny

Dance with me, Henry

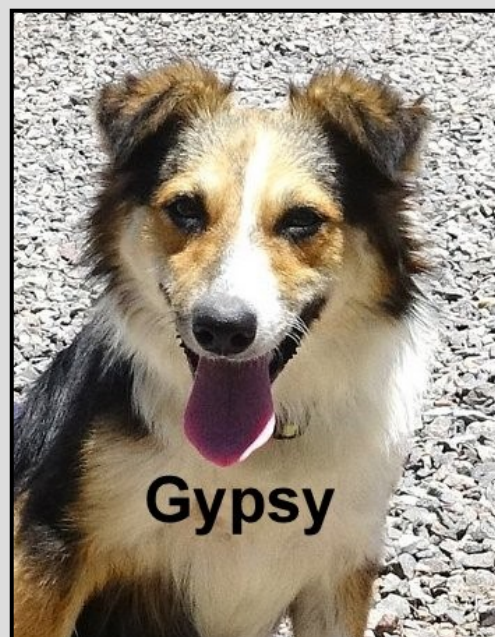
By Harry Burrus

Henry sees me approaching and the dance begins. Henry is a small-medium, blond and white three-year-old, with four white spat paws. I sing "Dance with Me, Henry" as I open his casita door. I continue with the song, he rocks and I talk, and we roll out.

On the sidewalk, he's eager and determined. Head slightly lowered, leg muscles defined, he rolls out. He's the S.P.A.'s very own "Little Engine That Could." He doesn't puff; I'm the one saying "I think I can, I think I can," as I strive to maintain his pace. His girlfriend Gypsy is on the other side of the street heading back to the S.P.A.; he flashes her a look. Henry and Gypsy play well together in the exercise area. "Oh, Henry, you're such a sweet lad." I tell him about the namesake candy bar that dates back to 1920. I know he hears me, but the focus is on movement, his walk, and the exercise he so enjoys, not peanuts, caramel, and fudge.

As we reach our turnaround point, he looks up at me and I interpret this as him wanting to hear a little more about his name. Okay. I rub his head. Here goes. So, "Henry, there were many English Kings name Henry." He pauses. I think I got his attention, or, perhaps, he was sniffing something in a passing breeze. The wind had picked up and I notice his nostrils twitching. Nonetheless, I continue and mention that King Henry VIII lived over 450 years ago and when he died, he weighed over 400 pounds. "Clearly, he didn't get the daily exercise you relish."

Back at his casita station, this little locomotive eagerly accepts half a biscuit. Chews. He looks up at me and I happily give him the other half. If you're thinking about getting a canine companion to keep you in shape by going on fun walks, a companion who makes you feel good about yourself because this affectionate little guy likes you, a good listener who doesn't interrupt your stories, come meet Henry. He could very well be what you need. Meet him and our other cats and dogs available for adoption at the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124. Adoption hours are Monday-Saturday, 11-2. You don't have to sing when you meet Henry, but he does like hearing the song.



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- Darlene M

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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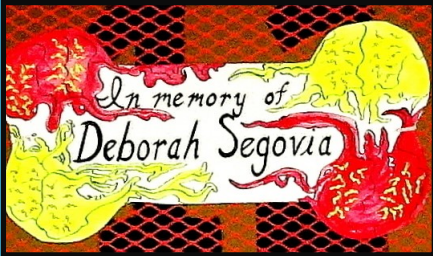
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- Helen K

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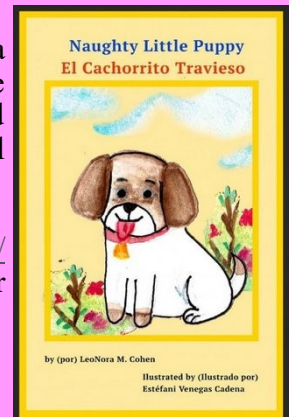
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Royalties from Children's Book Will Be Donated to the S.P.A.!

Naughty Little Puppy (El 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 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.

“Autumn” vs “Fall”

By Jayn Corral

Why do some people refer to the third season of the calendar year as “autumn” and others as “fall”? Actually, the season between summer and winter was first called “harvest.” As more people in the 1300s moved from farmlands to communities, the word “autumn” began to replace the word “harvest.” The term “fall” became popular in the 1500s to signify the falling of leaves of deciduous trees and the fall of the year. Europeans tend to prefer the more formal “autumn” while people in the US and Canada are more accustomed to “fall.” Today “autumn” and “fall” are interchangeable.

Certain traditions occur during the fall: new TV shows premier; summer sports are no longer on our calendars and winter sports begin; the new school year starts; we make pumpkin pies from the prolific squash and flavor our lattes with pumpkin spice. Fall specials are common.

Fall into autumn because all eyes will be on this fall’s S.P.A. special kittens. Visit the S.P.A. to discover our fresh fall looks, straight from the catwalk. Check them out on our website. You will fall in love.

We have Cheeto, a pumpkin-colored fur ball, and Pringles, a gorgeous chocolate, white and pumpkin-colored Siamese-type. They arrived at the S.P.A. together in late August. Cheeto is a tiny guy, slightly younger than four months old. Small, but tough, he had to learn to defend himself in the land of the giants (other kittens) at the S.P.A. Pringles is about six months old. They both fell into the arms of their rescuer at a tienda and are great companions. Both are precious, fun, playful, social, and hysterical to watch.

As with summer’s leaves and daily temperature, this fall special won’t last. Don’t lose the chance of adopting one (or both) of these delightful kittens. Prepare to fall in love with our little pumpkin Cheeto and our gorgeous pumpkin-spice latte Pringles.

BREAKING NEWS! Cheeto and Pringles have been adopted. Yea!

Autumn, fall, harvest. It is your choice, but do yourself and the kittens at the S.P.A. a favor by allowing them to fall into your arms and giving them the home they so desperately deserve. Adoption hours are Monday-Saturday, 11-2, at Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124. Please check out adorable kittens Jill and Joe on the S.P.A. website. See them and all our cats available for adoption on our website at <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-cats>



Adopting a Cat or Dog Is Just a Click Away

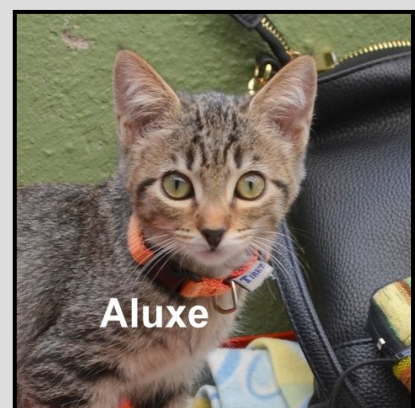
By Megan Gabel

For those of you who love animals, but can't adopt or are deterred about venturing out to the S.P.A. by a little thing called a "pandemic," how about becoming a virtual pet owner? The Adopt Me pages on our website give you the opportunity to take certain cats like Vanderbilt and dogs like Rita under your wing and bring them virtually into your home – no muss, no fuss!

Vanderbilt, an S.P.A. resident for 4 years, is now about 5 years old. He is not a sociable fella. He suffered some trauma early on in his life. His pain has been controlled, but he has the tendency to surprise you with an unexpected bite. He does not tolerate human hands on his torso. Nevertheless, he loves to have his head and neck rubbed by certain people and enjoys watching the day go by from his sunny spot.

Rita, an S.P.A. resident since 2011, was only 2-1/2 months old when she came in with her two sisters. Small/medium-sized, she is a sweet dog. She doesn't get real excited about venturing out for walks much, but sometimes surprises us by trotting along for a whole block. She prefers sitting on a stoop and watching cars, people, and other dogs go by. She doesn't get bored with that at all. She loves getting personal attention and reciprocates with ear kisses and affectionate hair tugs.

Virtually adopt (\$20 USD per month) Vanderbilt, Rita, or another in that program such as Aluxe, Tessie, Suerte, and Dulce, and we'll give you regular updates about your chosen virtual pet. Virtually adoptable cats are [HERE](#) and virtually adoptable dogs are [HERE](#). Help the S.P.A. provide a safe haven, food, medication, and love that they deserve. It's a great way to become part of the S.P.A. experience.



The Poetry of Relaxation





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By appointment is best.

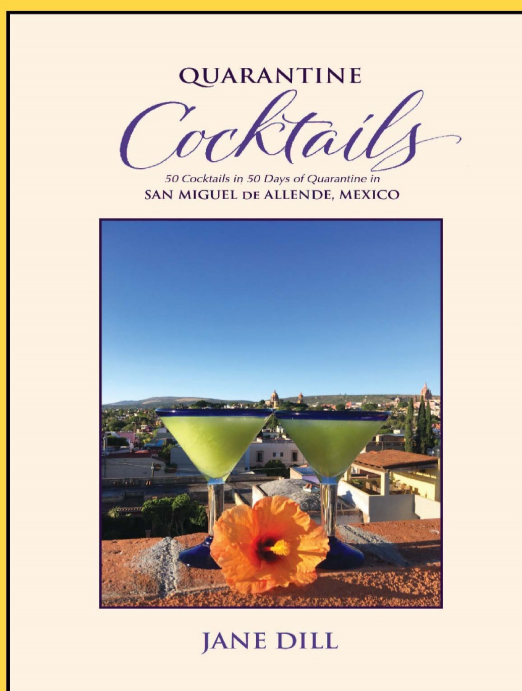
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The S.P.A.'s clinic is open! The S.P.A. can meet your pet's needs, from routine preventative care to diagnosis and treatment of problems to surgical procedures and more. We have a well-equipped clinic and offer packages to help you save on vaccinations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

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MVZ RICARDO LOPEZ LANDEROS - Rio Grijalva No. 10 - Nuevo Mexiquito - Ph. 415-152 6977
Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-2pm; 4pm-7pm Saturday 9am-2pm
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Consultations - 10%

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Vaccinations - 10%

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

You love animals, have probably lost a pet you loved, but are always grateful to have had that pet in your life. Our cat Chuckie used to sleep on my legs at night. I was recently reminded of a poem that ended, “And there are nights when I think I feel him climb upon our bed and lie between us, and I pat his head. And there are nights when I think I feel that stare and I reach out my hand to stroke his hair, but he’s not there. Oh, how I wish that wasn’t so, I’ll always love a dog named Beau.” – Jimmie Stewart on the Johnny Carson show. See it on YouTube.

We are grateful for **Peggy and Amy Zaine** (family), **Alan and Lynda Herring** (family), **Tim and Jayn Corral** (family), and **Jacqueline Segovia** (individual) for renewing their memberships. 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

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It would be great to hear from you!

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