

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



January 2020



Paws & Claws

HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED

From the Director

Happy 2020! We wish each of you a healthy, happy, and prosperous new year.

Thank you for all that you did to help the S.P.A. during 2019. We are pleased to let you know that, thanks to you, we were able to take full advantage of the offer from anonymous donors to match new December donations up to a total of \$3,000! Great!

We look forward to your continued support during 2020. Because of you, we are able to provide food, care, and shelter for an average of 100 animals (combined total of cats and dogs) while they wait to be adopted. As volunteers, you help socialize our animals and minimize their fear of strangers, making it easier for them to adjust to a new family. We are grateful and hope that you continue to champion the S.P.A.

If you are not a volunteer already, how about making 2020 the year you start? See firsthand your donation dollars and pesos at work. Play with puppies, cats, and kittens and get into shape (shed those holiday pounds) by walking dogs.

If you already own a pet, please take advantage of our clinic services. The S.P.A.'s on-site clinic and our full-time veterinarian, Dr. Omar Córdova, offer lower-cost, high-quality health care for your pets. We also have packages to reduce the cost to provide full protection for your cherished cats and dogs.

Make 2020 the year you come to see us in person!

-Megan Gabel, General Director

Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
December	1	9
TOTAL 2019	35	60

Clinic/Office Hours:

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

Adoptions, Visits, Volunteers:

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-Sponsor a Casita-Become a Member-Remembrance Tree Leaf:

www.spasanmiguel.org/fundraisers

Volunteer Info: www.spasanmiguel.org/volunteer/

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

Donate

December Adoptions

December dog adoptions: Sasha

December cat adoptions: Jesse, Hermosa, Freddie, Frankie, Jordan, Johnny, Reeses, Percy, Paxon



Hermosa



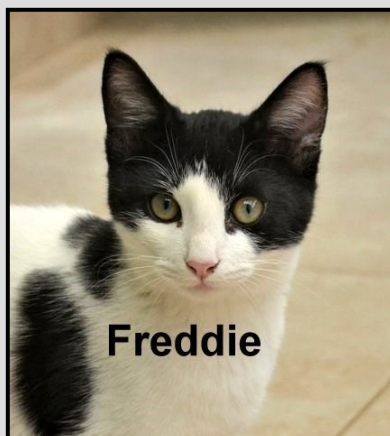
Jesse



Frankie



Sasha



Freddie



Johnny



Jordan



Reeses



Percy



Paxon

[2019 Dog Adoptions](#)

[2019 Cat Adoptions](#)

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January Pets of the Month

By Jayn Corral and Megan Gabel

Reeses is an amazing cat, a white, tabby and calico mix about 16 months old. She came to the S.P.A. in early August 2019 with her four two-day old babies. She was a great mom, feeding and teaching them all they needed to learn. Even when she was exhausted, she tended to their needs first. Just when her kids were ready to be weaned, she reluctantly accepted four orphaned two-day old kittens which she raised as her own. She is enjoying her new life as a single woman. She loves to play with toys and mix it up with her roommates. She likes visits by volunteers and will sit with or near them when she is not busy playing. And on December 31, 2019, she was adopted!



Chrissie is a beautiful, tiny black and white beauty, not quite three years old. She was brought to the S.P.A. after having been found injured in the weeds nearby in April 2019. She was badly injured, with abrasions and a hemorrhaged eye. Her injuries healed but she was very unhappy, mad at everyone and everything. The volunteers tried to cheer her up but to no avail until a few months ago. She still has only people friends so will be best in a home with no other cats. She likes to watch the puppies play and have her neck and head rubbed. She's a quiet girl who needs her special place where she can feel safe and loved.



Maggie is a charmer, full of love and affection, a happy, fun, playful dog, now about 9-1/2 months old. She loves going for a walk and does well on a leash. She's savors attention and gives kisses in return. Missy, about 1-1/2 years old, is a very sweet girl, always eager for a walk, curious about what she sees, and never tires of giving and receiving attention. She's very energetic and would make a great running companion. Both are small/medium-sized sweethearts.

Begin the new year with a new family member! Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during January and receive a free adoption kit. Our adoption fee (500 pesos) includes all current vaccinations, deworming, sterilization, and more. Preview all our animals at www.spasanmiguel.org

Do You Believe in Miracles?

By Jayn Corral

It was a hectic day at the S.P.A. cattery in late August. We had a nursing mother and her four kids in the isolation area; an adult cat isolated due to her special diet; the other adults were quarreling with the newest addition and noisy renovations were being done...well, you get the picture.

Then a woman appeared at the door with a box containing four kittens, barely alive, umbilical cords still attached. Collectively we tried to figure out how to save the babies. There was only one viable option.

We had to see if our lactating mother would accept the new babies. Her own babies were at the perfect age to be weaned so they were whisked away, and the mother cat was introduced to the newborn kittens. It was out of our hands. We would know the next morning if this worked.

Was there a miracle? Yes! The babies survived the night! Mamma stayed with her new charges for weeks until they were old enough to be weaned. Now happy, healthy, rambunctious kittens, all four (Johnny, Jordan, Jack, and Jesse) have already been adopted.



Larissa

We have other wonderful cats who celebrate the miracle of finding shelter at the S.P.A. as they wait to become a part of loving families, such as Larissa, Nadia, Brandy, and Suerte.

They would each welcome your visit.



Suerte

Meet them and others at the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7, Monday-Saturday, 11-2, 415-152-6124.



Brandy



Nadia



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San Miguel de Allende

on one Online Website

www.DiscoverSMA.com

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⇒ Things to do/Places to See

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⇒ Local Business Listings

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⇒ Classes and Workshops

⇒ Real Estate Rentals and Sales

For more information please send an email: ron@discoversma.com

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

Waiving the normal fee for delivery service available through Extending Lives (www.extendinglivesmexico.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.

How about sponsoring an S.P.A. casita?

By Megan Gabel

“Casita” is a fancy name we use for an animal’s residence at the S.P.A. The only no-kill shelter for cats and dogs in SMA, the S.P.A. houses around 100 animals. Providing for our resident cats and dogs as they wait to be adopted is a costly undertaking. Sponsoring a casita for about \$1 USD per day benefits our furry friends and you will be rewarded by the knowledge that you are helping to support these homeless pets until they are adopted.

If you would like to sponsor a casita, simply go to [THIS PAGE](#) on our website. To use PayPal, scroll down on that page to "Sponsor a Doggy/Kitty Casita." Other payment options are listed on that same page. Then just let us know what personal inscription you want on your Big Bone Designer Plaque or Big Fish Designer Plaque which will be mounted on a dog’s “casita” or the cattery, respectively.

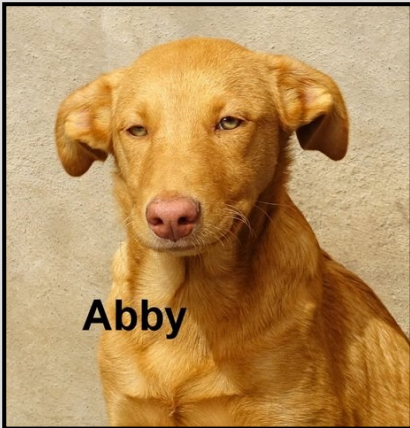
We welcome you to stop by the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7, any day, Monday-Friday, 11-2 to visit our animals and check out the bones/fish in person. If you have any questions about the casita program or how to sign up, please email us at SPACasita@gmail.com.



Spend Some Quality Time with S.P.A. Puppies

By Megan Gabel

How about welcoming the new year with the pure pleasure of enjoying loving attention from our puppies? We have six sweethearts who will put a smile on your face, give you a welcome diversion, lots of love, and entertain you with their playfulness.



Abby

Abby, now 5 months old, will make you the center of her attention, bestowing kisses galore, and inviting play. Her new BFF Sophie, about 7 months old, is a beautiful, sweet, understated puppy who will be happy to cuddle with you. Four-month-old Sassie has a constantly wagging tail as she approaches you for affection.



Sophie



Sassie

Our newest additions are Champ, Tex, and Sam. They're brothers, about 2 months, and as cute as can be.



Champ



Tex



Sam

The puppies all play happily and enthusiastically with their groups. It's fun to watch them and participate. Something about petting a puppy that eases the tension and evokes a grin. Find out for yourself at the S.P.A., any day, Monday-Saturday, 11-2, Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124,

The Poetry of Isometrics





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By appointment is best.

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

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.

Please call 415-152-6124 for an appointment with our vet, Dr. Omar Córdova.

News about Honey (now Corona) from Canada: Thanks to an S.P.A. volunteer, Honey and her sister, Sparkle, went to Canada this past April and were immediately adopted. We just received a Corona update!



Honey

Honey when she
left the S.P.A. in
April



The family's Christmas
card stars—Corona!



She graduated from a
beginner obedience training
at PetSmart

We're so happy for her!!

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 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)

As long as we're asking for help:

Used Pick-Up Truck in Great Condition
(the S.P.A.'s truck is 20 years old!)

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) (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



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

The S.P.A. Needs YOU! Volunteer NOW!!

If you love cats and dogs and can spare some time, we would love to have you come and volunteer! Volunteer hours are Monday-Saturday from 11-2. If you are interested, please come to the S.P.A. during that time and Christina will show you the ropes. The cats and dogs eagerly look forward to your visit!



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

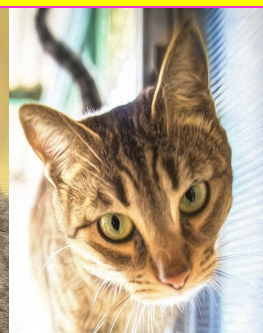
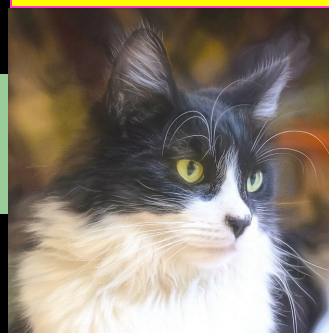
Diamond Naturals - Dog/Cat Food - 10%, Regular Teeth Cleaning - 20%, SPA Bath Only - No Clipping -
By Appointment - 10%, Pet Supplies - 10%

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/ (via PayPal) or in our office.

Please email MembershipSPA@gmail.com if you have questions.



At the Organic Market Saturday, January 4

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 — **Saturday, January 4**



Rewarding Memberships

I have many people to thank this time around (which is a good thing) so let's cut to the chase. Happy New Year to all of you, and to all the animals we together will help in 2020.

Please help me welcome our newest members to the S.P.A!. Welcome aboard to **David and Carolyn Morgan** (family), and **Jim LeNeve** (family). Thanks for becoming part of the S.P.A family, and we are happy to have you with us. We would also like to thank **Bob and Nancy Sylvor** (family), **Jane Carroll** (individual), **Jim and Kim Samis** (family), **Jacqueline Donnelly** (individual), **Carl and Emily Severinsen** (family), **Colin and Cheryl McNaught** (family), **Michelle McGowan** and **Deiter Storr** (family), **Melissa DeRosia** and **Elena Forman** (family), and **John** and **Sandi Wallace** for renewing their memberships. We couldn't do what we do without you. Wishing you all a great New Year!

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 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

***Visit the S.P.A.** Look around, sign up to volunteer, walk a dog and get fit at the same time, and cuddle with puppies, cats, and kittens. Monday-Saturday, 11am-2pm, at Los Pinos #7, Colonia Lindavista, 415-152-6124.

***Come to the S.P.A.'s table at the Organic Market – Saturday, January 4, at Ancha de San Antonio 123, from 9 to 3:30** (lower level, turn right). We have beautiful and unique hand-crafted items, perfect for cat and dog lovers, and S.P.A. T-shirts and caps. We welcome donations to the S.P.A. at our table and we're happy to answer your questions about our shelter.

***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.

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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