

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



February 2020



Paws & Claws

HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED

From the Director

January was a great month for adoptions! We are ever hopeful that this trend will continue. We have some wonderful cats and dogs who are ready for forever homes. We'd love for you to come and spend some time with them, get to know them, and make them a part of your families.

Our very popular dental cleaning special is back for February! On page 4 of this issue, read why you should take advantage of this savings and then call for an appointment today!

Please consider bringing your beloved pets to the S.P.A. clinic for all their veterinary care. We have a terrific, well-equipped 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, taking x-rays if necessary, 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).

Please also think about volunteering at the S.P.A. Volunteer and adoption hours are Monday-Saturday from 11-2 at Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124. Spend as much time as you want during that period – we and our kittens, cats, puppies, and dogs will appreciate it. Volunteer information sheets are on the website in Spanish and English here: <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/volunteer/>

-Megan Gabel, General Director

Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
January	12	3
YTD	12	3

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,
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Easy Links

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

www.spasanmiguel.org/fundraisers

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

Membership questions: MembershipSPA@gmail.com

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Donate

January Adoptions

January dog adoptions: Cody, Maple, Snowflake, Maggie, Mocha, Latte, Timber, Stella, Champ, Dipper, Abby, Sophie

January cat adoptions: Robin, Chili, Riley



Cody



Maple



Snowflake



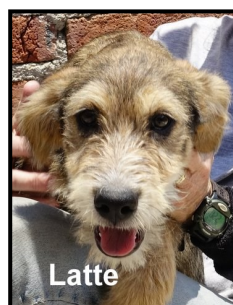
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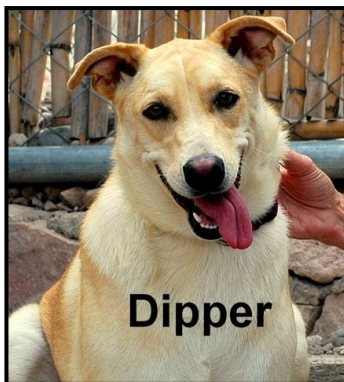
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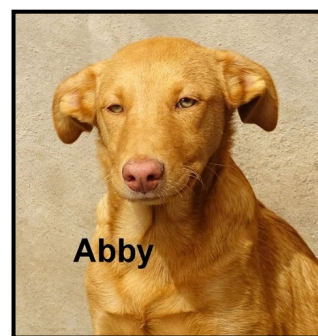
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Champ



Dipper



Abby



Chili



Riley



Robin



Sophie

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February Pets of the Month

By Megan Gabel and Jayn Corral



Cooper

Cooper, a Golden Retriever mix with a Golden's sweet, friendly disposition, knows how to sit, wait, and has pretty much mastered "leave it." Almost 4-1/2 years old, he loves attention and is eager for you to spend some time with him. Superman that he is, he can leap buildings (and fences) in a single bound, so he needs to be in a high-walled home, without any cats and probably no other dogs.

Always eager to go for a walk, Lani is very curious, energetic, and playful. Medium/large and lanky, she knows how to sit, adorably lies down, and is learning to sit when her walker stops moving. A little over 3-1/2 years old,

she'd be a great running partner too!

Nadia, about 15 months old, is a diluted, mostly gray, calico. Independent, confident, and friendly, she's a real lover who greets visitors and appreciates personal attention and treats. Almost 2 years old, Xel-Ha, a beautiful tabby, has blossomed into a confident, happy, and social cat who, like Nadia, gets along well with people and other cats. They're both real sweethearts.



Lani

Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during February 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 (Adopt Me pages) and meet them at the S.P.A., Los Pinos #7, Monday-Saturday between 11 and 2, 415-152-6124. .



Nadia



Xel-Ha

S.P.A.'s February Dental Discount Special Starts Now!

By Megan Gabel

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 having your dog's or cat's teeth cleaned. Brandy and Apollo can attest to its effectiveness.

During February, our normal price of 700-1,000 pesos for teeth cleaning (cats and dogs) has been 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 today!

Not only is dental care vitally important to your pets' teeth and gums, but proper dental care contributes to a longer life, 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



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

Waiving or reducing 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.

The Ups and Downs of Life

By Jayn Corral

Ah, life. We all know that life is full of ups and downs, victories and failures. But did you know the same is true for cats? Brandy knows all too well because this has been her reality.



Brandy is a beautiful, tiny tabby girl with a warm, kind soul. Too often people say about cats, babies, etc. that she is “*the sweetest*” whatever, but, in this case, she really is. She knows and does what she needs to do to win over people. She is the first to welcome visitors by softly and lovingly sitting on their laps.

In her short year-and-a-half of life, having spent most of it at the S.P.A., she has had her good times and her not-so-good times. Her timing was just a bit off from the beginning. You see, she happened to arrive about the same time as five other kittens. She grew out of her kitten stage as she watched other adorable kittens come and go.

Her luck changed for the better a while back when she was adopted into a family that had another cat at home. The owner was in love with her, but the other cat had no intention of sharing his home or the owner’s attention. He chased her, hissed at her, ate her food and just tormented her so much so that the owner feared for her safety and health. With tears flowing, he surrendered Brandy to the S.P.A. in hopes that she would find her perfect family.

Back at the S.P.A., Brandy continues to seduce visitors and volunteers, but to no avail. She nor the volunteers understand why she continues to be passed over.

Brandy is due for another one of life’s “ups.” Start the new year off right by giving Brandy a chance for love as a member of your family. You won’t regret taking this real sweetheart into your home. We and Brandy look forward to meeting you at the S.P.A.!



Lola and Apollo

By Megan Gabel

I often spend time with Lola and Apollo. While they're standing next to each other on an elevated corner in the S.P.A. dog exercise area, I stroke their bodies while singing "I've Been Working on the Railroad." They're attentive listeners during all the verses of the song.



I love looking at them – they're a gorgeous couple, their colors complementing one another. Lola is so excited with getting attention that she can barely stand still, but does, and then she sits and offers you her paw. About 6-1/2 years old, she's also quite happy to crawl into your lap. Apollo, a calm, handsome boy about 4-1/2 years old, likes to burrow his head into your chest so you can easily give him a full body massage. Somewhat shy with strangers at first, he gradually barks a greeting to encourage attention and slips you a little kiss when you're within range. Both medium-sized, they're delightful dogs.



With just a few issues. Lola sometimes will let strangers know instantly that she's not too excited to meet them. Apollo is more subtle, using a cold stare to put you on alert that you haven't quite made it into his sphere of friends. But, if you get to know them and give them a chance to get to know you, these dogs will be devoted, loyal, and very protective pets. You just need to earn their trust, not a small feat, but one worth undertaking because of the rewards. You would need to be a smart owner when a stranger

is in the midst – reactive – perceptive – alert. Consider it a challenge, but one that is well worth the effort. You will be rewarded with a dog who will love you wholeheartedly and protect you against actual and perceived danger – a warning system, no batteries necessary. Perfect loving pets, particularly for a man or woman alone who could use the extra security. It would be great if they were adopted together because they're friends.



Let us introduce you to these beauties at the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124. Our volunteer, adoption, and visiting hours are 11-2, Monday-Saturday.

Fostering Saves Lives

By Jayn Corral

“Foster” means “to encourage or promote the development of something typically regarded as good, to care for with the goal of nurturing.” At the S.P.A., foster means to care for a kitten/cat, puppy/dog that is too young or ill to be left alone. It is helping to save the lives of homeless animals.

That’s what our foster volunteers do, even though it can, at times, come with worry, messes or middle-of-the-night wake up calls. On the other hand, there are times of joy and laughter and, let’s face it, being a foster just feels good.

The S.P.A. is one of, if not the only shelter in San Miguel that will not place kittens up for adoption until they are the right age to be tested for feline leukemia, usually at three months old. At that age, they are also vaccinated and sterilized. All of the testing, vaccination and sterilization costs are included in the \$500-peso adoption fee.

All untested kittens must be placed in isolation separate from the other cats and kittens. With limited space, we rely on our foster families to help us carry out our mission to find hope, health, and homes for homeless cats and dogs.

For example, recently we had two orphaned kittens that did not know how to eat, stay warm or use the litter box. Our foster volunteers fed them, warmed them up, taught them how to eat and use the litter box. Without their foster family, those babies had no chance of survival. Cats like Kira, Kiki, and Larissa would not be available for adoption if they hadn’t been fostered.

The staff and volunteers at the S.P.A. will make sure that you have the information and supplies that you will need to foster. Our veterinarian checks our animals before they leave for foster homes and as often as necessary while they are in foster care. As a foster, your role will be to provide the attention, care and love that they need to grow. Their experience with a foster family will help prepare them for transitioning to their forever home and family.

If fostering is not an option for you, there are other ways to help the animals. You can volunteer to help socialize them, give donations, donate necessary supplies or sponsor an event to raise awareness. For details, see www.spasanmiguel.org, under the “How to Help” tab. And, of course, you could always adopt! Our cats and dogs looking for forever homes are shown under the “Adopt Me” pages of our website.

We welcome you to visit the S.P.A. to learn more about us and our animals. Come any day Monday-Saturday, Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124, 11-2.



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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.

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!



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



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

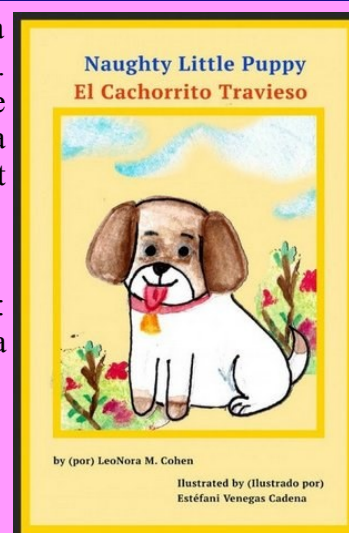
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Royalties from Children's Book Donated to the S.P.A. by Author!

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.



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

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

Food - 5-10%

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Hours: Monday-Friday 10am-6pm

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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, February 1

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, February 1, 2020.**



Rewarding Memberships

With the first month of 2020 under our belts I hope this finds you all well with a little Holiday Spirit still warm in your hearts. Keep up your good cheer and enjoy seeing the friends around town that some of us only see part of the year. And for those in San Miguel now...try to avoid the southern glorieta. It will help keep you cheerful.

At the S.P.A. we are grateful for of our members' support. This month we would like to thank **Sue Smith-Weideman** and **Stephen Weideman** (family), **Steven** and **Lynn Weisberg** (family), **Alan** and **Lynda Herring** (family), **Leslie Glick** and **Emily Moore** (family), **Jane** and **Bill Wilkinson** (family), and **Gregory** and **Irene Diamant** (family) 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 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.

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, February 1 at Ancha de San Antonio 123, from 9 to 3:00** (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

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