



June 2022

Paws & Claws



HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED

From the Director

Our Pet Food Money Bank fundraiser is off to a slow start. We appreciate the support we've received so far, but we have a very long way to go.

Please help us provide food to all our wonderful resident and foster cats and dogs (an average total of 100) by donating to our Pet Food Money Bank fundraiser, our only major fundraiser of the year. Our goal is to raise \$250,000 pesos (about \$13,500 USD), 100 % of which will apply to our annual cost to feed our animals. Because animals do not adjust well to changes in diet and we lack sufficient storage space, we need to raise money to cover the annual cost of feeding our cats and dogs, rather than seek donations of food.

For more information including how to donate, please see page 2 of this issue and <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/pet-food-money-bank>, call 415-152-6124, or write info@spasanmiguel.org. For an instant donation, click the "donate" button below or on any page of our website. Please note that the only way to donate using a credit card is through a PayPal account.

Please see page 6 for information about a survey we are conducting. It just requires a simply "yes" or "no." If there is public interest, we are hoping to move forward with an exciting project that could provide a better quality of life for really lucky people who would have the opportunity to acquire a trained, service dog from the S.P.A.

When you come to the S.P.A. for a clinic appointment or an adoption (no visitors or new volunteers permitted yet), masks are still required, social distancing is practiced, and only one person is permitted inside at a time. *-Megan Gabel, General Director*

Adoptions

| | Dogs | Cats |
|-----|------|------|
| May | 3 | 6 |
| YTD | 11 | 20 |

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)

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

Crafts, T-shirts, Caps: www.spasanmiguel.org/market

See what your donation dollars and pesos support: youtu.be/6grULRH6Sk

Donate

PET FOOD MONEY BANK



Don't Delay—Deposit Pesos and Dollars Today



The S.P.A. has an average of 100 mouths to feed!

- We are the only no-kill shelter for cats and dogs in San Miguel.
- We provide food, care, and shelter for our resident animals until they are adopted.
- Last year, we placed almost 100 animals with families.
- Dogs and cats are on waiting lists to get in the S.P.A.

Please help us feed our animals while they wait for their forever homes!

GOAL: \$250,000 PESOS / \$13,500 USD

How to Contribute to the Pet Food Money Bank

-online at www.spasanmiquel.org ("Donate" button on any page) or www.facebook.com/spasanmiquel ("Shop on Website" button) (all link to PayPal);

-by U.S. or Mexican check to "Sociedad Protectora de Animales de San Miguel de Allende, A.C." (full name required for banks to accept check);

-by U.S. check to "San Miguel Community Foundation" (for a U.S. tax receipt) (mark for S.P.A.).

-Checks may be dropped off at any Conexion location, mark S.P.A., PMB 18 or mailed to S.P.A., PMB No. 18, 220 N. Zapata Hwy. #11, Laredo, TX 78043-4464, U.S.A.

-Checks and cash may also be left at the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7.

****Please call 415-152-6124 or write info@spasanmiquel.org for more info****

May Adoptions

Dog adoptions: Mandy, Gigi, Cookie

Cat adoptions: Blaze, Ben, Samantha, Paige, Paisley, Joe



[2022 Dog Adoptions](#)

[2022 Cat Adoptions](#)

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

June Pets of the Month

By Jayn Corral and Megan Gabel

A small, 3-year-old beauty, Brandy loves to go for a walk and enthusiastically embraces her surroundings as she prances along the street. She's friendly, playful, and a really nice dog. Angel, about 2 years old, small/medium sized, is a very sweet, gentle, calm dog. She walks well on a leash, is friendly to people and other dogs, and very patiently allowed me to try on a variety of harnesses to see which one fit her better.



Leo, now about two years old, has evolved into a playful, fun, active boy who has made friends with his roommates and gets along well with people. A big, cuddly boy, Oreo, a little over 1-1/2 years old, is very comfortable with his current situation so will require a lot of patience and love when adopted. He is hungry for human attention once he feels the person is trustworthy.



Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during June and receive a free adoption kit. Meet them and all our available cats and dogs at the S.P.A., Los Pinos #7, Monday-Saturday between 11 and 2, 415-152-6124. Check them out on our website (<https://www.spasanmiguel.org/>) in the Adopt Me pages.

Mother's Day

By Jayn Corral

Mother's Day is my mom's favorite day of the year. However, as a 'cat mom,' I must say that there are just way too many mother cats in this world, particularly here in San Miguel de Allende. The S.P.A., other shelters, rescuers and good Samaritans are overwhelmed by the number of cats and kittens that need help, food, shelter, medical care, and a loving home and family.

At the S.P.A., we have been caring for a petite sand-colored sweetheart we named Salem and her three babies. Samantha (just adopted), Sadie, and Sara were merely a few days old when they arrived. Salem did a great job raising her girls and our veterinarian made sure they were healthy. Volunteers worked to help socialize them. There were many moments of sheer joy watching them grow from fragile creatures into playful, carefree, happy kittens.

Another tiny baby was rescued from a rooftop and brought to the S.P.A. at just four weeks old, orphaned, and barely able to eat on his own. An elderly gentleman living in the campo who had more animals than he could handle asked us to help and take in a family of six. There are free sterilization blitzes and low-cost sterilization events in San Miguel. Our lower-cost clinic is open to the public. Please do your part and help other people learn the importance of sterilizing their pets.

All of these babies and moms are now available for adoption to loving, caring families. Photos and bios are on our website at www.spasanmiguel.org – Adopt Me (Cats) page. Adoption hours at Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124, are 11-2, Monday-Saturday.

With so many animals to care for and feed, we hope that you can donate to our Pet Food Money Bank campaign. Our goal is to raise \$250,000 pesos to cover the annual cost of feeding our dogs and cats. For more details, please see <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/pet-food-money-bank> Thank you for your help!



Lolita and Soleil Are Ready for Families!

By Megan Gabel

Lolita and Soleil are two of our resident dogs who will benefit by your donation to the S.P.A.'s Pet Food Money Bank. Lolita, almost 2 years old, and Soleil, about 3 years old, have a few things in common. Understated, yet warm and friendly, they are both strikingly beautiful medium-sized dogs. Essentially, they each have a calm demeanor, undemanding, rarely excitable, and will nestle against you for some petting and attention. They like to be talked to and are good listeners. Lolita's favorite position for getting attention is stretching out next to you, pressing her body against your leg as she relaxes while your stroke her side. Soleil's prefers sitting in front of you while she gets some attention. She has an endearing habit of softly putting her paw in your hand and then switching paws so each can be massaged.

Despite their current similarities, their backgrounds are quite different. Before coming to the S.P.A., Lolita was in a home, seemingly loved and cherished. The work demands of her owners drastically changed and required extensive traveling, thus creating an issue about providing a home for Lolita. On the other hand, all we know about Soleil is that she had been left helpless in a tied-up cloth bag on a deserted campo road. Rumor has it that her puppies had been stolen from her. Fortunately, she was saved by a rescuer and we had room to take her in.

Lolita and Soleil would make devoted, loving family pets. Meet these wonderful dogs during adoption hours at the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124, Monday-Saturday, 11-2. Masks required. The S.P.A.'s adoption fee is only 600 pesos and includes sterilization, all current vaccinations, deworming, and more. Check out the Adopt Me pages on our website (<https://www.spasanmiguel.org/>) to learn about all our cats and dogs.



Lolita



Soleil

Survey Question

An S.P.A. volunteer, experienced in training diabetes detection dogs, has generously offered to train one of our dogs with this skill. She would screen our dogs to determine if one would be suitable for this program. The dog would undergo an intensive training period that would last approximately 6 months. During this time, about three families would be chosen to be interviewed as a potential adopter of the trained dog, assuming the dog passes his or her "final" exams. Information about this type of program can be found here: <https://eenp.org> The adoption fee for this dog is yet to be determined. This volunteer would help with possible options for grants for the chosen family to be sponsored in part to assist with the cost.

Would you or someone you know want to adopt such a dog from the S.P.A? Please send us an email at info@spasanmiguel.org and merely say "Yes" or No." Your input will determine whether we move forward with this plan, so please let us know what you think.



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

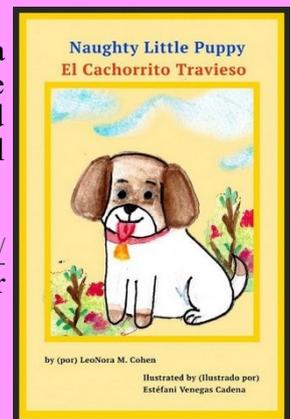
* or peso equivalent

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 charged by MacDonald Package Delivery Services (<https://www.macdonaldspackages.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 Poetry of Reverie





Sociedad Protectora de Animales
Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124

Adoptions
Mon.-Sat.
11 AM—2 PM

Clinic Hours
Mon., Wed., Thu., Fri.
9 AM—3 PM
Tuesday & Saturday
(discount days)
9 AM—4 PM
By appointment is best.

www.spasanmiguel.org
www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel

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.



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

We're at the Organic Market on Saturday, June 4!



S.P.A. T-shirts & Caps

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 table Saturday, June 4.



(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

May is past and now June is here. With that, everyone is closer to the rains that will be coming and the hottest days of April and May should be behind those in San Miguel. That should be true, not just on the calendar but with the experience of each new glorious day. Stay hydrated and hang in there, because relief is on the way. The rains will come and with it cool evenings and lush green mornings. That will be something to be truly grateful for.

At the S.P.A. we are grateful to **Rena Cochlin** (individual), **Susan Rall**, (individual), **Nancy Meckstroth** (individual), and **Lori Ruben** and **Richard Bayer** (family) for renewing their memberships. In addition, please join me in welcoming our newest member, **Carrie McIver** (individual). Welcome Carrie! We couldn't do what we do without all of 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.**

***Come to the S.P.A.'s table at the Organic Market – Saturday, June 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!

Advertise in Paws & Claws and reach a large audience of animal lovers and consumers. Our rates are reasonable and our readership is large. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

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**Preferred Providers: ask about our 15% discount.
 To convert to dollars, use current conversion rate.**

