



May 2023

# Paws & Claws



HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED

## From the Director

### THE S.P.A.'S PET FOOD MONEY BANK FUNDRAISER STARTS NOW!

We are raising money to feed our animals! This year our goal is to raise \$250,000 pesos (about \$14,000 USD), 100% of which will be applied to our annual cost of providing food for our resident animals and those in foster care. Look at some of our [Hungry Dogs](#) and [Hungry Cats](#)! Please help us feed them by making a monetary deposit to our Pet Food Money Bank today.

All you have to do is click on the PayPal Donate button below for an instant donation. You may be able to donate by credit or debit card without a PayPal account as long as you have a U.S. cell number. See the next page and page 8 of this issue for more information including other ways to donate to our Pet Food Money Bank. This page of our website is devoted to the Pet Food Money Bank: [HERE](#). Please don't delay, deposit funds today! Please spread the word and share this issue with friends and family. We need your help!

Is it time for your pet's annual veterinary examination? Vaccinations up to date? Any concerns you have? Our on-site clinic is open and ready to provide veterinary care for your pets.

We have some wonderful cats and dogs, looking for their forever home. When you're ready to adopt, please come to the S.P.A. during our adoption hours (11-2, Monday-Saturday) (masks required).

Thank you for your support of the S.P.A. and our animals!

-Megan Gabel, General Director

## Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
April	4	6
YTD	8	8

### Clinic/Office Hours:

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

### Adoptions & Volunteer\* Hours:

Mon - Sat: 11am - 2pm  
Masks required.

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](http://www.spasanmiguel.org)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel](https://www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel)

Donate and support our fundraisers: [www.spasanmiguel.org/fundraisers](http://www.spasanmiguel.org/fundraisers)  
(Donate-Sponsor a Casita-Become a Member)

Dogs available for adoption: [www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-dogs/](http://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-dogs/)

Cats available for adoption: [www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-cats/](http://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-cats/)

Membership questions: [MembershipSPA@gmail.com](mailto:MembershipSPA@gmail.com)

Casita questions: [SPACasita@gmail.com](mailto:SPACasita@gmail.com)

Foster questions: [SPAFosters@gmail.com](mailto:SPAFosters@gmail.com)

See what your donation dollars and pesos support: [youtu.be/6grULRH6Sk](https://youtu.be/6grULRH6Sk)

\*For a required volunteer interview, email [info@spasanmiguel.org](mailto:info@spasanmiguel.org) Volunteers must be fully vaccinated.

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## 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 oldest 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 / \$14,000 USD***

### How to Contribute to the Pet Food Money Bank

-online at [www.spasanmiguel.org](http://www.spasanmiguel.org) ("Donate" button on any page) or [www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel](http://www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel) ("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.

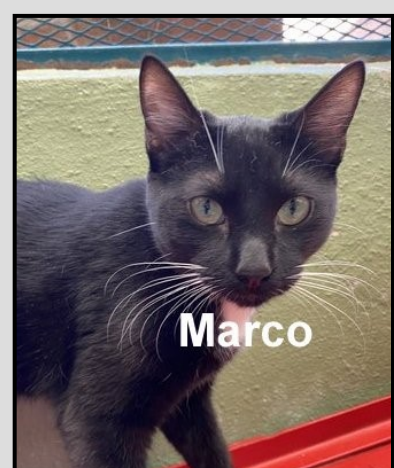
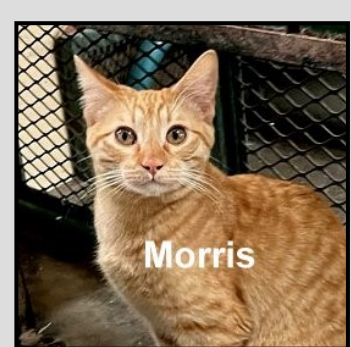
**\*\*Please call 415-152-6124 or write [info@spasanmiguel.org](mailto:info@spasanmiguel.org) for more info\*\***



## April Adoptions

Dog adoptions: Cleo, Valentina, Sierra, Nina

Cat adoptions: Luca, Parker, Callie, Marco, Morris, Eva



[2023 Dog Adoptions](#)

[2023 Cat Adoptions](#)

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



## May Pets of the Month

By Megan Gabel and Jayn Corral

Our May Pets of the Month (Sake, Angel, Marco, and Robin) are among those who will benefit from your donation to our Pet Food Money Bank. Sake, about 5-1/2 years old, had been in a loving home for 4-1/2 years when her owner became deathly ill and Sake needed a safe haven. Medium-sized, she is a happy, friendly, playful dog. She's so excited about going for a walk that she spins in circles when it's her turn, tail wagging with the thrill of it all. She really likes getting personal attention, especially having her head petted.



**Sake**

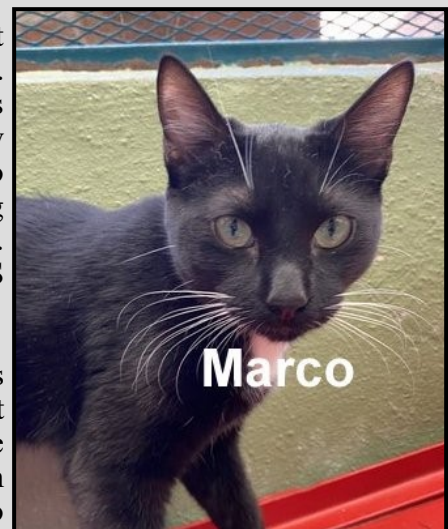


**Angel**

About 3 years old, small/medium-sized Angel is a very sweet, calm dog. She walks well on leash and is friendly to people, but particular about the dogs that she likes. She is a really nice, gentle girl.

Marco is one of our youngest teens at almost 10 months old. Well known for expressing his opinion with a big boy meow and lots of attitude, Marco readily joins in a wrestling contest with his fellow teens.

He loves to have fun and is sweet and inquisitive. MARCO WAS ADOPTED JUST BEFORE PRESS TIME!



**Marco**



**Robin**

Robin, now 5-1/2 years old, has blossomed into our most accomplished lap sitter! The minute a volunteer sits down on the floor, she makes a beeline to the now available lap. She will share her territory with one other cat with the condition that she has to be closest to the human heart. Robin is undemanding and full of love.

Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during May 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 (masks required). Our adoption fee is 600 pesos. For dogs, it includes sterilization, all current vaccinations, deworming, and the leptospirosis booster. For cats, the fee includes sterilization, all current vaccinations, deworming, and the feline leukemia vaccine and booster. You can preview all our dogs here: <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-dogs/> and our cats here: <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-cats/> Clicking on the animal's photo will take you to another page with a bigger photo, a bio, and, for dogs, a video.



## 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](mailto:SPACasita@gmail.com)  
Questions? Call the S.P.A. office: 415-152-6124

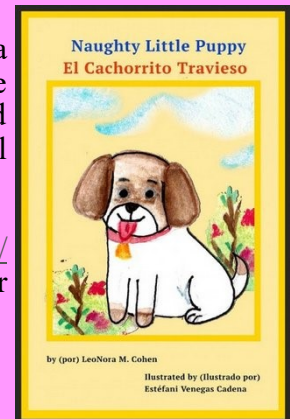
\* or peso equivalent

## 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](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](http://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.**



## Lost, Found, and Abandoned Pets

By Megan Gabel

The number of lost, found, and abandoned animals in San Miguel continues to increase. Rescuers are overwhelmed with animals they are temporarily trying to help with food, care, and shelter while working on finding them homes. There are many they cannot help because they lack the space to keep them. The problem is exacerbated by the fact that adoptions are slow all over. We can all chip in to help dogs and cats lead safer, more secure lives in San Miguel de Allende. Here's how.

### Important information:

1. Emergency help: 911.
2. Canine Control Center: 415-154-7200 – located behind the Presidencia. A map is [HERE](#).
3. Radio San Miguel: 415-152-0227 or 415-152-0799, Sollano #4.
4. Civil List San Miguel: <https://groups.io/g/CivilSMA1>
5. Pet SOS San Miguel de Allende Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/745106518845566>
6. The S.P.A.: Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124.
7. Preventative steps: an identification tag greatly enhances the likelihood of reuniting pets with their owners.

### If You Lose Your Pet:

1. Visit the Canine Control Center at least every other day. It is the city's kill shelter. An animal picked up by the Canine Control Center may have only a few days to live, so act promptly. Many wonderful dogs are there on death row. Yours could be one of them. In recent months, the S.P.A. has rescued Annie, Sunshine, Charlie, Bailey, and more from Canine Control. They possibly had owners who never came for them.
2. Contact Radio San Miguel. Describe your pet in detail and offer a reward.
3. Post photos and a bilingual description on a poster in the area where your pet was last seen, offering a reward for a safe return.
4. Post details and photos on the Civil List, and Pet SOS.

Whenever someone reports a lost dog, we urge the person to visit Canine Control immediately and often. In April 2022, the S.P.A. took in a dog from Canine Control who was adopted from the S.P.A. a few months later. Recently, the original owner of the dog spotted this dog who was out with a dog walker. He immediately recognized the dog as his! The dog and her owner were reunited.

In response to our request, he came into the S.P.A. with the dog so we could verify that all was okay. We learned that the dog had been lost in January 2022 and probably picked up by Canine Control in April 2022, a few days before we rescued her. The owner reported the lost dog to us in January 2022. At our suggestion, the owner had gone to Canine Control in January and February, but didn't find his dog. He stopped checking Canine Control then.

Lesson learned: keep checking Canine Control for your lost dog!



## Lost, Found, and Abandoned Pets (continued)

### If You Find a Pet:

1. Approach any stray animal with caution, offering food and water. If the animal seems too frightened and aggressive, get help from a skilled professional or the Canine Control Center. For cats too timid or frightened to approach humans, consider borrowing one of the S.P.A.'s humane cat traps.
2. If the animal is not aggressive, take the animal to a vet as soon as possible. Our S.P.A. vet (and others) will examine the stray, determine health status, and start vaccinations and any other necessary treatment.
3. Post details and photos on the Civil List and Pet SOS.
4. Listen to Radio San Miguel to see if anyone has advertised about losing a pet of that description.
5. If no luck finding the owner, put the dog or cat on the appropriate S.P.A. waiting list. However, be aware that you are responsible for the animal you found and that the wait for space at the S.P.A. may be long. Try to find a home for the animal by posting details on various Facebook page such as SMA Pet Rescue, Adopción y Rescate de Mascotas (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/637247790773535/>). Screen adopters carefully. Sterilize the animal before adoption. Please do not release the animal to fend for itself.

Please note that the S.P.A. is not equipped to help rescue a stray dog or cat, find a lost pet, or get involved with a situation involving animal abuse (call 911 to report). We wish we had the personnel and finances to help all needy animals!

## R.I.P. Susie

Our Susie had been at the S.P.A. since April 30, 2011. She was 2-1/2 years old when she showed up by herself on that day, pregnant and ready to give birth which she did that evening – nine puppies. She changed a lot over the years, from a dog that non-S.P.A. workers feared to a loving, affectionate, happy dog that no one feared. She became smaller with a very white face. Susie loved getting attention and affection and was more than willing to reciprocate with kisses. She was a very smart dog, alert and attentive. She loved going for a walk. She liked to snuggle in her crate with a soft blanket or stretch out on top of her crate so she could peruse all the activities at the S.P.A. Her playgroup was always the younger, smaller dogs, the ones that most reminded her of her own puppies from long ago. Not too long ago, she rushed to be with them: <https://youtu.be/jxTcJOLpQzU>

We watched Susie age gracefully and begin to struggle with a few minor health issues. In all these years, no one ever asked about adopting her. But she didn't suffer for being overlooked – we, at the S.P.A., loved and cherished her and were always there for her.

Susie was found dead in her casita the morning of April 10, 2023. We miss her.





## Please Help Us Provide Food for Our Cats and Dogs

By Megan Gabel

The Sociedad Protectora de Animales de San Miguel de Allende, A.C., San Miguel's oldest no-kill shelter for dogs and cats, houses a combined average of 100 animals. We provide food, care (vaccinations, sterilization, veterinary and medical care), and shelter for all of them until they become family companions—no matter how long it takes.

The S.P.A.'s annual Pet Food Money Bank fundraiser is our only major fundraiser of the year. The purpose of the fundraiser is to raise money to cover the annual cost to feed our resident animals like Dexter, Sara, Miny, and Martin. The goal of this year's Pet Food Money Bank is \$250,000 pesos (about \$14,000 USD). All funds raised—100%—will be applied to the annual cost of food for our family-pets-to-be.



Dexter



Sara



Miny



Martin

As our cats and dogs become a part of families, we take in more animals. Some are so malnourished when they arrive that we must give them special supplemental food until they become stronger. Many of our animals, dogs in particular, have been at the S.P.A. for a long time (years). As they age, they require food designed to address the needs of older animals. Even some of our younger animals are sometimes on a unique diet. For these reasons, we have had to switch some of our residents from our regular, economy-priced food to other options. 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.

Please donate to help us raise money to cover this basic expense – FOOD! PayPal donations to our Pet Food Money Bank may be made clicking the Donate button below. You may be able to donate by credit or debit card without a PayPal account as long as you have a U.S. cell number. Donate by Mexican or U.S. check to “Sociedad Protectora de Animales de San Miguel de Allende, A.C.” (full name required) or U.S. check to “San Miguel Community Foundation” (for a U.S. tax receipt) (mark for S.P.A.). Your check may be dropped off at the S.P.A., Los Pinos #7, 415-152-6124 or at any La Conexion location (mark envelope “S.P.A., PMB 18”). Or mail your check to: Sociedad Protectora de Animales (S.P.A.), Los Pinos #7, Col. Lindavista, San Miguel de Allende, GTO, 37736, Mexico; or S.P.A., PMB No. 18, 220 N. Zapata Hwy. No. 11, Laredo, Texas 78043-4464 USA. Cash donations should be made at our office only (Los Pinos 7).

Questions? Call 415-152-6124 or write [info@spasanmiguel.org](mailto:info@spasanmiguel.org) Please don't delay, deposit funds today! We need and appreciate your help. Thank you!

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## Big Boys with Big Hearts

By Megan Gabel

Butch was just a baby when he arrived at the S.P.A in January 2020 – only 2 weeks old. Even as a puppy, he was large for his age, far bigger than his sister who was adopted quickly. At the beginning, he was very shy, hiding from potential adopters, even the patient ones. Now almost 3-1/2 years old, he has grown into a handsome boy, very strong and athletic. He doesn't shy away from new volunteers who want to take him for a walk or give him a treat when he sits. For such a large boy, he has a soft mouth, taking the treat as if it were the best possible thing in the world. He enjoys going for a walk and is willing to pull you along if you don't keep up with him. He likes other dogs and is happy, enthusiastic, and sweet.



**Butch**



**Tigre**

Almost 5 years old, Tigre is a large dog who is sweet and gentle despite his imposing looks. When he first arrived at the S.P.A. in August 2021, he was very stubborn. It was necessary to lure him with a treat to get him to move. Nowadays, his love of treats hasn't changed, but his stubbornness has. He is very willing to go for a walk and slowly lopes along the sidewalk outside the S.P.A. He's easy to walk and doesn't pull on leash. He is low-key, friendly, and a very good boy.

Bailey is a very agile, energetic, happy boy. You can see it in the smile on his face. Medium/large, a little over 1 year old, he loves to chase balls, toys, and Frisbees. He doesn't seem to know his own strength. He is very eager to go for a walk and is learning to be patient while waiting to be leashed and while being walked. Walking him is a challenge because he is so strong and just now being disciplined and taught some manners. He is responding well to his lessons. Bailey is joyful. He's very friendly with people.



**Bailey**



**Charlie**

Charlie is a handsome, sweet dog who likes to give hugs. Medium-sized, about 1-1/2 years old, he is a delightful dog, friendly with people and other dogs. He is eager to go for a walk and greets every volunteer on his way out for his daily walk. He's learning not to jump up as part of his greeting. Once outside, he walks easily on a leash.

Meet Butch, Tigre, Bailey, and Charlie at the S.P.A. any day, Monday-Saturday, 11-2, Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124 (masks required). Each would be a wonderful addition to your family. Our available dogs are here: <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-dogs/> Our available cats are here: <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-cats/> Our adoption fee is 600 pesos. For dogs, it includes sterilization, all current vaccinations, deworming, and the

leptospirosis booster. For cats, the fee includes sterilization, all current vaccinations, deworming, and the feline leukemia vaccine and booster.

## The Poetry of Fond Memories: a Tribute

### Ask Susie

By Harry Burrus

*I wrote this piece a number of years ago. Up to the very end, Susie stimulated my memory and ignited my recollection.*

I'm dog walking with Mike, a volunteer who comes twice a year to walk our S.P.A. dogs. We're discussing films and theatre. I mention how a particular film and its main actress contain similar elements to *A Street Car Named Desire*. Neither one of us can think of the actress' name. I start going through the alphabet. No luck. I know the name but I'm blanking. Something that seems to be happening with greater frequency. Yikes!

My next walk is with Susie. She performs an adorable side to side two step move with her front paws when she sees me approaching. I've been walking Susie since August of 2011. I hug her. Massage her back and thighs. We're off. I find her face lovely despite several facial scars, souvenirs of her life prior to the S.P.A. We're walking up a hill, the sun is to our left, our shadows to the right. I mention my memory hiatus and how Freud uses talking as a cure when dealing with cognitive issues. Susie stops. Gives me a "what gives" look. I explain. As soon as I finish, she blinks, and I say, "Cate Blanchett." Cool. We continue our climb.

I love my time with Susie and the S.P.A. dogs. In addition to being with such wonderful creatures who are so into you and appreciative, I find when walking with them I'm open to all kinds of ideas—there's a free flowing exchange that weaves its way into my mind set, tributaries are explored. Good thoughts accumulate. I'm stimulated. I decide to test Susie. I want to mention an English playwright to Mike, but again, I'm lapsing. Geez. I sit on a rock and rub Susie's ears, neck, and back. Her eyes tunnel into me. "Okay, he's English. First studied acting. Wrote poetry. Became famous in the 1950s as a playwright." I must say I have confidence in Susie. She's a lab mix mix and is descended from a long German line. Her great-great grandfather was Herrmann Von Walter, so the question dealing with the past shouldn't be a concern. I rub Susie's forehead. She licks my nose. I say, "Harold Pinter."







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

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9 AM—4 PM  
*By appointment is best.*

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[www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel](http://www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel)

**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.



(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).



## 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/](http://www.spasanmiguel.org/members/) (via PayPal) or in our office. Please email [MembershipSPA@gmail.com](mailto:MembershipSPA@gmail.com) if you have questions.

**The S.P.A.'s clinic is open to the public!** 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.*



## Rewarding Memberships

Everybody likes a good laugh. Everyone loves to learn a new joke they can share. With that in mind, I have a great pet joke from the hilarious Jerry Seinfeld that cracked me up and I wanted to share: “Dogs are the leaders of the planet. If you see two life forms, one of them’s making a poop and the other one’s carrying it for him...who would you assume is in charge?” Feel free to use it. And you don’t even have to thank me.

Here at the S.P.A. we would like to thank **Kathleen Williams** and **Alex McLeod** (family), **Britt Zaist** and **Henry Vermillion** (family), and **Joyce Gibson** (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](mailto: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

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