

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



December 2019



Paws & Claws

HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED

From the Director

It's the gift-giving season! How about celebrating by making a gift to the S.P.A. as a present to yourself and to others? Embrace the holiday spirit by helping the S.P.A. whose primary goal is, as our moto states, to provide hope, health, and homes for cats and dogs in need. Every penny/centavo you contribute will be used for the benefit of the cats and dogs sheltered at the S.P.A. who are waiting to become a part of loving families.

Thanks to anonymous donors, all new donations to the S.P.A. through the end of the year up to a total of \$3,000 USD will be matched! Please help us take full advantage of this generous offer to double November/December contributions.

Read about Penny and Chrissie on pages 2 and 3 of this issue as further inspiration. For an instant donation through PayPal, click the "Donate" button below. Other methods for donating are described on page 3.

We're at the Organic Market December 7 from 9-3:30, Ancha de San Antonio 123. Check out our beautiful and unique hand-crafted items and S.P.A. T-shirts and caps (photos on page 15). Perfect holiday gifts for dog and cat lovers and as souvenirs of San Miguel de Allende. We hope to see you there!

We send our best wishes to you and your family for a wonderful holiday season. Thank you for supporting the S.P.A.!

-Megan Gabel, General Director

Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
November	3	6
YTD	34	51

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/6grULRH6Sk

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Take Advantage of the Chance To Help Save Cats and Dogs

The Sociedad Protectora de Animales de San Miguel de Allende, A. C. ("S.P.A.") is a non-profit organization and the only no-kill shelter for cats and dogs in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. We house an average of 100 unwanted and abandoned dogs and cats. Since 1980, we have provided food, shelter, and care for our resident animals with the goal of finding them permanent, loving homes. Our on-site clinic provides veterinary services for our animals and those belonging to the public. We and our animals rely upon donations to survive.

Penny was discovered by the S.P.A. at animal control, a kill shelter. Her days were numbered there. She gave whole-hearted kisses through her cage and seemed to be a very calm dog. We couldn't leave her behind so we brought her to the S.P.A., hoping to find her a home that matched her loving nature. About 4 years old or so, she has some Beagle in her, but doesn't do the Beagle-howl or even bark. She walks easily on a leash, doesn't pull at all, and relishes as much attention as someone is willing to give her, tail wagging all the time. When she went through her S.P.A. "entrance" physical, we discovered that she was missing a rib and that there were numerous bumpy areas in her body where broken bones had healed without treatment, evidencing that she had probably been in a car accident before. We also found a double row of bare skin on the lower part of her neck, indicating that she was likely tied up with a wire. Despite Penny's sad history, one could never meet a more gentle, sweet dog.



An S.P.A. dog walker discovered a tiny, beautiful two-year old black and white cat lying in the weeds, barely alive and badly injured. The cat's face was riddled with lacerations and one eye was hemorrhaged and slightly protracted. Rushed to our on-site veterinarian, she was cleaned up, given pain medication, and her injuries were treated. Now named Chrissie, she wasn't eating and seemed to be in shock. It would take a few days to know if she would survive. Fortunately, her injuries healed and her eye is as good as new. It took more time for Chrissie to rise above the emotional and physical traumatic event that had put her in such a horrible state. She has learned to get along with her roommates and looks forward to special moments with volunteers, seeking love, attention, and even playtime from them. We are convinced she finally understands how lucky she is to be alive and in a safe, loving place.

These are just two examples of what we face every day, year round. Donations from supporters like you make it possible for us to help animals like Penny and Chrissie. We have many tales of animals in need and how the S.P.A. comes to their rescue. Thanks to our hardworking volunteers and staff, we also have countless happy endings.

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Help Save Cats and Dogs (continued)

YOU CAN HELP US HELP THEM BY DONATING TO THE S.P.A.! Our major expenses are food, medications, vaccines, and litter for our shelter animals; clinic medical supplies, lab costs, and equipment; facility maintenance; cleaning costs for our population of dogs and cats; office supplies and salaries for our small staff. We do not receive government assistance. It takes the ongoing support of our animal-loving donors to keep us in operation. The cost of caring for all of our animals and the beloved pets of our clients exceeds \$2,000,000 pesos per year.

We hope you will consider making as generous a gift as you can. Any amount you choose will help us continue our work and achieve our goals. All funds received will be used to benefit our animals. Please review the form below for instructions on how to make a donation by check, online through PayPal, or by cash payment.

Thank you for becoming a part of our effort to provide a refuge for cats and dogs, regardless of how long it takes to find homes for them.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Country _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

PAY BY CHECK (enclose completed form with payment):

- Pay by Mexican or U.S. check to **Sociedad Protectora de Animales de San Miguel de Allende, A.C.** (the full name is required or the bank will not accept the check) (\$50 min. for USD check per bank); or
- Pay by 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, Col. Lindavista, San Miguel de Allende (phone: 415-152-6124); or
- At any La Conexion location (mark envelope "S.P.A., PMB 18").

Or your check may be mailed 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 U.S.A..



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CLICK HERE TO DONATE VIA PAYPAL INSTANTLY OR:

At www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel, the "Shop Now" button is just below the banner at the top of page.

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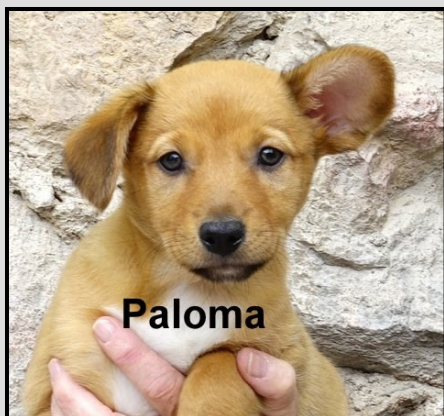
PAY BY CASH: Please bring cash donations to the S.P.A., Los Pinos #7. For directions, call 415-152-6124.

THANK YOU!

November Adoptions

November dog adoptions: Penny, Bandit, Paloma

November cat adoptions: Matt, Max, Tornado, Beto, Casper, Jack



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December Pets of the Month

By Megan Gabel and Jayn Corral

Medium-large and slim with beautiful faces, sisters Maple and Timber are sweet, energetic, loving dogs. About two years old, they both give exuberant kisses to let you know just how much they care. Each one will snuggle in your lap when you visit her in her casita, soaking up the attention that she eagerly receives.



Both 1-1/2 year-old beautiful tabbies, Chili and Xel-Ha have spent their entire lives at the S.P.A. "Chatty Chili" has a fun temperament and is smart, independent, confident, and very social. Formerly shy Xel-Ha is now quite a love. She quietly makes her presence known by sitting close to visitors so she can get some private attention.



Make this holiday special! Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during December 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.

Put Yourself on Your Gift-Giving List

By Jayn Corral

It's that time of year when we are thinking about ways to show kindness and thanks to our loved ones and friends. We buy gifts, make special meals and treats, or do acts of charity and goodness. We often get caught up in a too-busy schedule and forget to do the same for ourselves. Wouldn't it be great to give yourself a gift?

The S.P.A. is full of lovely cats waiting to share their joy and love with their own family. Once comfortable in their new environment, they will love you unconditionally and give you moments of pure joy.



Sassy, for example, is a small tabby about two years old girl that is right for this job. She gets so excited to see and play with visitors, which is really amazing, because she was extremely shy when she first arrived at the S.P.A. Now she is like a contortionist, squirming and flipping over to soak up all the love she can. With her two front paws, she holds on the visitor's hand and pulls it toward her to lick it to express her appreciation. Wouldn't it be great if she had a real family for her to love everyday?

And there is Chili, a white and tabby, Siamese-type girl just over one year old. Nicknamed Chatty Chili because she loves to talk and interact with visitors, she's a smart girl, too. She learned how to open the treat box, so it had to be placed out of her reach. It is sad that she has never known life outside of the S.P.A. because she is so delightful and has so much to give.



Chili



Larissa

Independent yet very social at the same time she is sure to bring life and entertainment to a forever home.

Larissa, Brandy, Herrnosa, and Jerry are some others that long for forever homes. They can help you plan your shopping list, help you while you bake in the kitchen, and give you ideas about what you can do to show your love to your family and friends this holiday season. While it is never a good idea to give an animal as a gift to other people, this gift will be the best thing you can do for yourself and the cat.



Brandy



Jerry



Hermosa

There is no such thing as a “free” cat or dog!

By Megan Gabel

No matter what someone tells you, responsible pet ownership costs money. Sure, it's fun to watch kittens romp and puppies play, but there is much more to bringing a pet into your family. There is a protocol to follow to check that your new pet is currently healthy and remains so. Strive to ensure that the pet you bring into your home is not vulnerable to disease and is or will be sterilized.

If you adopt an S.P.A. animal (like Reeses and Maya), we've got it covered! Our adoption fee is 500 pesos. For cats, the fee includes sterilization, all current vaccinations, deworming, the feline leukemia/FIV test, and the feline leukemia vaccine and booster. For dogs, it includes sterilization, all current vaccinations, deworming, the leptospirosis booster, and enrollment in the Green Paw Pet Registration Program.

Our inclusive adoption fee is quite a bargain when you consider that actual costs for the same services will run much more. We never lose sight of our primary goals - to find loving families for our cats and dogs and to make sure that every pet adopted from the S.P.A. has necessary vaccinations and is sterilized. We want all our animals fully protected and sterilized. You can count on us – we've been around since 1980!



Reeses



Maya

We want the same thing for non-S.P.A. animals. The S.P.A. has an on-site, lower-cost clinic, open to the public. Dr. Omar Córdova, our full-time veterinarian, can examine your pet, conduct tests, and provide treatment as necessary.

The S.P.A. offers packages to reduce the cost of vaccinations and sterilization to help all owners fulfill their responsibilities to take good care of their pets. We have a Complete Puppy Package, Complete Kitten Package, and an Adult Dog Package, details of which are spelled out on our website [HERE](#).

Our clinic is open Monday-Saturday, 9-3 except that on Tuesdays and Saturdays (discount days), we're open until 4. Adoption and visitation hours are Monday-Saturday, 11-2. Our address is Los Pinos 7. For more information, please contact us at 415-152-6124.

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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.

The Poetry of a Pas de Deux





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

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Tuesday & Saturday
(discount days)
9 AM—4 PM
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.



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.*



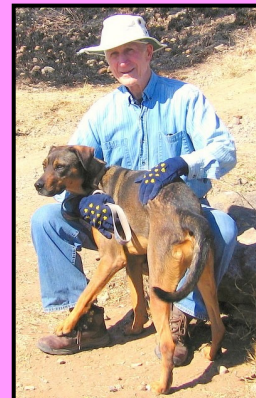
For information on monthly or annual payment options, send us an email at SPACasita@gmail.com

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.

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At the Organic Market Saturday, December 7

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, December 7**



Rewarding Memberships

Thanksgiving. I gave thanks for being a volunteer at the S.P.A., socializing the cats, preparing them for the day someone will walk in and say "I want to give this cat a loving forever home." Others walk the dogs, giving them the exercise and companionship that they need. I can tell you that all the volunteers get more out of it than the animals do. For that I am grateful. If you haven't spent time volunteering, please do. You will be giving thanks that you did.

In the theme of giving thanks, I would like to thank **Skip** and **Joy Mae Johnson** (family) for becoming new members. Welcome! I would also like to thank **Scott Leather** (individual), **John Piccolo** and **Cecelia Almes** (family), **Susan Zafer** (individual) and **Richard** and **Kathy Simandl** (family) for renewing their memberships. We could not 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.

-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, December 7, 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

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It would be great to hear from you!

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