

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



June 2020

Paws & Claws

HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED



From the Director

THE S.P.A.'S PET FOOD MONEY BANK FUNDRAISER STARTED WITH A BONUS OFFER AND IS CONTINUING WITH AN EVEN BIGGER ONE! Thank you for your support in meeting the initial 3,000 USD bonus offer! We still need your help! **This year's goal is \$250,000 pesos (about \$13,500 USD).** We have a long way to go! Please help us feed our Hungry Dogs and Hungry Cats by making a monetary deposit to our Pet Food Money Bank.

Of course, your entire donation to the S.P.A.'s Pet Food Money Bank will apply to the annual cost of feeding our resident animals and **now, each donation through June 30 up to a total of \$3,500 USD will be matched by an anonymous donation to SPA Dogs to DC**, our joint project with Tammy Belden that has, so far, resulted in 16 adoptions of S.P.A. dogs in the States. Tammy is a miracle worker! As space is created by these adoptions, we are able to save more dogs including those from our waiting list and from Ecologia, the local kill pound. All animals coming into the S.P.A. are tested, vaccinated, and sterilized so that healthy animals are then available for adoption. The cycle will continue as the program goes on. See page 3 for photos of the lucky dogs who have benefitted from this project so far. As soon as travel restrictions are lifted, at least 5 more dogs will be heading to the States.

Please click on the PayPal Donate button below for an instant donation. For more details, please click [HERE](#) or write info@spasanmiguel.org Please don't delay, deposit funds today so we can reach our goal. Thank you!

-Megan Gabel, General Director

Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
May	3	4
YTD	22	18

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

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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

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Foster questions: SPAFosters@gmail.com

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.spasanmiguel.org (PayPal "donate" button on any page);
- 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 152-6124 or write info@spasanmiguel.org for more info****

SPA Dogs to DC—Success Stories



Dipper



Tigi



Simba



Mocha



Latte



Stella



Macarena



Skye



Maple



Gigi



Snowflake



Holly



Cocoa



Isabella



Mia

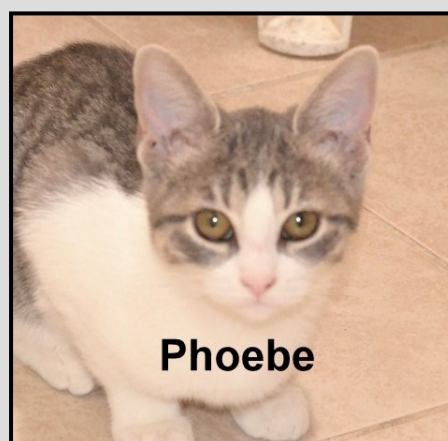
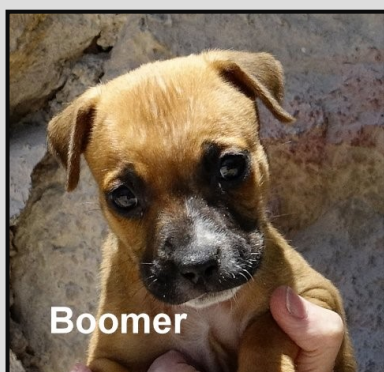


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May Adoptions

May dog adoptions: Cookie, Cassidy, Boomer

May cat adoptions: Layla, Phoebe, Larissa, Max



[2020 Dog Adoptions](#)

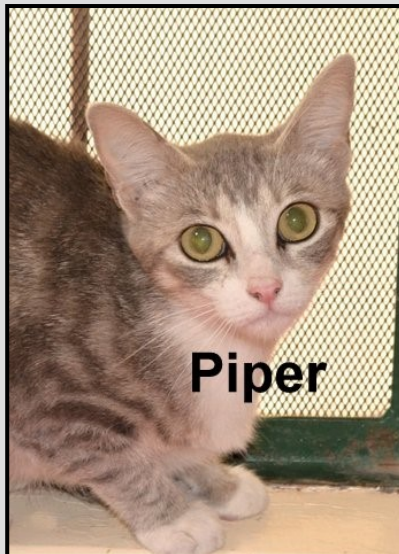
[2020 Cat Adoptions](#)

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June Pets of the Month

By Megan Gabel and Jayn Corral

Jessie and her brother, Joey, about 8-1/2 months old, small/medium-sized at the moment, are German Shepherd mixes. They are both sweet, affectionate, and friendly, eager for attention, and ready to play. Jessie, a natural-born swimmer, loves to splash in water. Joey sounds an alert when he sees another dog on the street.



Piper came to the S.P.A. in late April 2020 at the age of 6 months. She has short gray and white fur and a tall and lean body. She has a sweet personality, is curious and content. (Max, a June pet, was adopted!)

Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during June and receive a free adoption kit. Meet them at the S.P.A., Los Pinos #7, Monday-Saturday between 11 and 2, 415-152-6124.

The S.P.A. is open for adoptions as long as certain precautions are followed. Our adoption hours are Monday-Saturday, 11-2, Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124. Our available cats are here:

<https://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-cats/>

<https://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-dogs/>

Our available dogs are here: 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.

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. We strongly believe that it is worth the effort to end up with a new loving member of your family to keep you company during these difficult times!

Hats Off to Güera

By Megan Gabel



On December 29, 2009, Güera arrived at the S.P.A. Her age was guessed at 2 years old, but we now think she was a couple of years older. She was a love, gazing at you with kind, gentle, and vulnerable eyes. She had a funny habit of running around in circles to get your attention and, when she had it, she started jumping straight up in excitement. She'd happily sit and, if that was not enough, lie down so you could put a leash on her. She eagerly ventured out for a walk at a steady clip, one of our easiest dogs to walk. Sometimes afraid to meet someone new, she was a volunteer favorite, but did not do well on an adoption interview. In fact, she would hide in her tinaco instead of coming out to give people a chance to get to know her and possibly decide to let her become part of their family.

Past tense.

Güera died on April 23, 2020. Eleven years at the S.P.A. For the last few years on a special renal diet due to kidney failure. Never considered by others for adoption. Loved and treasured by S.P.A. volunteers and employees who later joined together to honor her and spread her ashes in the dog exercise area that she played in every day.



When cats and dogs are taken into the S.P.A., they are given the best care and love possible until they are adopted into their forever families, no matter how long it takes, if at all. Güera exemplifies the S.P.A.'s commitment to the animals we oversee.

Please help us provide food for all our animals by donating to the S.P.A.'s Pet Food Money Bank. Because animals do not adjust well to changes in diet and we lack sufficient storage space, we need to raise money to apply to the annual cost of feeding them the food they are accustomed to eating, rather than seek donations of food. This includes specialty food like the kind Güera was on as are others who require a special diet because they are very young or develop health issues or are aging and need extra help. We do not receive any government support and rely upon your donations as our only source of income to cover this basic expense.

Not only will 100% of your donation apply to the annual cost of feeding our resident cats and dogs, but each donation to our Pet Food Money Bank through June 30 up to a total of \$3,500 USD will be matched by an anonymous donation to SPA Dogs to DC which, since 2019, has resulted in adoptions of 16 S.P.A. dogs in the States.

For more information, please see <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/pet-food-money-bank>, call 415-152-6124, or write info@spasanmiguel.org



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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 MacDonald Services (www.macdonald-services.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!

A special thanks for the generous donation in honor of Margaret Hook,
S.P.A. director in the late 80s.

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with Vanessa and Claudine



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We are the only no-kill
shelter for cats and dogs
in SMA. We feed about
100 animals every day.

Please help us!

www.spasanmiguel.org
(Donate button on any page)



Sociedad Protectora de Animales, Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124
Questions? info@spasanmiguel.org More information here:
www.spasanmiguel.org/pet-food-money-bank
*by donation to SPA Dogs to DC

A Message from Aussie

By Jayn Corral

When a cat or dog is adopted from the S.P.A., we interview potential adopters and then introduce them to available animals. Before adopters leave the S.P.A. with their new pet, we ask the adopters to let us know if there are any problems. A few days later, we always call to check with the new owner to make sure things are going well.



After having been at the S.P.A. for 4 years since he was 5 weeks old, Aussie was adopted in early April by a woman who knew his history, was aware he was very timid and required patience for him to adapt, and agreed to give him a chance. We followed our standard protocol. But no matter what time we called, no one answered. Finally, we found a valid email address and wrote her.

She responded that Aussie had escaped from her home 10 days earlier from an open terrace that she had let him explore. She had not seen him since. She did not look for him, no longer wanted him, and refused to help in the search.

Devastated, I ventured out, located the adopter's street, and, feeling that it was futile, I, nevertheless, started searching. I happened to look up and saw a skinny black and white cat cross the street and disappear under a garage door. Peeking underneath, I just knew it was Aussie. An old man answered the door and, in Spanish, berated me and told me to leave. Frustrated, I enlisted the help of our bilingual office/clinic coordinator. Even though it was a Sunday, she came quickly and determined the man was angry that the cat had trespassed. He didn't like cats and would not let us in to retrieve Aussie because of the coronavirus.

The next day, after trying a variety of options, we came up with a plan. Scaling a stone wall, our men placed a trap in the nearby vacant lot. They saw Aussie as they were setting the trap, but he ran. We returned later in the day to find our beloved, but angry, Aussie had taken the bait and was in the trap! Back at the S.P.A., he was examined and monitored. He had lost a considerable amount of weight. It was very touching when he joined his former roommates, greeted S.P.A. volunteers, and resumed his daily routines. His cat friends welcomed him back by giving head bumps and body rubs.

Aussie did not know how to survive on his own in the streets of San Miguel. He probably did not have much time left to live. If we had not finally be able to contact the adopter, Aussie would have died.

If you lose a pet, contact the S.P.A. (415-152-6124 or info@spasanmiguel.org), post on Pet SOS Facebook page and other sites, get the word out. Put up posters. Do radio ads. Check Ecologia daily (primarily for dogs).



As a pet owner, you owe that to the cat or dog you have chosen to take into your family.



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

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

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

The S.P.A. Will Need You to Volunteer (Later)!

If you love cats and dogs and can spare some time, we would love to have you come and volunteer when the Covid-19 pandemic is resolved! Volunteer hours are suspended for now.



The Poetry of the Pet Food Money Bank



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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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

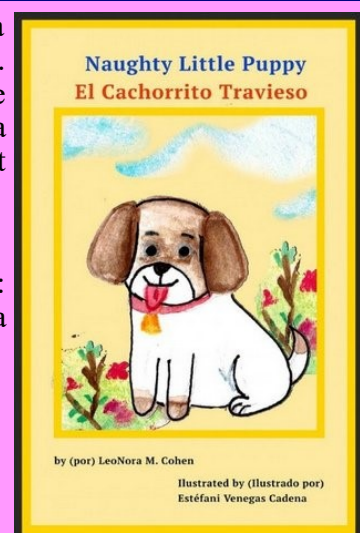
* or peso equivalent

Royalties from Children's Book Will Be Donated to the S.P.A.!

Naughty Little Puppy (El 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.

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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.
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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%

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Hours: Monday-Saturday 9am-3pm; 5pm-8pm
Food - 5-10%

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Hours: Monday-Friday 10am-6pm
Diamond Naturals - Dog/Cat Food - 10%, Regular Teeth Cleaning - 20%, SPA Bath Only - No Clipping -
By Appointment - 10%, Pet Supplies - 10%

Being able to take advantage of our Preferred Providers program is just one benefit of becoming a member of the S.P.A. Members receive a 10% discount off the S.P.A. vet consultation fee every day.

If you are a member or join at the time you adopt, you will receive 10% off of the adoption fee (400 pesos for cats and 450 pesos for dogs). Please JOIN US! Individual memberships are \$40 US/500 pesos and family memberships (2 person limit) are \$50/600 pesos.

Join online here www.spasanmiguel.org/members/ (via PayPal) or in our office.

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



At the Organic Market : Next Date Pending

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.

Women's T-shirts are available in red, white, or



(Front)



(Back)



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 — We'll let you know when we'll be there next!



Rewarding Memberships

In what is undeniably a challenging time for all of us, we hope you are taking the precautions necessary to keep yourselves and your friends, family, and neighbors safe and healthy. It's a responsibility we have to ourselves and each other, and we can get through this together. Thanks to all of you that are taking that responsibility seriously.

In the spirit of gratitude, we would like to thank **Anna Buchanan** (individual) and **Adam Berkowitz** and **Kaley Parsons** (family) for becoming our newest S.P.A. members. Welcome **Anna**, **Adam**, and **Kaley**! We would also like to thank **Susan Rall** (individual), **Nancy Meckstroth** (individual), **Dea Randall** (individual), **Lori Rubin** and **Richard Bayer** (family), and **Steve** and **Joan DiPiero** (family) for renewing their memberships. Thank you all.

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

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***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.

***Follow Us On Facebook** at www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel, stay up to date, and see our happy albums of success stories—those S.P.A. animals now in forever homes

EDITOR: Harry Burrus

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It would be great to hear from you!

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