

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



May 2022

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!

Our goal is to raise \$250,000 pesos (about \$13,500 USD), 100% of which will be applied to our annual cost of feeding 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. See the next page and page 7 of this issue for more information including other ways to donate to our Pet Food Money Bank. You could also click [HERE](#).

Please don't delay, deposit funds today! Please spread the word and share this issue with friends and family. We need your help!

Our on-site clinic is open and ready to provide veterinary care for your pets. Vaccinations up to date? Time for an overall assessment of your pet's health? See page 5 for more information. Of course, we always encourage you to adopt an S.P.A. cat or dog (or both).

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

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

-Megan Gabel, General Director

Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
April	3	1
YTD	8	14

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****

April Adoptions

Dog adoptions: Negrita, Bella, Kiki

Cat adoptions: Sunflower



[2022 Dog Adoptions](#)

[2022 Cat Adoptions](#)

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

May Pets of the Month

By Megan Gabel and Jayn Corral

A little over a year old, Jacinta has a great temperament and gets along well with both cats and humans. One of the best cats we've ever had, she's playful, curious, loves to sit on laps, and enjoys getting personal attention.



Sunflower

Sunflower, almost a year old, is a loving, spunky spitfire. Named after the Ukrainian national flower, she is learning to enjoy life with humans and other cats.

Breaking news: She has just been adopted!!



Jacinta

About 2-1/2 years old, Bella is a friendly, sweet, small/medium-sized dog. A playful girl, she really likes people and relishes attention from them. More breaking news: Bella has just been adopted!!



Scout

A medium-sized handsome brindle boy, Scout is a happy, good-natured dog. A little over a year old, he came to the S.P.A. on his own, asking for refuge.



Bella

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.

The S.P.A.'s Veterinary Clinic Is Open to the Public!

By Megan Gabel

Some people think that the S.P.A.'s veterinary clinic only oversees the care of S.P.A. resident animals like Soleil and Kahlua. That certainly is a primary purpose of our clinic, but we also offer lower-cost, high-quality health care for your pets! The S.P.A.'s on-site clinic (Los Pinos 7) and our full-time veterinarian, Dr. Omar Córdova, are able to meet your pet's needs, from conducting routine exams and providing vaccinations to diagnosing and treating medical issues with your pet, taking x-rays and other tests as needed, performing sterilizations, teeth cleanings, and other surgeries. We also offer packages to reduce the cost of vaccinations and sterilization so all owners can fulfill their responsibilities to take good care of their pets.



Soleil



Kahlua

At the S.P.A., our cat adoption fee (600 pesos) includes sterilization, all current vaccinations, deworming, and the feline leukemia vaccine and booster. For dogs, the fee (600 pesos) includes sterilization, all current vaccinations, and deworming. Because we want to give pet owners the same opportunity to fully protect their animals, we offer packages for these services at a reduced price. Three packages are available at the S.P.A.: (1) Complete Puppy Package, (2) Complete Kitten Package, and (3) Adult Dog Package. All packages require full payment in advance and expire one year from the payment date. Details about our packages are available on our website on this page: <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/clinic-services> Each package is available in a downloadable pdf format in Spanish and English.

We offer more ways for you to save on veterinary costs. Tuesdays and Saturdays are discount days at the S.P.A. with lower prices than on other days for consultations and most vaccinations. Our clinic hours are extended from 9-4 on those days and are 9-3, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. We also give a discount on sterilizations when an S.P.A. pet is adopted and an unsterilized pet is at home. Within two months from the date of adoption, the discount will be given – no limit on the number of pets sterilized and it doesn't matter if you adopt a cat and have an unsterilized dog at home or vice versa or both – the appropriate discount applies.

Please call the S.P.A., 415-152-6124, and make an appointment with Dr. Córdova. We hope you take advantage of the savings we offer.

Cat Litter / Pooper Scooper Not Necessary for Virtual Adoptions!

By Megan Gabel

For those of you who love animals, but can't adopt, how about becoming a virtual pet owner? The Adopt Me pages on our website (<https://www.spasanmiguel.org/>) provide the opportunity to "adopt" cats like Aluxe and dogs like Tessie and bring them virtually into your home.



Aluxe has been an S.P.A. resident for almost 4 years, having arrived when she was only one week old. A beautiful tabby with very pretty markings, she is known as "Tia Aluxe" because she comforts and cares for our newly arriving kittens. She is extraordinarily frightened by loud noises and becomes a professional fighter if anyone tries to pick her up. Once assured that there is no danger, she enjoys petting and attention. She has made the S.P.A. her home and is perfectly content to remain there to carry out her duties as Tia Aluxe. She is a perfect virtual adoption candidate.



Beautiful Tessie has been an S.P.A. resident since May 2013. Medium-sized, she was only 7 months old when she arrived. She likes to go on abbreviated walks, more like sniffing excursions than exercise. She is friendly and affectionate to the people she knows. However, sometimes she snaps at a stranger when she is caught off guard. It could be someone who is trying to pet her without any advance warning. Simply reaching over her head could cause her to snap at the person. So, it is very difficult for us to introduce her to potential adopters. After almost 9 years, it seems that Tessie will likely spend her life at the S.P.A. unless someone who understands her and can deal with her issues (like a familiar volunteer) decides to actually adopt her.

Virtually adopt (\$20 USD per month) Aluxe, Tessie, or another cat or dog in that program such as Cleo, Sake, Sonny, Martin, Aussie, Taiwan, and more! How can you resist them?



We'll give you regular updates about your chosen virtual pet. Help the S.P.A. provide a safe haven, food, medication, and love that they deserve. What a great way to become part of the S.P.A. experience!

The S.P.A.'s Pet Food Money Bank Fundraiser Begins Now!

By Megan Gabel

The Sociedad Protectora de Animales de San Miguel de Allende, A.C., San Miguel's only no-kill shelter for dogs and cats, houses a combined average of 100 animals. We provide food, care (vaccinations, sterilization, medical care), and shelter for all of them until they become family companions—no matter how long it takes. When animals are adopted, we have space to take in more cats and dogs and the cycle continues as we provide all that they need until they, too, are adopted.

The S.P.A.'s annual Pet Food Money Bank fundraiser is our only major fundraiser of the year. Please make a monetary donation to apply to the annual cost of feeding our resident animals like Jett, Vanderbilt, Pammy, and Leo. 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. We rely solely on financial donations to survive and receive no government support. We economize, but need help covering this basic expense.

The goal of this year's Pet Food Money Bank is \$250,000 pesos (about \$13,500 USD). All funds raised—100%—will be applied to the annual cost of feeding our family-pets-to-be. Some animals are so malnourished or very young when they arrive that we must give them special supplemental food until they become stronger. Sometimes, our animals develop health conditions that require unique diets. These added expenses require us to switch some of our residents from our regular, economy-priced food to other options.

PayPal donations to our Pet Food Money Bank may be made online at <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/pet-food-money-bank> or by clicking the "Shop on Website" button on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel>. Please note that the only way to donate using a credit card is through a PayPal account. Donate by Mexican or US check to "Sociedad Protectora de Animales de San Miguel de Allende, A.C." (full name required) or US check to "San Miguel Community Foundation" (for a US 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 SPA, 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. Please don't delay, deposit funds today! We need and appreciate your help. Thank you!





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

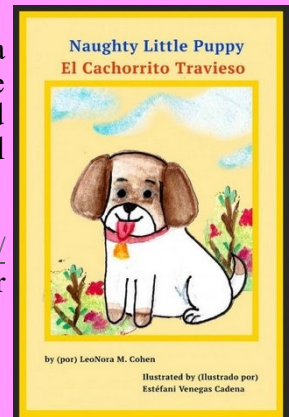
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Royalties from Children's Book Will Be Donated to the S.P.A.!

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 Inquisitive Youth





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.

The S.P.A. Received an Offer We Couldn't Refuse!

Canadian Kim Samis was coming to San Miguel to visit her mother for a few weeks. Kim, a long-time S.P.A. supporter/volunteer/adopter/casita sponsor/member, offered to take an S.P.A. dog back with her for adoption in Canada. We accepted and chose Negrita. While in San Miguel, Kim walked Negrita every day and they became good buddies.



It so happens we have been trying to hook up with Pets Alive Niagara, a Canadian shelter. Canadians Janice Johnson and Randy Mathews volunteered at the S.P.A. when they visited San Miguel pre-Covid and told us about Pets Alive Niagara where they volunteered back at home. So, we reached out and learned that the shelter would be very interested in taking S.P.A. dogs and finding them homes. Then Covid hit and all plans were off. Until now!



We are very grateful to Kim (with the wonderful support of her husband, Jim) for giving Negrita this fabulous opportunity. We also want to thank Janice, Randy, and everyone at Pets Alive Niagara (Michelle and Ashley, in particular)!

What a lucky girl Negrita is! She has already been adopted in Canada!!

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, May 7, 2022



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, May 7, 2022



(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

Good news, cat owners! Your little furball could be helping you fight off heart disease. Studies have found that people with cats were 40% less likely to have a fatal heart attack. It's unclear whether the cat's calming effects make the difference or whether people who choose cats as pets are less at risk for heart disease to begin with. Either way, if you're a cat person, you're in luck! (It's possible that dogs have similar benefits, but the study was only done on cat owners.)

We want to thank **Joyce (Teenie) Gibson, Barbara Johnson, and Patti Ricard** for renewing their memberships. Also, in March, **Britt Zaist and Henry Vermillion** renewed their memberships "on-time," but somehow we missed it. We're appreciate our wonderful supporters. We couldn't do what we do without them.

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, May 7, 2022 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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3 monthly issues	500 MXN	450 MXN	375 MXN
12 monthly issues	1800 MXN	1500 MXN	1300 MXN

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

