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



December 2025

Paws & Claws



HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED

From the Director

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! As the end of 2025 approaches, we are happy to announce that anonymous donors have offered to match all new donations to the S.P.A. through the end of the year up to a total of \$3,000 USD! Let's take full advantage of their generous offer to double contributions through December 31, 2024. Our unique and wonderful cats and dogs need YOU.

Helping the S.P.A. is a great way to make the gift-giver, gift-recipient, and the S.P.A. feel good! Give a donation "In Honor Of" Christmas, New Year's, Chanukah, Dia de Reyes, birthdays, anniversaries, and just the joy of living. Let us know the occasion and we'll send a timely notice to the honoree of your gift to the S.P.A. For an instant donation through PayPal, click the "Donate" button below. Other methods for donating are described on page 3 of this issue and on our website HERE.

Sugar Rush Artisan Candles, a creation of S.P.A. cat volunteer Michelle Gagnon, will donate 50% of the proceeds from purchases of Candle of the Month to the S.P.A.! Please check out her impressive website and the beautiful Candle of the Month.

The S.P.A.'s 2025 Annual Meeting was held on November 18, 2025. Megan Gabel (General Director), Harry Burrus (Vice Director), Jayn Corral (Secretary), Jayn Corral (Treasurer), Marthe Fraser, Tim Corral, and Marie Bulgin (Board Members) were elected BY A LANDSLIDE at the meeting to serve as the S.P.A.'s 2025 Board of Directors.

We wish you all a wonderful holiday season and best wishes for a terrific 2026. -Megan Gabel, General Director

Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
November	4	1
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Clinic/Office Hours:

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

Adoptions, Visits, Volunteer:

Dogs: Mon - Sat: 11am - 2pm Cats: Mon - Sat: 11:30am - 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

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Volunteer Info: www.spasanmiguel.org/volunteer

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Membership questions: MembershipSPA@gmail.com

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Pitch in and Help Us Provide a Refuge for Cats and Dogs!

The S.P.A. is the oldest no-kill shelter in San Miguel. In existence since 1980, we have been committed to maintaining a refuge for abandoned and homeless cats and dogs. When people visit the S.P.A., they are surprised to find that it is not a depressing place. The dogs and cats are happy and well-cared-for, surrounded by love from the volunteers and employees. New volunteers are surprised about what an enjoyable experience it is. Spending time with our cats or dogs can be cathartic for some, for others, exhilarating. Always rewarding. Thanks to donations from our supporters, our well-respected non-profit organization finds homes for many of our cats and dogs each year. Our on-site clinic and skilled and caring veterinarian provide lower-cost veterinary services to the public as well taking care of our animals. None of this could happen without the financial help we receive from donations.

It is a great time to donate to the S.P.A. Now, through the end of the year, all new donations to the S.P.A. up to a total of \$3,000 USD will be MATCHED!! Any amount you choose will help us continue our work and achieve our goals. All funds received will be used to benefit our animals.

A primary S.P.A. goal is to find loving homes for our dogs and cats. It is rare to know the background of animals coming into the shelter. Regardless of their histories, we work on making each feel safe and loved, and helping them learn how to interact with people and other animals.



Bonnie and Millie were street dogs, on their own, trying to survive. We took them in during a particularly rough period for them. It was only supposed to be temporary to help a rescuer until she had space, but each one charmed us and we decided to find a way for them to stay as soon as space opened up. Bonnie, about 7-1/2 years old, has a sweet, tender personality. She works her way closer to be caressed before she goes for a walk. She loves cats so we always stop by the cattery to greet them. No barking at all – the



cats hiss sometimes. Millie, now about 6-1/2 years old, is Miss Affectionate. She always wants to give kisses and is very happy to receive a treat. She wags her tail in friendship at every volunteer, eager for attention and petting.



We accepted Mimi, a beautiful 7-year-old Siamese, when her owner died and she was about ready to be tossed on the street. A nobrainer. We were surprised to discover that she is about 70% blind. Her limited vision doesn't hold her back. Mimi loves to move through life with grace and curiosity, often leaning in for soft pets. Since the S.P.A. requires that every cat adopted is kept as an indoor cat, Mimi will do fine in a home, but for now, she is in her own safe space at the S.P.A. since she cannot see the other cats. We took in Ollie, about a year old. She



doesn't like other cats and, like Mimi, is also kept in her own area at the S.P.A. She adores people. Ollie is bright, affectionate, playful, and full of personality, the kind of cat who makes you laugh one moment and melt the next. BREAKING NEWS: Mimi was just adopted!!

Pitch in and Help Us Provide a Refuge for Cats and Dogs! (continued)

These are just a few examples of what we face every day, year-round. We have many tales of animals in need and how the S.P.A. comes to their rescue and helps them adjust to their new lives. Thanks to our hardworking volunteers and staff combined with ever-important donations from supporters like you, we have countless happy endings.

PLEASE HELP US CONTINUE TO HELP THEM AND ALL OUR CATS AND DOGS 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 any 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 typically exceeds \$2 million pesos per year.

Thank you for becoming a part of our effort to provide a refuge for cats and dogs.

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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); 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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- **At www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel: Click the "Shop on Website" button, at the top of page.
- **At https://www.spasanmiguel.org: Click the "Donate" button at the top of any page. Click "Donate with PayPal" and login to PayPal to complete the donation. You may also choose to donate using a debit or credit card; then follow the directions to create a PayPal account. Please note that it appears that the only way to donate using a credit card is through a PayPal account.

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

November Adoptions

Dog adoptions: Sam, Abby, Rex, Preciosa

Cat adoptions: Mimi















2025 Dog Adoptions
2025 Cat Adoptions

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December 2025 Pets of the Month By Megan Gabel

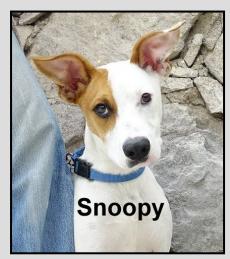


Ollie is a sweet and playful female kitten, now about a year old. With her bright eyes and curious spirit, she is quick to make friends, especially with people! Ollie loves attention, snuggles, and being part of whatever you're doing. Whether it's cuddling on the couch or following you around the house, she is happiest when she's with her people.

Zara is a beautiful tuxedo girl with a playful spirit and a heart full of love. She arrived at the S.P.A. in mid-July 2025 at 2 months old. She is as smart as she is sweet, always

curious and ready for fun. Whether she's chasing a toy, exploring her surroundings, or curling up for cuddles, Zara's joy is contagious.







Our dog Pets of the Month, Snoopy and Sammy, have similar personalities. They are both highly active, playful, energetic, and friendly. Also very alert, attentive, and affectionate. Each is eager for attention and excited about going for a walk. They both do pretty well on leash, but are a bit of a challenge to walk because they are very strong. Both are medium-sized with a slim build. Both were also rescued by the S.P.A. from Canine Control and brought to the safety of the S.P.A.

Age and appearance are what differentiates them. Snoopy is about two-years old; Sammy is about almost 4 years old. They are each handsome devils in their own way. Which look do you like best?

Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during December 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. Our adoption fee is 600 pesos which includes all current vaccinations, deworming, sterilization, and microchip. 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.

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