

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



May 2024

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 \$15,500 USD), 100% of which will be applied to our annual cost of providing food for our resident cats and dogs 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 6 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!

Dog and cat volunteers needed! How about volunteering for our cats or dogs 1-2 days a week (or more)? We are hoping for somewhat long-term volunteers. You'll be surprised how much you enjoy the experience of being with our animals. **Job opening** for bilingual adoptions/volunteers coordinator whose primary responsibilities are handling adoptions, socializing our animals, orienting volunteers, and performing office work. 10:30-2:30 Monday-Saturday. Please write info@spasanmiguel.org for more information about either one.

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

-Megan Gabel, General Director

Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
April	2	3
YTD	10	6

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

Facebook: www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/spa.sma/>

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

See what your donation dollars and pesos support: youtu.be/6grULRH6Sk

*For a required volunteer interview, email info@spasanmiguel.org Volunteers must be fully vaccinated.

Donate



PET FOOD MONEY BANK

Don't Delay—Deposit Pesos and Dollars Today



The S.P.A. has a many as 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 50 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 / \$15,500 USD

How to Contribute to the Pet Food Money Bank

-online at www.spasanmiguel.org ("Donate" button on any page) or 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.

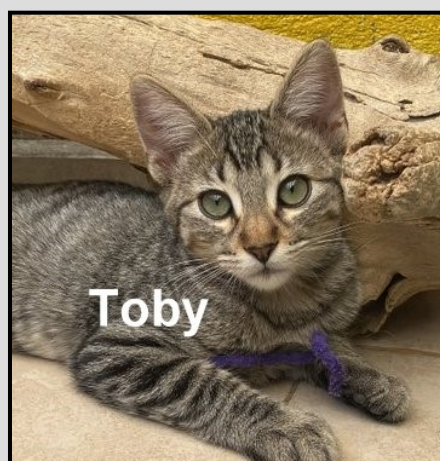
-Checks and cash may also be left at the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7.

****Please call 415-152-6124 or write info@spasanmiguel.org for more info****

April Adoptions

Dog adoptions: Oscar, Estrella

Cat adoptions: Honeycrisp, Sunny Beach, Toby



[2024 Dog Adoptions](#)

[2024 Cat Adoptions](#)

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

May Pets of the Month

By Megan Gabel and Debbie Campbell

If there is such a thing as a perfect dog, Zack comes very close! About 2 years old, he is smart, friendly, and sweet and comes in a sleek medium-sized, dusky-black package. Quiet and gentle, he loves everyone and would make a perfect companion for just about anyone! He gets excited to go for a walk and is easy to walk. Zack is a dream dog!



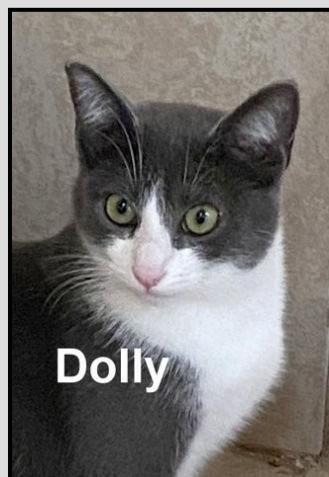
Zack



Angel

Another wonderful dog is Angel. She is a quiet, easy-going girl about 4 years old. She has a cute way of looking at you as her tail wags wildly in anticipation of a treat or a walk. Small/medium-sized, she is a very sweet, calm, gentle dog. She walks well on leash and is very friendly to people and a little particular about the dogs she likes.

Dolly and her brother, David, are about two years old. Dolly is a beautiful gray and white sweetheart and David is a handsome black and white tuxedo. They love to play with each other and toys. Both prefer not to mingle with S.P.A cat residents. David is very shy, but allows petting and appreciates being near people. Dolly is inquisitive and her beautiful green eyes take in everything.



Dolly



David

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. 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
Questions? Call the S.P.A. office: 415-152-6124

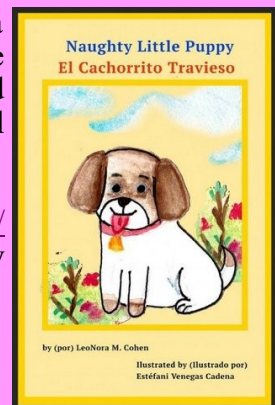
* or peso equivalent

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 - 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.



Did you know that:

- the S.P.A. has been around since 1980 and is the oldest no-kill shelter for cats and dogs in San Miguel?
- we house / foster as many as 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!

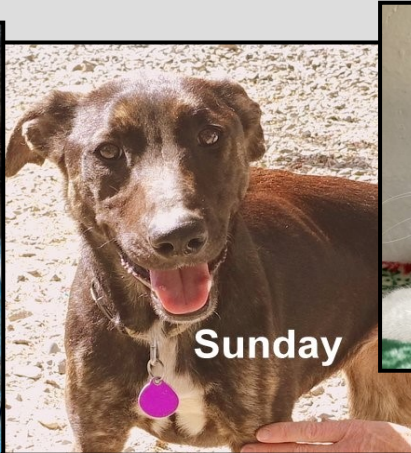
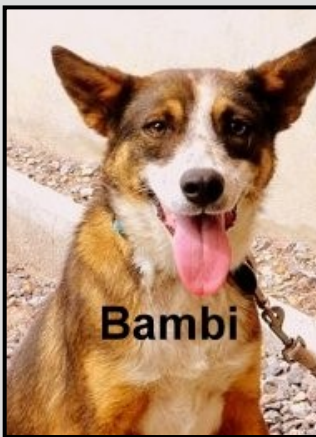
Every dollar and peso you donate helps the S.P.A. survive.

We're Raising Money for 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 cats and dogs, provides shelter, care (vaccinations, sterilization, veterinary and medical), food, and love for ALL our resident and foster cats and dogs. This is what we do until they are adopted, no matter how long it takes or even if it never happens. Our Pet Food Money Bank fundraiser focuses on one of these responsibilities – food. It is our only major fundraiser of the year.

This year, we need to raise \$250,000 pesos / \$15,500 USD, 100% of which will be applied to our annual cost of feeding our cats and dogs like Bambi, Robin, Sunday, and Ginger. Because animals do not adjust well to changes in diet and we lack sufficient storage space, we need to raise money to cover the cost of feeding our cats and dogs, rather than seeking donations of food.



The S.P.A. continues our mission to help reduce the stray and homeless animal population in San Miguel. Our efforts are impacted by the large number of animals that need help, the slow adoption rate, and our space limitations. Whenever our cats and dogs are adopted, we take in more animals. Many are from Canine Control, the city's kill shelter, and others are from rescuers and our own waiting lists. Some new arrivals are so malnourished at the beginning that we must give them special supplemental food until they become stronger. Several of our dogs have dietary needs that require more expensive food than our usual food.

Please donate to our Pet Food Money Bank to ensure that we have sufficient funds to cover this basic expense: FOOD! No amount you choose to donate is too small (or too big)! PayPal donations to our Pet Food Money Bank may be made by clicking the Donate button below. Please note that the only way to donate by credit card is through a PayPal account. You may 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 Please don't delay, deposit funds today! We need and appreciate your help. Thank you!

Donate

A Day with the S.P.A. Cats

By Debbie Campbell

Being a volunteer in the S.P.A. cattery is a dream come true for cat lovers like me. Our main tasks involve giving the cats their mid-day wet food treat and socializing them. We get to pet them, brush them, and play with them, all in the name of socialization. It's a joyous experience that's hard to resist.



The action starts when we pull the latch to the cattery door. The adults are first to gather at the gate and greet you with a chorus of meows. You'll quickly learn who's who by their voices and how they greet you. Xel-Ha takes the first position on the post next to the door. Her high-pitched mew is adorable. The young males, Zander and Oreo, are ready to weave between your legs the minute you walk in, and the rest of the gang is twitching their whiskers, waiting for the treat to be doled out.



Once you've greeted everyone in Adult World, it's time to check on the shenanigans in Kitten World. When you open the door to Kitten World, you must stand back to allow a waterfall of little ones and a few juveniles to come rushing out to greet you. A beautiful female tabby named Aluxe oversees the young ones. She's seen dozens of kittens come and go and she always has a lick or a nudge for each one. It is so enjoyable spending time with these little ones. We face the tough task of socializing them too by cuddling, playing, and having conversations about good behavior.

Now, it's time for the most exciting part of their day: treat time! All of our cats have access to nutritious dry food and fresh water 24/7, but they eagerly await their special mid-day treat. We mix Felix canned food with softened kibble; the result is the delicious "mush" all the cats absolutely love. Once the communal bowls are filled (along with a few separate dishes for the fussy ones), we balance the trays like a waiter in a busy restaurant, hold them high above the eager adults and the jumping kittens, and disperse the delicacy. As soon as the bowls touch the floor, it's a furry free-for-all!



Once the feeding is over, and we've washed the dishes, it's playtime! There are wand toys to dangle and balls to toss. If you sit on the floor, you'll have plenty of felines playing with your shoes or vying for lap time. Have a brush handy for those who enjoy good grooming.

The time goes quickly! Just as we leave, we toss a generous handful of dry treats on the floor and the cats scramble after them like someone cracked a piñata. Then, it's one more round of chin scratches and head pats before we reluctantly leave for the day.

Would you like to join in the fun? Send an email to info@spasanmiguel.org to inquire about becoming a cat volunteer at the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124. You'll be happy you did!

Lola and Apollo: Time Marches On

By Megan Gabel

Lola and Apollo came to the S.P.A. when they were babies, in 2013 and 2015 respectively. They've spent their lives at the S.P.A. Those sad stories we read about shelter animals spending 2 years or so in a shelter pale in comparison.

Friends who enjoy playing with each other, they're beautiful dogs. Lola is definitely the more exuberant of the two. She is so happy and excited with getting attention that she can barely stand still, but does, and then she sits and offers you her paw. About 10-1/2 years young, she's also quite happy to crawl into your lap. Apollo, a calm, handsome boy about 8-1/2 years old, likes to burrow his head into your chest so you can easily give him a full body massage. Somewhat shy with strangers at first, he gradually barks a greeting to encourage attention and slips you a little kiss when you're within range. Both medium-sized, they're delightful dogs.

With just a few issues. Apollo is subtle, using a cold stare to put you on alert that you haven't quite made it into his sphere of friends. He is more willing to give you a chance. Lola sometimes will let strangers know instantly that she's not too excited to meet them. For Lola in particular, you would need to be a smart owner when a stranger is in the midst – reactive – perceptive – alert.

If you get to know Apollo and Lola and give them a chance to get to know you, these dogs will be devoted, loyal, and very protective pets. You just need to earn their trust, not a small feat, but one worth undertaking. You will be rewarded with a dog who will love you wholeheartedly and protect you against actual and perceived danger – a warning system, no batteries necessary. They would be perfect loving pets, particularly for a man or woman alone who could use the extra security. It would be great (but not necessary) if they were adopted together because they like being together.

Let us introduce to these beauties at the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124. Our adoption hours are 11-2, Monday-Saturday.



Lola



Apollo



Apollo

Lola

The Poetry of Concentration





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.

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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 9-2; 4-7. Saturday 9-2.

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 9-2; Saturday 9-12.

Consultations - 10%

MVZ MICHAEL KRONISH - Salida a Celaya #57 - Ph. 415-185-8185; 415-109-9957

Hours: Monday-Friday 9-6:30; Saturday 9-2.

Consultations - 10%, Routine Vaccinations - 5%, Spaying/Neutering - 5%

MVZ ALMA RUTH MIRANDA - Stirling Dickinson #27 - Ph. 415-152-2341

Hours: Monday-Saturday 9-6. Discounts apply to cash only.

General Surgery - 10%, X-Rays & Ultrasounds 10%, Hospitalization - 10%, Medications - 10%, Vaccinations - 10%.

RETAILERS AND GROOMERS

DUSTY PUPPIES - Guardiania #17A - Colonia Guadiana - Ph. 415-154- 4555

Hours: Monday-Friday 10-6.

Bath, grooming, teeth cleaning & nail clipping - 5% (cash only),

XOLOSPA - Calle Refugio #2-1A Col. San Antonio - Ph. 415 100 4405

Hours: Monday-Friday 10-2, 4-6:30; Saturday 9:30-2:30.

XoloSpa is operated by one woman specializing in small to medium dogs.

All grooming services including nail clipping - 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.

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 practice social distancing. Thank you for your consideration in following these rules.

Please call 415-152-6124 for an appointment with our terrific vet, Dr. Omar Córdova.

Rewarding Memberships

The nonprofit Faunalytics conducted a study of the benefits of living with a pet or companion animal. This study examined whether or not an attachment to companion animals is associated with better physical and/or psychological health in senior citizens and found that companion animal ownership maintains or slightly enhances the Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) in older people. If you are reading this, you are most likely nodding and thinking, “Well, of course.” But not everyone knows it or considers it. It’s just another reason to be grateful for the companionship of our furry friends. Spread the word.

The S.P.A. appreciates that **Elaine McIlroy** and **Stephen Russel** (family) and **Britt Zaist** and **Henry Vermillion** (family) renewed 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 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 practice social distancing. Adoption hours are Monday-Saturday, 11-2.**

***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. 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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