



July 2023

Paws & Claws



HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED

From the Director

The S.P.A. is raising money for food for our cats and dogs! Thank you to everyone who has donated so far to our Pet Food Money Bank Fundraiser, our only major fundraiser of the year. Our goal is \$250,000 pesos (about \$14,000 USD). **We're about 2/3 of the way there!** All money will be applied to the annual cost of feeding our resident animals (an average of 100 cats and dogs, including those in foster care). We do not receive any government support and rely upon your donations as our only source of income to cover this basic expense. Please help and give as much as you can. No amount is too little (or too big).

To donate through PayPal, click the "DONATE" button below. For more information and other ways to donate, please see the next page of this issue, <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/pet-food-money-bank>, call 415-152-6124, or write info@spasanmiguel.org.

Clinic News: We are pleased to announce that our July dental discount has started. Please see page six of this issue for more information about this very popular special. Note that getting a dental cleaning for your pets has many benefits in addition to sweetening their breaths.

Shelter News: We are preparing to send 5 dogs to Canada in early July. Four of the dogs will be in foster homes there until they are adopted. The fifth already has been adopted by one of the S.P.A.'s fantastic and long-term supporters. Read all about this great venture in next month's issue of Paws & Claws.

-Megan Gabel, General Director

Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
June	0	2
YTD	10	10

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

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 an average of 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 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 / \$14,000 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****

June Adoptions

Dog adoptions: No dog adoptions

Cat adoptions: Coral, Coco



[2023 Dog Adoptions](#)

[2023 Cat Adoptions](#)

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

July Pets of the Month

By Megan Gabel and Heidi Wulfers

Sammy and Buddy are very nice dogs. They are close to the same size (small/medium), but have very different personalities. Sammy, now about 1-1/2 years old, is more outgoing than Buddy. A cute guy, he is full of spunk and energy. He is eager to go for a walk and can't wait to get started on his daily journey to the outside world. He enjoys playing and getting attention.



Buddy, about 2-1/2 years old, is a very sweet, gentle, calm boy. He is full of happiness. He gets along well with other dogs and is very affectionate and playful. He's interactive – responds playfully to tapping on the floor of his casita. He likes getting his head rubbed and leans in for more. He, too, looks forward to going for a walk. The S.P.A. rescued both boys from Canine Control, the city's kill shelter.

Mother/son love is highlighted by Charlotte and Capuchino. Charlotte came to the S.P.A. just after Mother's Day this year, as a young mother with her two sons, both blue-eyed babes around two months old. This beautiful, uniquely striped calico with piercing blue eyes was a great mom even though she was only ten months old herself when they were born. Now 14 months old she has a perfect demeanor, sweet and loving.



Capuchino is almost all white and has his mom's amazing eyes. He is outgoing and playful, always up to challenging the larger kittens in the cattery to wrestle. He, of course, loses but shows great pluck and resilience. He also excels in ping pong soccer! Charlotte cheers him on quietly from the sidelines.

Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during July 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 (masks required). Our adoption fee is 600 pesos. For dogs, it includes sterilization, all current vaccinations, deworming, and the leptospirosis booster. For cats, the fee includes sterilization, all current vaccinations, deworming, and the feline leukemia vaccine and booster. 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

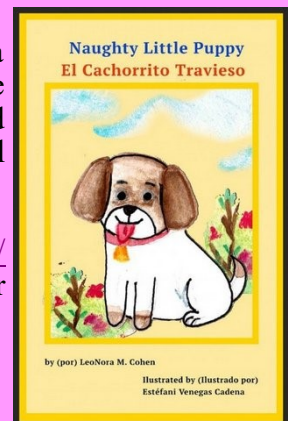
* or peso equivalent

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 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 S.P.A.'s July Dental Discount Special Has Started!

By Megan Gabel

July is dental discount month at the S.P.A. clinic! Improve your pet's dental health (by removing plaque and tartar) and overall health, quality of life, and general well-being by making an appointment for a dental cleaning. During July, our normal price of 700-1,000 pesos for teeth cleaning (cats and dogs) is reduced by 20% (includes anesthetic and professional cleaning with ultrasonic scaler/polisher). Beat the rush and take advantage of this very popular special offer by calling 415-152-6124 for an appointment in July! S.P.A. residents Angel, Miny, and Lola recently had their teeth cleaned as did Vanderbilt. Buddy and Aussie are next.



Angel



Miny



Lola



Vanderbilt

Bad breath is only one symptom of dental disease. Proper dental care contributes to a longer life. Periodontal disease (an inflammation of a tooth's deep supporting structures) causes the build-up of plaque on the teeth. It is the most common ailment affecting cats and dogs and is preventable. According to the American Veterinary Dental College, periodontal disease may cause problems in the mouth and teeth and also "be associated with damage to internal organs in some patients as they age." It is often not treated until it is too late and has already done extensive damage.



Aussie

Your pet can't tell you about teeth pain and will instinctively hide illness or weakness. It is up to you to be vigilant. Here are the signs to look for that indicate oral or dental disease:

- *Bad breath
- *Loose teeth
- *Discolored teeth, yellowed from tartar
- *Chewing from only one side
- *Drooling or pawing at the mouth
- *Avoiding your contact with their face
- *Loss of appetite or weight



Buddy

Bring your beloved cats and dogs to the S.P.A. clinic for all their veterinary care. We have a terrific, well-equipped, on-site clinic with a wonderful vet, Dr. Omar Córdova. The S.P.A. can provide routine care for your pet (general check-up and vaccinations) and meet all your pet's needs, including diagnosing and treating medical issues, performing sterilizations, other surgeries, and providing emergency care. To avoid having a long wait, it is best to call for an appointment (415-152-6124). Our address is Los Pinos 7 (a map is here: <https://www.spasanmiguel.org>). The clinic is open Monday-Saturday, 9-3, with extended hours on Tuesdays and Saturdays to 4. Tuesdays and Saturdays are discount days! Consultations and most vaccinations are reduced on those days.

Kittens, Kittens Everywhere

By Heidi Wulfers

Over the past few months, the S.P.A. has accepted multiple litters of kittens, some with their mom, some without. Charlotte arrived with her babies, Coco and Capuchino. Sandy came in with her little ones, Skye, Cloud, Surfer Boy and Coral. Not unsurprisingly, the kittens and their moms are all adorable!

They make us laugh out loud with their totally random behavior. For instance, a few days ago, we brought Charlotte and her two kittens to live next to Sandy and her four. Their living quarters were separated by a latticed iron door. But, don't you know, kittens can climb? One baby from one litter decided to challenge a baby from "the other side of the door." On your mark, get set, GO! They ran up the bars of the screen in perfect tandem, belly to belly. Clearly, it was a competition to see who was the most agile. But no prizes were awarded. Each was satisfied only because he played the game well.

Kittens play simply for the joy of play. Have you witnessed the "four-foot jump?" It happens when one is surprised by another and the surprised one springs straight up into the air. You do know there is a slinky hidden inside them, don't you? And then there is "the human is a tree" game. Just like the screened door, one or the other of these little tigers will run up our legs just for fun. Long pants are required for a volunteer to participate in this game.

What I particularly enjoy is their lack of need to be entertained. When they are together or in close proximity, they entertain themselves. That's why it is always a good idea to adopt two young cats / kittens together so they can continue to self-entertain. That gives the humans around them the opportunity to just sit back and enjoy.

Meet these enchanting felines and all our available cats and dogs at the S.P.A.! Our adoption hours are Monday-Saturday, 11-2, Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124. Our available dogs are here: <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-dogs/> Our available cats are here: <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-cats/>

See the next page for photos of these two families.

How About Volunteering for the S.P.A.?

Have fun at the S.P.A. by becoming a volunteer! Spend quality time helping to socialize our cats (<https://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-cats/>) or walking/socializing our dogs (<https://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-dogs/>), Some of our dogs are animated so we need able-bodied dog walkers. Email info@spasanmiguel.org for details and to set up an interview appointment. Please do not just show up at the S.P.A. to volunteer, even if you have volunteered for us before. An interview appointment must be set up in advance via the email address given.

In an abundance of caution, volunteers must be fully vaccinated and we all wear masks inside the S.P.A. Volunteer hours are Monday-Saturday, 11-2. Spend as little or as much time as you want with our cats and dogs during those times. Full-time residents or long-term visitors preferred. Our address is Los Pinos 7 (we're near the bus station). Our phone number is 415-152-6124. Our website is chock full of information about us and our animals (<https://www.spasanmiguel.org>).

We are also looking to add members to our board of directors. Do you have some great ideas you'd like to help us implement? For more information, please email info@spasanmiguel.org

Kittens, Kittens Everywhere (cont'd)



Charlotte



Coco



Capuchino



Sandy



Skye



Cloud



Surfer Boy



Coral

The Poetry of Athleticism





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Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124

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9 AM—3 PM
Tuesday & Saturday
(discount days)
9 AM—4 PM
By appointment is best.

www.spasanmiguel.org
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 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.

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 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.

Rewarding Memberships

Congratulations to everyone for getting through the hot spring season. Here's to enjoying the fresh air and the rains that come with turning the calendar to June and now July and that goes to all of us whether we walk on two legs or four. Take advantage of the beautiful weather. Take a long walk with your dog (or dogs). Smell the flowers. Smell the clean, crisp air. Put a soft blanket in a window (with a secured screen) for your cat(s) to curl up on so they can sniff and do the same. You all earned it.

The S.P.A. is grateful to **Lori Rubin** and **Richard Bayer** (family), **Rena Cochlin** (individual), **Susan Rall** (individual) **Marthe Fraser** and **Marie Bulgin** (family), and **Nancy Meckstroth** (individual) for renewing their memberships in June. Thank you all. 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 stay at least 6 feet (2 meters) away from S.P.A. personnel. 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.

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It would be great to hear from you!

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1 monthly issue	200 MXN	180 MXN	150 MXN
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.

