



March 2024

Paws & Claws



HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED

From the Director

February 27, 2024 was World Spay Day. World Spay Day started in 1995 to call attention to the problem of homeless pets. It also promotes spay/neuter awareness as a way to prevent pet overpopulation as well as save animals' lives. In that spirit, the S.P.A. will provide 5 free sterilization to needy animals. We already have one in mind.

Our very popular dental cleaning special is back starting today! On page 6 of this issue, read why you should take advantage of this savings and then call the S.P.A. to schedule an appointment.



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Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124
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We'd love for you to bring your pets to the S.P.A. clinic for all their veterinary care! We have a terrific, well-equipped 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, taking x-rays if necessary, performing sterilizations and other surgeries, and providing emergency care. To avoid having a long wait, it is best to call for an appointment (415-152-6124).

-Megan Gabel, General Director

Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
February	3	0
YTD	5	0

Clinic/Office Hours:

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

Adoptions & Volunteer* Hours:

Mon - Sat: 11am - 2pm
Masks required.

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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

February Adoptions

Dog adoptions: Sake, Tessie, Butch

Cat adoptions: No cat adoptions this month.



Tessie

Tessie had been at the S.P.A. for more than 10-1/2 years and now is in a loving home! She really enjoys being outside and the feel of grass on her paws.



Sake started off as a baby at the S.P.A., was adopted, then returned because her owner became deathly ill. She is now in a wonderful home and is incredibly happy, spreading her joy to the rest of her new family.



Sake

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Butch

Butch was only 2 weeks old when he came to the S.P.A. 4 years ago. He is now in a terrific home with Daisy who was adopted from the S.P.A. in 2017. He is enjoying stretching out on a patio and staring at his beautiful wooded surroundings.



2024 Dog Adoptions

2024 Cat Adoptions

“Like” our **Facebook page** to get the latest news!

March Pets of the Month

By Megan Gabel and Peter Soley

Frankie is a delightfully exuberant happy guy. About 4-1/2 years old, he is small and affectionate and his tail seems to never stop wagging. He loves going for a walk and is curious about all he sees. He's so excited when he realizes that its his turn to venture out. Expressing the thrill of the moment, he leaps in the air, probably over 4 times his height. Out on a walk, he scurries along the sidewalk, his little legs moving at rapid speed. Upon return to his casita, he leans in for a back rub.



Frankie

I frequently spend some time visiting with Lolita in her casita. I sit on the floor and she moves so she is just a few inches from my face and just stares at me, eye-to eye, so calmly, so relaxed. After a little while, she moves from that positions, stretches with her butt in the air, and then slides to the floor, never taking her eyes off mine. I talk to her and she listens intently. Medium-sized and slender, Lolita is friendly with people, but is selective about her dog friends. About 4-1/2 years old, she used to be in a home and was taught a bunch of tricks.



Lolita



Oreo

Our two cats of the month are Oreo and Ginger, two very special S.P.A. residents. Oreo arrived as a kitten at the S.P.A. three years ago. A beautiful tabby, he boasts a handsome salt and pepper coat. He is a quiet, peaceful, loving companion who gets along well with people and other cats and kittens. He enjoys his quiet time, but always wants to play with the others and their catnip toys.

Ginger arrived at the S.P.A. about the same time as Oreo. She is a striking calico who relishes chasing the laser pointer light. She is a bit shy and doesn't mind her alone time, but she has bonded with some of the other cats. Ginger is bound to endear your heart with her earnest companionship.



Ginger

Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during March 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 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? We offer package prices for kittens, puppies, and adult dogs to save you money and keep your pets healthy! Details are here: www.spasanmiguel.org/clinic-services

-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.

Smitten by the S.P.A.'s Older Kittens

By Debbie Campbell

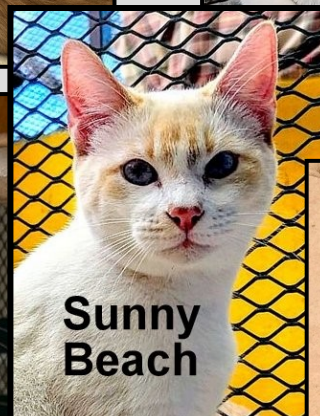
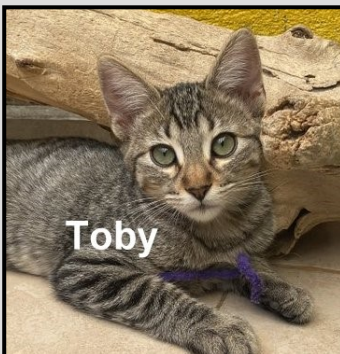
We are back in San Miguel for our sixth annual retreat from Seattle's winter gloom - I was excited to pick up my volunteer post in the S.P.A. Cattery. When I stepped into Kitten World, I was immediately surrounded by a fun-loving bunch of young cats! The KW population had gone from a tumbling bunch of kittens to a Kid's Club full of mischievous, playful, affectionate creatures.

There are three siblings, Paris, Cloud, and Sunny Beach, who are the color of almond milk with touches of orange and have big, beautiful blue eyes. Each one fills your entire lap and that's where they like to be. Two playful tabbies named Toby and Chico want to chase the wand toys until they are exhausted and ready for some love. Surfer Boy is a sleek, bright orange tabby with bright golden eyes. He is a bundle of fun and also stops by for pets and head rubs. And the youngest and most adorable is Honeycrisp. She is a colorful calico who is shy, but lovable. Every one of them is worth taking home!

While kittens of all ages bring joy and companionship, there's a special charm to adopting a shelter cat that falls between 9 months and a year old. These older kittens have been socialized, box-trained, sterilized, and fully vaccinated. During their time in our shelter, they have interacted with people and fellow felines and been exposed to the comings and goings of our rambunctious dog population, thus acquiring valuable social and coping skills. This socialization helps to ensure that they are more adaptable to various environments and will likely integrate seamlessly into your household. And I can tell you from personal experience this batch of "tweens" is as affectionate as any cats I've spent time with.

These furballs of fun are not only loving and ready for human interaction, but also have a level of preparedness that simplifies the adjustment process for both the feline and their new family. By choosing an older kitten, you embark on a journey filled with gratitude, companionship, and the shared joy of a forever home.

Ready to adopt? Come to the S.P.A. any day, Monday-Saturday, 11-2, to meet our adoptable cats and dogs.



The S.P.A.'s Dental Special Starts Now!

By Megan Gabel

Does your dog have bad breath? What about your cat? That's just one symptom of dental disease. Taking care of your pets' teeth and gums not only freshens their breath, but also is vitally important to their overall health. Proper dental care contributes to a longer life too, something that I'm sure is near and dear to your hearts. 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.

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

This year, March is our 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 March, 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). Take advantage of this very popular special offer by calling 415-152-6124 for an appointment! S.P.A. resident Felix is lining up for his teeth cleaning. Some of our cats are sure to follow his lead.



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Nena

By Harry Burrus

Nena is a beautiful medium-sized Shepherd mix, a little over two years old. Predominately black, she has lovely yellow-tan highlights under her ears, above her eyebrows, on each side of her nose, cheeks, neck and lower chest. Her front and rear paws look like she's wearing yellow-tan spats.

When I approach her number 12 casita and call out her name and make eye contact, she straightaway demonstrates her eagerness to go by showing me some fancy jitterbug footwork, as though moving to the sound of *Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da*. I realize, looking closer, her rear foot movement and that song is clearly reggae. Perhaps, she has some Jamaican in her.

Her constant movement presents a challenge for putting on her martingale collar and leash. I find dropping a few treats and having her sit, tends to momentarily distract her, and I can slip on the collar. If that doesn't work, and often it doesn't, I resort to Plan B and sing a few verses of Tim Hardin's *Reason to Believe*. I'm not sure if she pauses because the song relaxes her, or she dislikes my voice and wants to get the collar on and exit. I'm sure it's the former.

For all of the movement inside her abode, out on the street she is a slow walker, Miss Calm. She sniffs the usual suspects: walls, poles, grass, an occasional flower. Traffic, pedestrians, and other dogs don't phase her. Although, a loud, fast moving motorcycle whizzing close to us does cause her to flinch. Me too. We reach a point on the sidewalk where she stops. She has a phobia of going to where grating crosses the street. To get her to continue, I drop treats and walk backwards, continuously dropping little goodies which she eagerly partakes. We eventually cross the dreaded grating and continue. On the way back and just before the S.P.A., she likes to stop and sit on a stoop. I sing a little more of *Reason to Believe*. She accepts a treat and gives me kisses on my ear and licks my hair.

If you'd like a beautiful, gentle, non-pulling companion, you should come and meet Nena. Don't be concerned if you don't sing. It probably won't be a deal-breaker. Although, it could. ¿Quién sabe?



The Poetry of a Slumber Party





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(discount days)
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By appointment is best.

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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).



Our Daily Supplies Always Need Replenishing

The items below are supplies we replace on a regular basis. Please drop off donations at the S.P.A. during our regular office hours.

- Batteries (AA)
- Brooms
- Cat baskets for kittens/cats to sleep in
- Cat food—Felix canned
- Cat food—Royal Canin Development for cats (soft & dry)
- Cat food—Royal Canin Gastrointestinal for cats (soft & dry)
- Cat food—Royal Canin Babycat Milk (dry powdered milk for kittens)
- Cat food platters (plastic, divided, circular trays)
- Cat litter (we use Petco bulk litter)
- Cat /kitten toys
- Cat scoops for litter
- Cat treats: catnip and other treats
- Cats: Feliway Spray and Feliway Diffuser
- Cleaning supplies: dishwashing soap, bleach, pinol or equivalent
- Dog collars (medium-sized)
- Dog leashes (1" wide)
- Dog food—Pedigree canned adult dog food and puppy food
- Dog food—Royal Canin Puppy Development for young puppies
- Dog sweaters and jackets: all sizes
- Dog toys for puppies and older dogs: heavy-duty balls, ropes, stuffed animals
- Dog treats: biscuits, and other treats (no rawhide or pig's ears)
- Hand sanitizer
- Hand soap (bar)
- Laundry detergent for washing machine (powder)
- Lysol spray (or equivalent)
- Mops (string mops)
- Office supplies: ball point pens (black); Sharpies permanent markers (black fine point); copy paper, laminating sheets, Brother TN450 laser printer cartridge
- Paper goods: paper towels and toilet paper
- Plastic bags: 48 cm x 60 cm (comes in a box) (not zip-lock)
- Plastic bags: 62 cm x 85 cm (comes in a box) (not zip-lock)
- Surgical gloves (size 6.5 and 8.5 preferably brands Protect or Ambiderm)
- Surgical masks
- Squeegees (long-handled floor squeegees – used to clean cage floors)



THANK YOU!

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 vet, Dr. Omar Córdova.

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.

Rewarding Memberships

With an extra day in February of 2024, we are in a “leap yea.” I have always thought of that as a strange term. It makes me think of other “leaps.” Leap of faith? Leaps in gymnastics (there are backs, switch fronts, and firebirds)? If we jump for joy, what do we “leap” for? Leap for laughs? Leap for love? Am I leasing a lot of licenses with alliteration? Enjoy your “leap” and love your little four-leggeds.

The S.P.A. would like to thank **Peggy Sue and Randy Gay** (family), **Colin and Cheryl McNaught** (family), **Daniel Nuespiel and Cathy Canega** (family) **Kathy and Richard Simandl** (family), **Jim LeNeve and Joey Santori** (family), **Irene and Gregory Diamant** (family), **Alan and Lynda Herring** (family), **Lynn and Steve Weisberg** (family), and **Kay and Jack Latona** (family) for renewing 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.spanmiguel.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/spanmiguel, 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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