

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



July 2022

Paws & Claws



HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED

From the Director

**BREAKING NEWS: ANONYMOUS DONORS WILL
MATCH ALL NEW DONATIONS TO THE S.P.A.'S
PET FOOD MONEY BANK THROUGH JULY 31, 2021
UP TO A TOTAL OF 2,000 USD!!**

Counting resident and foster animals, we have about 100 cats and dogs to feed. Picture them holding food bowls in their paws, with beseeching looks in their eyes, their tongues swirling and lips smacking, waiting for their next meal. Help us make sure that we are able to fill those bowls!

NOW is a great time to donate to our Pet Food Money Bank!! All money donated to this fundraiser—that's 100%—will be applied to our annual cost of cat and dog food. Please reach into your hearts and pockets and help! To donate instantly via PayPal, please click the donate button below. For more information, please see the next page of this issue, check our website [HERE](http://www.spasanmiguel.org), call our office at 415-152-6124, or write info@spasanmiguel.org. Ask your friends and families to join in this effort. Let's meet the match! Thank you!

The S.P.A. is looking for an adoptions/volunteers coordinator. Primary responsibilities are handling adoptions, socializing cats and dogs, orienting volunteers, and performing office work. Hours are 10:30-2:30, Monday-Saturday. Candidates for this paying position must be bilingual, possess basic computer and math skills, have legal working papers, and have previous work experience and experience with cats and dogs. They must also be fully vaccinated, including at least one booster. If interested, please email info@spasanmiguel.org Include your resume.

-Megan Gabel, General Director

Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
June	2	4
YTD	13	24

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.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****

July Pets of the Month

By Jayn Corral and Megan Gabel

Almost 2 years old, Orion is a beautiful long-haired mostly black tortoise cat with specks of orange resembling stars in the dark sky. Her huge eyes look like mint green planets. She enjoys being held, carried, and snuggling on laps.



Orion



Pierre

Pierre, only 5 months old, is an energetic kitten who loves to rumble and wrestle with his roommates. Both of these cats have fun playing with toys.

Almost 4 years old, Jett is an affectionate sweetheart who likes people and wants to be around them. Medium-sized, he's curious, friendly, and really enjoys getting attention and going for walks.



Jett



Bambi

Bambi, about 7 months old, is a darling puppy, very friendly, affectionate, sweet, and eager to please. She now is very happy when it's her turn to go for a walk.

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. 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.

Thank you, Atencion!

The Atencion (San Miguel's local newspaper) is graciously posting our weekly column online. Choose "EN" for English and then "Community." The direct link to main Community page in English is here: <https://www.atencionsma.com/en/category/community/>

We are delighted that the Atencion is continuing its support of the S.P.A.

June Adoptions

Dog adoptions: Brandy, Poppy

Cat adoptions: Gardenia, Leo, Sadie, Presley



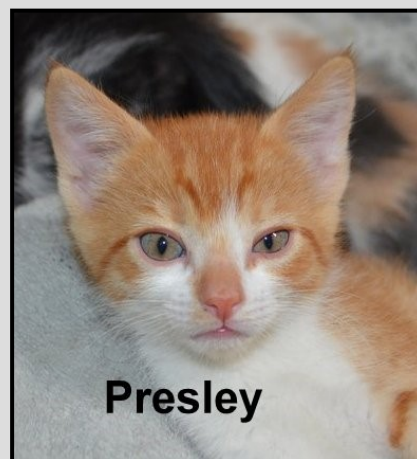
Brandy



Poppy



Gardenia



Presley



Sadie



Leo

[2022 Dog Adoptions](#)

[2022 Cat Adoptions](#)

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Honor Your Pet

By Harry Burrus

Think about that special pet you had or have, sometimes referred to as one's lifetime dog or lifetime cat and consider how that pet enriched your life and expanded the compassion in your heart. Remember how that pet was always there for you, full of trust and love. How you learned from her and how she never let you down. Think how she enhanced your appreciation of the small, simple moments of everyday life. How in many ways that cat or dog made you a better person. That pet provided things you can't see or touch; yet, you feel it, breathe it, and it becomes part of you organically.

Honor that pet. Stéphane Mallarmé, a French symbolist poet of the latter part of the 19th century, had a phrase: "Peindre, non la chose, mais l'effet qu'elle produit." Paint not the thing, but the effect it produces. You can generate the effect. You can make that experience happen. That timeless, priceless gift. Part of Creative Continuum.



Honor your pet by helping the S.P.A. give others the chance to experience those magical moments that you were so fortunate to have, etched in perpetual paw prints on your heart. By contributing to the S.P.A.'s Pet Food Money Bank annual fundraiser (see <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/pet-food-money-bank>), you are making it possible for us to do just that. All money raised will be applied to the annual cost of feeding our resident animals and those in foster care (about 100 cats and dogs), as they wait to become a part of loving families. We still have a long way to go to meet our goal of 250,000 pesos, or about \$13,500 USD. ***All new donations to this fundraiser through July 31, 2022 will be matched up to a total of \$2,000 USD!!*** Help us take full advantage of this matching offer.

Adopt a cat or dog so we have space to save and feed more homeless, abandoned, and stray animals. We have a bounty of wonderful beauties such as Crystal, Scout, Eva, and Robin, waiting to open your hearts and enhance your lives. Our cats are here: <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-cats> Our dogs are here: <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-dogs> Click on the photo each of animal to go to the next page where you will see a bigger photo, be able to read a bio, and, for dogs, see a video. Adoption hours are Monday-Saturday, 11-2, Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124 (masks required).



Honor those who made you feel so much without saying a word.





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

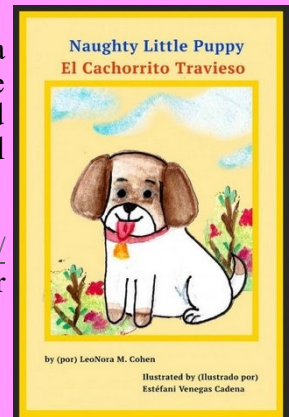
* or peso equivalent

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.



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.

Kitten Waterfall

By Jayn Corral

Have you ever seen or even heard of “Una Cascada de Gatos”? Not as grandiose or famous as Niagara Falls or Victoria Falls, but every bit as mighty, the Kitten Waterfall exists at the S.P.A. and never fails to evoke squeals of delight from those fortunate enough to witness it.

It is most magnificent at breakfast time, although it can occur any time the door to Kitten World opens. Each day upon arrival, volunteers prepare platters of soft food for the cats and kittens. It amounts to just about one tablespoon per cat, but it is the highlight of their day. They all know that when the “kitchen” door opens, their much-anticipated treat is forthcoming.

They get so excited that they not only run and tumble out the door, but they run back in and back out multiple times to make sure they get their fair share of the goodies. Sitting in the middle of the platter has become a favorite strategy for our expert diners. The hard part for us, the servers, is not to step on anyone.

Parker and Pierre, along with their sister, Perla, are young siblings among the waterfall gang. They were newborns at the S.P.A. and are looking for more adventures in their forever homes. Sara, another adorable kitten who was also a newborn when she arrived at the S.P.A., participates in the Cascada de Gatos too.

Help these youngsters live the lives they deserve by adopting them and providing loving, caring homes. That will then make space so we can help others that need our help. The S.P.A. has several young kittens, “tweens,” and older cats ready for forever homes. Check out our website at <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-cats> for the many cats and kittens needing loving forever homes. Our adoptions coordinator will happily introduce you to cats/kittens that may suit your situation/preferences.



Pierre



Parker



Perla



Sara

S.P.A. Friends: Angel and John

By Harry Burrus

Throughout history there have been pairs known for unique aspects of their relationship. Twosomes like Lady and Tramp, Lucy and Desi, and Jack and Jill. The S.P.A.'s Angel and John also have a special relationship.

Angel, a little over two years old, is a small/medium-sized girl with de Kooning black and white abstract body markings, a blended tan, black, and white face, and alert, dark eyes. She likes her casita residence at the S.P.A. and, while stretching out and relaxing, observes what unfolds before her. She's comfortable meeting new people and, although keen for a stroll, patiently waits for her leash to be attached. Once on the street, she moves at a good clip until an alluring smell momentarily sidetracks her and she pauses to investigate.

John, also a touch over two years old, is medium-sized, with a caramel, amber-colored coat and penetrating gold eyes. A good-looking lad. At first blush, John is wary of new people. He's nervous and cautious. You have to earn his trust. After you sit with him a few times, he reveals a surprisingly friendly demeanor. However, while all that is good, John is afraid of the street. Loud noises, fireworks, cars rushing past, deter him from going for a walk. Mr. Reluctance. He may walk up to the street door, even poke his head out, but that's it.

Fortunately for John, Angel, who is in the casita next to him, is fond of John and John feels comfortable with Angel. As is often the case, a female steps in to assist the male. I hook up Angel and Christina puts a harness on John. We make it out the door and engage the street. At first, John follows Angel, staying close to the wall as cars whizz past. Further on, they walk side by side, occasionally stopping to engage a few smells. Sometimes, Angel licks John on the nose and picks up the pace. Encouraged, he follows. John might be best in a home with another dog, but under Angel's tutelage, he is gaining confidence.

Meet John and Angel at the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124. Enjoy their videos at this page of our website: <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-dogs> Click on each photo to go to the next page where you will be able to see a video of each dog. Adoption hours are Monday-Saturday, 11-2.



Little Cuties at the S.P.A.

By Megan Gabel

We have two little cuties available for adoption at the S.P.A. – Maggie and Lilly. Small, adult dogs, they will each make a wonderful addition to any family.

About 2 years old, Maggie has a beautiful face with expressive eyes. She is very affectionate and friendly and happily crawls in your lap to receive some attention. She also will immediately turn over on her back for some extended tummy rubs. Although she is easy to walk, she is very frightened of cars, trucks, and motorcycles and startles whenever they pass by her on a walk. She needs reassurances and then will move along until the next motorized vehicle passes by.



Lilly, about 1-1/2 years old, is sweet, quiet, friendly, and incredibly affectionate. She nestles into the crook of your arm, tail wagging, happy to be petted. She gives little kisses in exchange for cuddles. She really likes going for a walk and prances on the street. Super dog, she is able to scale gated walls many times her height so her new home must have very tall walls!

We'd love for you to make an appointment to meet these adorable girls and all our dogs and cats available for adoption! Our adoption hours are Monday-Friday, 11-2, at Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124. Masks required. Photos of our dogs are on our website here: <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-dogs> Photos of our cats are here: <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-cats> Click on the photo of the one who peaks your interest and you will be taken to the next page with a bigger photo, the animal's bio, and, for dogs, a video too. Our low adoption fee (only 600 pesos) includes sterilization, all current vaccinations, deworming, and more.

Please help us provide food for all of our animals by donating to our Pet Food Money Bank, our only major fundraiser of the year. ***All new donations to this fundraiser through July 31, 2022 will be matched up to a total of \$2,000 USD!!*** All money raised will be applied to the annual cost of food for our resident and foster cats and dogs (an average of 100 in total). For more details, please see <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/pet-food-money-bank> or write info@spasanmiguel.org We have a long way to go to meet our goal of \$250,000 pesos (about 13,500 USD). Thank you for your support!

The Poetry of a Refreshing Bath





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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.



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, July 2!



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, July 2.



(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

We all have our own things that we are grateful for. My wife and I, after having been away from SMA for awhile, will be returning in a few weeks. As we look forward to getting back we are grateful for the volunteers that have kept all the animals in the S.P.A.'s care happy and cared for, grateful to all of you for supporting the S.P.A so that is possible, and grateful to have the chance to come back and volunteer and see, once again, our two and four legged friends there. Like Sam and Dave said, *Hold on, I'm Comin.'*

All at the S.P.A. are grateful to **Anna Buchanan** (individual) and **Therese and Jack Reinhart** (family) for renewing their memberships in June. 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.**

***Come to the S.P.A.'s table at the Organic Market – Saturday, July 2, 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.**

