



November 2019



Paws & Claws

HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED

From the Director

OUR NEW WEBSITE IS UP! Thanks to the hard work and creativity of Alejandra Castelero, Castelero Design (<https://www.castelerodesign.com/>), the S.P.A. has a new website! We're in the final stages, still tweaking, but we are delighted with how it has shaped up, how easy it is to use, and how beautiful it looks. Ali really came through for the S.P.A. and we're very grateful. Prepare to be impressed when you click on <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/> We would be remiss if we didn't also thank Beverley Wood for creating and managing our previous website over the years and for jumping in to work with Ali to make the transition easier.

DID YOU KNOW THAT NOVEMBER IS ADOPT A SENIOR PET MONTH? Let's expand the U.S. tradition into Mexico! Please consider opening your heart to a senior pet. See pages 3 and 5 in this issue for some of our S.P.A. animals that fit the bill.

MAKE A NOTE OF THE ORGANIC MARKET CHANGED DATE FOR NOVEMBER: This month, we will be at the Organic Market on Saturday, November 9. Now is the time to stock up on holiday gifts. Choose from the beautiful and unique selection of handmade crafts at our table. How about picking up some S.P.A. T-shirts and caps for friends and family? Great souvenirs of San Miguel de Allende. See page 14 for photos and more details.

-Megan Gabel, General Director

Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
October	2	3
YTD	31	45

Clinic/Office Hours:

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

Adoptions, Visits, Volunteers:

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-Sponsor a Casita-Become a Member-Remembrance Tree Leaf:
www.spasanmiguel.org/fundraisers

Volunteer Info: www.spasanmiguel.org/volunteer/

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/6grULRHi6Sk

Donate

October Adoptions

October dog adoptions: Toffee, Bruno

October cat adoptions: Serinidad, Olivia, Gus Gus



Holiday Gift Idea

Are you working on your holiday gift list? Most likely, you and many of your friends and family members are saturated with “things” so trying to figure out what new trinket to purchase is difficult and probably feels a bit wasteful. We have the perfect solution for you! How about making an “In Honor of” donation to the S.P.A. for Christmas, Chanukah, New Year’s, or any occasion? A donation to the S.P.A. would be a wonderful way for gift-giver, gift-recipient, and the S.P.A. to feel great! For details, see [HERE](#).



[2019 Dog Adoptions](#)

[2019 Cat Adoptions](#)

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

November Pets of the Month

By Jayn Corral and Megan Gabel

It's Adopt a Senior Pet Month! Meet 2-1/2-year-old Suerte, a striking, athletic, playful tabby. Trinidad, a 3-1/2-year-old big, black beauty, is shy at first, but when comfortable, enjoys playing with wand toys and being close to people. Both boys have been at the S.P.A. since they were 2 months old and would be best as the only cat. If you are patient and give them love and a secure home, they will give back in spades.



Mitzy, a very spry 9-3/4-year-old, looks out for her daughter, Bailey, now about 4-1/2 years old. They are small/medium-sized, sweet, friendly dogs who have been at the S.P.A. since January 2015. Mitzy and Bailey are at the top of the list of dogs new volunteers should walk. The girls are eager to go for a stroll and they do well on a leash—no pulling. Inseparable, they play with each other and then relax and enjoy each other's company. They need to be adopted together.



Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during November and receive a free adoption kit. Preview all our animals at www.spasanmiguel.org (Adopt Me pages) and meet them at the S.P.A., Los Pinos #7, 415-152-6124, Monday-Saturday, 11-2.

Are You Thinking of Adopting a Cat?

By Jayn Corral

Have you been thinking about adopting a cat? Please consider visiting the S.P.A. to meet all the wonderful cats and kittens available for adoption. Do yourself a favor and adopt a cat or kitten that you know has had all the proper tests and care. Free kittens are never free. To quote a popular TV personality, "What is cheap, is expensive."

All of the S.P.A. cats and kittens are treated, tested, vaccinated (including for leukemia), and sterilized at the appropriate age in our clinic by our on-site veterinarian, Dr. Omar Córdova. All of this is included in the \$500-peso adoption fee. Quite a bargain when you consider that actual costs for the same services can run up to \$3000 pesos or more.

Upon meeting your potential adoptee, you can quickly assess his personality. The volunteers will be happy to help you find the perfect cat for you and your situation. For example, they know if the cat is independent (like Chrissie and Larissa) or prefers to have another cat for companionship (like Chili and Nadia); and other personality traits.

Because territory is very important to cats, you will need to be patient when you first take him home. We recommend giving him a small, safe spot (such as a bathroom) with food, water, toys, social interaction, comfortable bed, and litter box. Cats instinctively scratch to groom their claws and to mark their territory so you will also want to provide a scratching post to prevent them from inappropriately clawing your furniture.

Gradually introduce the new one to the family and to the rest of the house. Do not allow the new cat to go outside for at least a week to ten days to give your cat time to understand that this new environment is his home.

Cats are carnivores and cannot survive on a vegetarian diet. They are also lactose intolerant so should not be given dairy products designed for humans. It is best to provide real cat food. Changing their diet should be done gradually by introducing the new food and reducing the old food. A drastic switch in diet can cause diarrhea.

Come to the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124 to find that perfect pet to complement your family. Our adoption hours are Monday-Saturday, 11-2.



Chrissie



Larissa



Chili

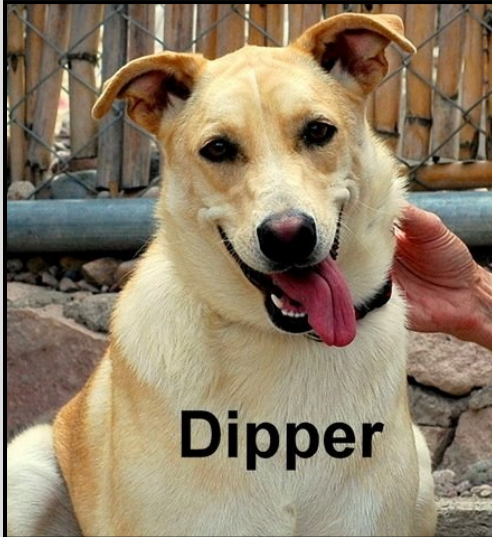


Nadia

Enrich Your Life by Adopting a Senior Dog

By Megan Gabel

November is Adopt a Senior Pet Month. There is no standard definition of “senior,” but the consensus is that a dog older than 7 (depending upon size) falls within this category.



Dipper

Adopting older dogs has many advantages. Older dogs are calmer than youngsters and need less exercise. Their personalities are developed and they’re fully grown so there are few surprises. They are eager to learn new tricks and are less demanding of attention. They are particularly appropriate choices for an older person to adopt who would love to experience the joy of pet ownership, but probably doesn’t have the energy level for a younger animal. Older adopted pets seem to understand what you have done for them by taking them into your family and they return your kindness with uncommon love and devotion.

Among the senior S.P.A. dogs are Dipper (7-1/2), Rita (8-1/2), Dulce (8), and Buddy (11). We have more. Check their bios here www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-dogs/ and then click on their videos for additional insights into their personalities.



Rita



Dulce



Buddy

We invite you to visit the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124 to meet our senior dogs and all our cats, kittens, puppies, and dogs available for adoption.

Adoption hours are Monday-Saturday, 11-2.



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THANK YOU, ROSS MACDONALD FOR HELPING THE S.P.A.!

Waiving the normal fee for delivery service available through Extending Lives (www.extendinglivesmexico.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.

Calling All Volunteers!

By Megan Gabel

S.P.A. volunteers discover that spending time with our animals is joyful and rewarding. Cats like Brandy and Nadia climb on laps, snuggle, and purr with contentment. Dogs like Cooper and Maple are excited to see a volunteer approach – pleased to have the opportunity to spend some time being cuddled by a familiar face and taken on a walk in the big outside world. Others are a little afraid. Rather than being deterred by this reluctant behavior, our volunteers rise to the occasion and work at helping those dogs come out of their shells.



Volunteer hours are Monday-Saturday from 11-2 at Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124. Spend as much time as you want during that time – we and our kittens, cats, puppies, and dogs will appreciate it.

Volunteer information sheets are on the website in Spanish and English [HERE](#).

We look forward to meeting you at the S.P.A.!

Tornado, Super Cat

By Lee May



Whoosh! Wonder what that was? Just me, Tornado (Spanish pronunciation, please), twirling with my wand toy. Tornado is my name, but you can call me “Triple B” for Big, Black and Beautiful. I bet I’m the largest cat the S.P.A. has ever had up for adoption. Plus, I am gorgeous, with super fluffy black fur, a huge face, and big, yellow, mischievous eyes. I’m only 3, but I’m such a playmeister that I seem much younger. Not only am I an expert with the wand toy, but I also play tennis, but without a racquet, of course, because I have four of my own which I gleefully use to bat tennis balls around.

My owner dumped me at a feral cat colony managed by one of the S.P.A. volunteers where I lived for 8 months (even though I’m not feral). Thankfully, the S.P.A. offered me a place to hang my fur until I find my own special someone. I really like people so I hang out by the S.P.A. cattery door to watch all the action and make sure I don’t miss any visitors or treats. I

enjoy eating, especially now that I have a steady source of food. I also like getting attention. You can hold me like a baby and give me cheek smooches, but not too many ‘cause I gotta keep my macho-ness going.

Come whirl with me at the S,P,A. I’m a lot of fun and I won’t disappoint. I’ll even introduce you to my girlfriends, Chili and Nadia. Of course, there are many other wonderful cats available for adoption, but let’s face it. They’re just not SUUUPER cat! You can come and play with me at the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124, any day, Monday-Saturday, between 11 and 2. You could even adopt me (only 500 pesos and I’m sterilized, tested, and vaccinated). I’m worth every centavo and more. Tip: bring me a red cape for me to wear to my new home and make sure you ask the S.P.A. for a wand toy and tennis ball!



Tornado

The Poetry of a Circle





Sociedad Protectora de Animales
Los Pinos 7: 415-152-6124

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Volunteers
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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
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HIGH QUALITY PET CARE AT THE S.P.A. CLINIC!

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.

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



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 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)

As long as we're asking for help:

Used Pick-Up Truck in Great Condition
(the S.P.A.'s truck is 20 years old!)

THANK YOU!

The Remembrance Tree exists in a prominent position, right at the inside entrance to the S.P.A. It is a permanent, beautiful, and impressive eight-foot copper-colored structure with branches containing leaves for honoring a departed pet.

Volunteer **Jane Dill** of Jane Dill Design (www.janedill.com) (thank you, Jane!) inscribes on a leaf the pet's name, the owner's name, and a personal message, if desired. The one-time cost of each permanent leaf is \$100 US (or peso equivalent).



To purchase a leaf or learn more, please email: SPARemembranceTree@gmail.com



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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.

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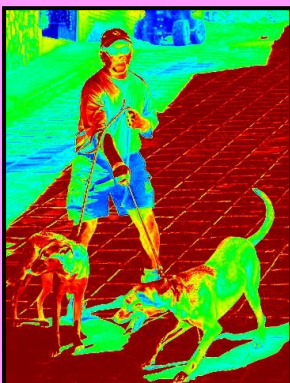
For information on monthly or annual payment options, send us an email at SPACasita@gmail.com

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

* or peso equivalent

The S.P.A. Needs YOU! Volunteer NOW!!

If you love cats and dogs and can spare some time, we would love to have you come and volunteer! Volunteer hours are Monday-Saturday from 11-2. If you are interested, please come to the S.P.A. during that time and Christina will show you the ropes. The cats and dogs eagerly look forward to your visit!



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 (400 pesos for cats and 450 pesos for dogs). 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.



At the Organic Market Saturday, November 9

In addition to the S.P.A. T-shirts and caps pictured below:



Check out our range of T-shirts & caps for both cat and dog lovers.

Unisex T-shirts come in white or black (youth, S, M, L, and XL).

This is a brand new style, perfect for both cat and dog lovers and a meaningful souvenir of San Miguel de Allende!

All T-shirts are 200 pesos each.



(Front)



(Back)



Women's T-shirts are available in red, white, or black (S, M., L. and XL).

Men's T-shirts come in white or black (M, L, XL, and XXL).

Caps are available in red, black or khaki for a donation of 150 pesos each.

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's table — **Saturday, November 9**



Rewarding Memberships

Hola all, and I hope you are enjoying the Dia de Los Muertos Celebration. Since coming to truly appreciate this time here in SMA, I find myself thinking about not only the people that I have lost, but the cats that Traci and I have loved and lost...Garbo, Annie, Scooter, George, Lucy, and our beloved Bubba. Here's hoping that they stop by and curl up in our laps this year, and your past furies do too.

Please join in thanking those who have renewed their memberships in October. Thanks to **Jack and Therese Reinhart** (family), **Peggy Zaine** and her daughter **Amy** (family), **Kay and Jack Latona** (family), **Jayn and Tim Corral** (family), **Jacqueline Segovia** (individual), and **Joni Deditch** (individual). Thank you all for your ongoing support. We could not 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 and \$50 USD minimum 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

***Visit the S.P.A.** Look around, sign up to volunteer, walk a dog and get fit at the same time, and cuddle with puppies, cats, and kittens. Monday-Saturday, 11am-2pm, at Los Pinos #7, Colonia Lindavista, 415-152-6124.

***Come to the S.P.A.'s table at the Organic Market – Saturday, November 9, 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!

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3 monthly issues	500 MXN	450 MXN	375 MXN
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