



February 2021`

Paws & Claws



HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED

From the Director

We're sorry to announce that the Green Paw Pet Registration Program for dogs has been suspended for the time-being. We wish Bobbi Fries a speedy recovery and hope that she will be able to resume her wonderful project in the near future.

In the meantime, if you lose your pet or find a pet, please follow the steps listed on our website [HERE](#). What's most important is to check Animal Control daily. Visit, call (415-154-7200), talk to the people there to enlist their help.

An identification tag on your pet's collar will greatly enhance the likelihood that your pet will be returned to you, safe and sound. Incredibly, while most pet owners appreciate the importance of ID tags, many of their pets either don't have tags or don't wear them all the time. Some rationalize that their pet is indoors most of the time so a tag is not necessary. Indoor pets, however, are also at risk of being lost – a door left open inadvertently is all it takes.

Please take the time to report instances of animal abuse by calling 911. The dispatcher will take the report and forward it to Animal Control personnel, who then will go out right away to check the situation. Don't give up - be persistent. English-speaking dispatchers are available because of our large expat community. These reports can also be anonymous.

We can all chip in to help dogs and cats lead safer, more secure lives in San Miguel de Allende.

-Megan Gabel, General Director

Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
January	3	2
YTD	3	2

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 and support our fundraisers: www.spasanmiguel.org/fundraisers

(Donate-Sponsor a Casita-Become a Member-Remembrance Tree Leaf)

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

January Adoptions

Dog adoptions: Alegria, Rex, Zeus

Cat adoptions: Chloe, Noelle



[2021 Dog Adoptions](#)

[2021 Cat Adoptions](#)

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February Pets of the Month

By Megan Gabel and Jayn Corral

**Lola****Apollo**

A gorgeous couple, Apollo and Lola are perfect Valentine's Day material. Lola, about 7-1/2 years old, is so excited with getting attention that she can barely stand still, but does, and then she sits and offers you her paw. Apollo, a calm, handsome boy about 4-1/2 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.

Hamilton, about 8 months old, is a happy boy. He loves to play with his roommates and would enjoy having a brother or sister. He enjoys his treats and cries the loudest in an effort to get more. About 2 years old, Sheridan is now comfortable moving around and playing with toys and her roommates. Still a bit nervous with people, she will follow them, but will slink away if they approach her, so patience will be required.

**Hamilton****Sheridan**

Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during February 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, Monday-Saturday between 11 and 2, 415-152-6124.

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. Thank you for helping all of us stay safe and well!

Floyd and Bob – Survivors

By Jayn Corral

Finally, 2020 is in the past, a Covid-19 vaccine and hope are in the present, and happiness and health can be part of the future. In typical San Miguel fashion, the warm afternoons are preceded by and ended with frigid weather. Homeless animals, just like homeless people, search to find warmth, food, and a comfortable place to land.



Early this year, Floyd searched for a warm spot and found it on the motor of a vehicle. Fortunately, the owner of the vehicle heard his cries and rescued him from sure danger and brought him to the S.P.A. We call him “Floyd, the mechanic.” He is a sweet, sweet four-month-old tabby and white boy. He loves to be held and to eat. He must have had a difficult time finding enough food. It would mean the world to him to have a loving family and warm home.

Last year, Bob was a homeless two-year old, all black, beautiful cat with gold eyes and an old soul, fending for himself by searching for food and shelter in the arroyo. He, too, must have suffered from the cold and lack of food. Since he has been at the S.P.A., he has decided that a life with shelter, love, and food is a good thing. He is independent and lets the other cats know that he is boss. This wonderful cat deserves to experience a life with a forever family and loving home.



The S.P.A. has been able to remain open during the pandemic because of the stringent protocols we put into place to keep everyone safe and healthy. We thank you all for respecting that and we look forward to opening our doors to new volunteers and visitors as soon as it is safe to do so.

Because we have been so cautious, our onsite clinic remains open. Please help support the S.P.A. by bringing your canine and feline family members to get care from our great veterinarian, Dr. Omar Córdova. We offer lower-cost services and special prices and hours on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Call 415-152-6124 for more information and an appointment.

If you are thinking about adopting, please consider an S.P.A. animal. Our available cats and dogs are on our website <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/> - the “Adopt Me” pages. For both, our adoption fee is only 600 pesos and includes all current vaccinations, deworming, and sterilization (and more). Each animal that is adopted not only becomes part of a family, but also creates space at the S.P.A. for us to help another animal in need of shelter, food, care, and love.



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

Waiving or reducing the normal fee for delivery service available through MacDonald Services (www.macdonald-services.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.

Our Teenagers Will Keep You On Your Toes!

By Megan Gabel

Like human teenagers, adolescent dogs have their charms, innocence, insecurities, and light-heartedness. They also require their “parents” patience as they move through this phase into adulthood. Our adolescent dogs are no different.

For dogs, adolescence starts at around 6-8 months old. Sisters Pammy and Buffy and siblings Georgina and Paul are about 9 months old so they qualify as teenagers. As teenagers, they retain some of their puppy charm as they experiment with a new world of independence. Each of them is energetic, curious, strong-minded, and very eager to go for a walk. Pammy is outgoing and adventuresome while Buffy is a little bit shy and more reserved. Georgina is very sweet and loving. Her brother Paul is the most gregarious of the group. He’s strong, self-confident, outgoing, and very brave.



The S.P.A.’s adoption fee is 600 pesos and includes all current vaccinations, deworming, and sterilization (and more). Meet these adorable teenagers at the S.P.A., Los Pinos #7, Monday-Saturday between 11 and 2, 415-152-6124. At this point, only one person may enter the S.P.A. for an adoption interview. That person must wear a mask and stay at least 6 feet away from S.P.A. personnel.

My Travels with Cats

By Harry Burrus

As I walk past the S.P.A. cattery, I'm greeted by Bob, a handsome ebony lad, who always has something to say, delivered in a strong voice from his high shelf perch. Bob ignites my mind movie spinning youthful cat moments, not in newsreel footage, but vibrant Wizard-of-Oz color. When I see Onyx, a similar recall phenomenon occurs.



CUT TO: I'm carrying Charcoal to a Cub Scout meeting two houses up from where I live—our first road trip. He's never been out of the house. Mrs. Brown is the Den Mother. It's a Show and Tell event. I show the group how when I open a box of crayons at the top of the stairs and spread them out, Charcoal separates the blue and yellow ones and flicks those two down the stairs after which he proudly meows. To their amazement, he repeats this cool act in front of them three times without a hitch. This generates a lot of conversation when we eat our devil's food ice cream cake roll. Peter Brown, Mrs. Brown's son, now wants to get a black cat.

The flashback rolls: I'm playing the National Grass Court Tennis Championships at the Germantown Cricket Club in Philadelphia. I have Roberta, a black and white domestic short hair, Natasha, a petite grey Persian, with me. The hotel doesn't allow pets. Covert action is required. After checking in and casing the lobby floorplan, I return to the parking garage and position my beauties under my Burberry trench coat, appropriate attire for the rain. I'm a touch nervous in the elevator for the ten-floor ride to my room and am relieved when no one steps in. I learn what time the cleaning lady comes in the mornings, put the girls under my trench coat, and head down to the parking garage to wait a spell. Of course, Murphy's Law soon appears. Guests consistently get on the elevator and Roberta's tail somehow manages to always snake out and form a question mark. Natasha discreetly meows, but still is audible. I clear my throat or mimic her voice. I swish my hand around and stick Roberta's tail back under. Some riders frown with raised eyebrows, clearly annoyed, accusing me of bad form. A few toss smiles and tell me about their cats.

When sunny days arrive, my camouflage is more difficult to pull off. I befriend the cleaning lady, which I probably should have done in the first place. This move works out great. She shows me photographs of her cats, Bella and Dimples, and Roberta and Natasha no longer have to be smuggled back and forth.

I invite you to make an appointment at the S.P.A. to adopt one of our wonderful cats (415-152-6124, Los Pinos 7) (<https://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-cats>). Perhaps one will remind you of your own past feline experiences and motivate you to begin a new chapter by adopting a companion to share your life. It's certainly merits a try. No trench coat necessary.



The Poetry of Transitions



A new life for Zeus, thanks to the joint efforts of the S.P.A. and the SPA Dogs to DC project!



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

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

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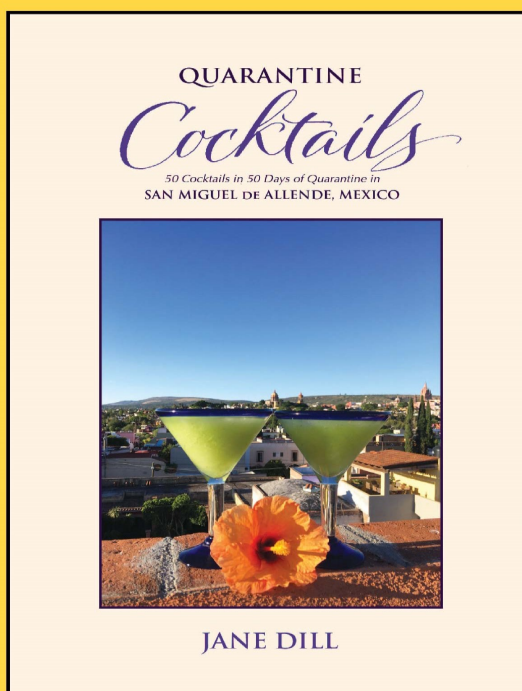
The S.P.A.'s clinic is open! The S.P.A. can meet your pet's needs, from routine preventative care to diagnosis and treatment of problems to surgical procedures and more. We have a well-equipped clinic and offer packages to help you save on vaccinations and sterilization. Under the current circumstances, 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.

NOW ON SALE!

QUARANTINE COCKTAILS

*50 Cocktails in 50 Days of Quarantine in
SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE, MEXICO*



JANE DILL, the S.P.A.'s volunteer calligrapher for the Remembrance Tree (for 8 years) has written a book! **QUARANTINE COCKTAILS** is a collection of 50 cocktails and "mocktails" developed during the lockdown last spring and posted nightly on Facebook. It's "Quarantine Mixology", improvising and having fun with whatever ingredients you have on hand. Also makes a great gift! Available in SMA at the Galería San Francisco at the Fabrica la Aurora.

ORDER HERE for SMA or Amazon/US:
www.janedill.com/cocktails

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

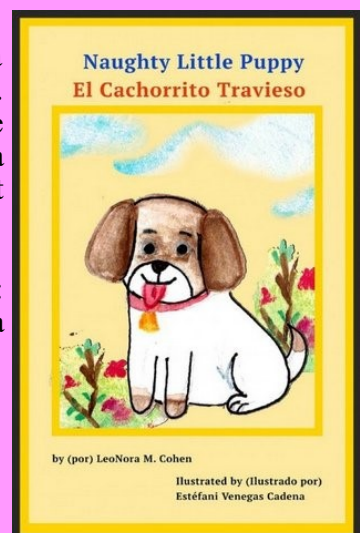
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Royalties from Children's Book Will Be Donated to the S.P.A.!

Naughty Little Puppy (El Cachorrillo 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.



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

Click [HERE](#) to see the Catalogue of Jayn's Crafts AND learn how to place an order for local delivery or pickup (NEW!!). Some examples are shown below. See the catalogue for more!



S.P.A. T-shirts & Caps
Pick up one for yourself, a family member, and as a terrific present!



(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

Mahatma Gandhi once said, “The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.” While technically not an entity with geographic borders, I am proud and grateful to be a part of this S.P.A. nation with all of you, and I know you feel the same way. Thank you for keeping our “nation” strong.

In that spirit, we would like to say how grateful we are to **Jacqueline Donnelly** (individual), **Michelle McGowan** and **Dieter Storr** (family), **Cheryl** and **Colin McNaught** (family), **Jane** and **Bill Wilkinson** (family), **Jan Charkow** (individual), and **Gregory** and **Irene Diamant** (family) for renewing their memberships in January. 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 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. 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.

***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

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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