

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



August 2022

# Paws & Claws



HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED

## From the Director

**PET FOOD MONEY BANK NEWS:** The offer to match all new donations to the S.P.A.'s Pet Food Money Bank up to a total of \$2,000 USD has been extended to August 31, 2022! Now is a great time to donate to that fundraiser. The goal of this year's Pet Food Money Bank is to raise \$250,000 pesos (about \$13,500 USD), 100% of which will be applied to the annual cost of feeding our family-pets-to-be such as our August Pets of the Month. For more details, see pages 2 and 9 of this issue. To donate instantly by credit card through PayPal (the only way to use a credit card), click on the "Donate" button at the bottom of this page. PLEASE DONATE TODAY! This is the S.P.A.'s only major fundraiser of the year. We really need your help and support.

You asked for it! The **DENTAL SPECIAL STARTS NOW!** For the month of August, the S.P.A. clinic will be offering a dental special! Improve your pet's dental health (by removing plaque and tartar) and overall health, quality of life, and general well-being by having her teeth cleaned. During August, our normal price of 700-1,000 pesos for teeth cleaning (cats and dogs) will be reduced by 20% (includes anesthetic and professional cleaning with ultrasonic scaler/polisher). This is a very popular special so please call 415-152-6124 for an appointment as soon as you can! Space is limited! See page 7 of this issue to learn why a dental cleaning is so important for your pet.

Due to the increased risk of infection from the Covid-19 variants, the S.P.A. will not be at the Organic Market this month. See page 12 for information about how to obtain the crafts, T-shirts, and caps that are normally at our table.

*-Megan Gabel, General Director*

## Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
July	0	2
YTD	13	26

### 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](http://www.spasanmiguel.org)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel](https://www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel)

Donate and support our fundraisers: [www.spasanmiguel.org/fundraisers](http://www.spasanmiguel.org/fundraisers)  
(Donate-Sponsor a Casita-Become a Member)

Dogs available for adoption: [www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-dogs/](http://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-dogs/)

Cats available for adoption: [www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-cats/](http://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-cats/)

Membership questions: [MembershipSPA@gmail.com](mailto:MembershipSPA@gmail.com)

Casita questions: [SPACasita@gmail.com](mailto:SPACasita@gmail.com)

Foster questions: [SPAFosters@gmail.com](mailto:SPAFosters@gmail.com)

Crafts, T-shirts, Caps: [www.spasanmiguel.org/market](http://www.spasanmiguel.org/market)

See what your donation dollars and pesos support: [youtu.be/6grULRH6Sk](https://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.spasanmiquel.org](http://www.spasanmiquel.org) ("Donate" button on any page) or [www.facebook.com/spasanmiquel](http://www.facebook.com/spasanmiquel) ("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@spasanmiquel.org](mailto:info@spasanmiquel.org) for more info\*\***

## July Adoptions

Dog adoptions: No dog adoptions in July

Cat adoptions: Kahlua, Sheridan



[2022 Dog Adoptions](#)

[2022 Cat Adoptions](#)

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## August Pets of the Month

By Megan Gabel and Jayn Corral



About two years old, Bonnie is the sweetest dog! She is gentle, very friendly, and loving. We've nicknamed her "Bonnie Bonita" because she's so pretty. Medium-sized, she loves treats, especially biscuits, and softly takes them from your hand. Lilly, about one and one-half years old, is a darling little dog! Immediately friendly and affectionate, she loves to cuddle and have her head and body stroked. She closes her eyes and practically nods off in your lap. She will need a very secure environment in her new home. Even though she's a small dog, she can scale walls and fences. Both dogs are easy to walk on leash, and would make a wonderful addition to any family.



Parker, now just six months old, was rescued with his siblings from a hoarding situation in the campo. He is a well-behaved, curious, handsome black and white tuxedo kitten. He gets along great with people and other cats. Robin, a black and white beauty with a crooked tail, came to the S.P.A. at the height of the Covid-19 pandemic in September 2020 at the age of three years when her human family could no longer provide for her. She has become one of our most loving cats and wants nothing more than human attention and treats, of course.

Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during August 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. The S.P.A.'s adoption fee is only 600 pesos and includes sterilization, all current vaccinations, deworming, and more.

## Dexter, the S.P.A.'s Gary Cooper

By Harry Burrus

Capture in your mind's eye the following: you have a chain around your neck that restricts your movement. You can't recline; it's difficult to sit; you can't walk. You stand in feces and filth. You're exposed. Sometimes, you're given water to drink. Sometimes. Sometimes a piece of bread is thrown at your feet. Sometimes. You're underweight and dehydrated. Your ribcage prominently shows. Nothing changes in your life. Your past and present are the same. Day in. Day out. You are alone. Depression engulfs you.



"I'm coming to get you," I call out as I approach Dexter's casita. Head held high, his coal black F 2.8 pupils lock focus on me. His metronome tail movement begins a slow beat; the tempo increases the closer I come. Dexter's a few months past three years old and has a copper-brown-gold brindle-patterned coat. He reminds me of a tallish, shy, handsome cowboy—Gary Cooper. His behavior, at first blush, comes across as laconic and taciturn, again characteristics of Coop. Also, like Cooper, Dexter can surprise you with his emotional range. He's no wallflower. He knows he's going for a walk. I get an aw shucks smile as I attach his leash. He lets out a cheerful bark when I open his door, signally we're on our way.

Our walking pace varies. At first slow, but steady, as Dexter absorbs his expanded worldview. So many new things to see and sniff. Grass to munch on. A passing, fast-moving truck stops his movement. Tail goes between his legs. I comfort him, telling him it's okay. We continue up the street. Turning a corner, six loose turkeys surprise us as they come up a hill. I think I jump higher than Dexter.



Capture in your mind's eye the following: you move around with ease in your living room/bedroom. You stretch out on a clean tile floor and look out your front window. Your bodyweight is good. Your water bowl is full. You receive daily meals, servicio a domicilio, which you devour. You have cleaning service a few times a day. Your gruesome past is behind you. You look forward to each new day. Day in. Day out. You have many friends like Scout and Crystal. Good vibes engulf you. You look forward to people coming to meet you. The name on your casita door is Dexter.

Dexter is at the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124. Safe.







## 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](mailto:SPACasita@gmail.com)  
Questions? Call the S.P.A. office: 415-152-6124

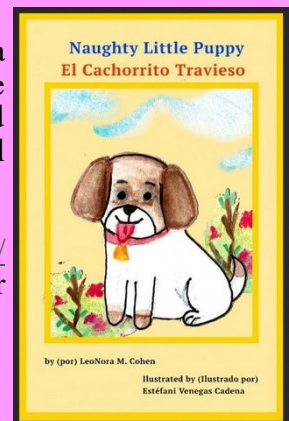
\* or peso equivalent

## 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](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](http://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 August Dental Discount Special Has Started!

By Megan Gabel

August 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 having your dog's or cat's teeth cleaned. S.P.A. residents Tigre, Tessie, and Vanderbilt recently had their teeth cleaned at the S.P.A.'s veterinary clinic. During August, our normal price of 700-1,000 pesos for teeth cleaning (cats and dogs) has been 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 today! Space is limited!

Not only is dental care vitally important to your pet's teeth and gums, but proper dental care contributes to a longer life, 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

Please 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, taking x-rays as 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). Our address is Los Pinos 7 and 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.



**Tessie**



**Vanderbilt**



**Tigre**

## The Poetry of a Bed & Breakfast





## S.P.A.'s Pet Food Money Bank: Food for Our Cats and Dogs!

By Megan Gabel

**TERRIFIC NEWS:** The matching donations offer has been extended! Now, all new donations to the S.P.A.'s Pet Food Money Bank fundraiser through August 31, 2022 up to a total of \$2,000 USD will be matched by anonymous donors! The goal of this year's Pet Food Money Bank fundraiser is to raise \$250,000 pesos (about \$13,500 USD), 100% of which will be applied to the annual cost of feeding our family-pets-to-be such as Maggie, Oreo, Pammy, and Zander.

Please help us with this basic expense – the cost of food – by making a monetary deposit to our Pet Food Money Bank today! The S.P.A. is the only and oldest no-kill shelter for cats and dogs in San Miguel de Allende. We take care of an average of 100 unwanted and abandoned cats and dogs. Since 1980, we have provided food, shelter, and care for our animals with the goal of finding them permanent, loving homes.

Because our cat and dogs do not adjust well to changes in diet and we lack sufficient storage space, we need to cover the cost of feeding them the food they are accustomed to eating, rather than seek donations of food. We rely solely on financial donations to survive and receive no government support. We economize, but need help from our supporters.

No mask is required to donate online (via PayPal) at <https://www.spasanmiguel.org> (“Donate” button, top of each page) or on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel](http://www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel) (“Shop on Website” button, upper right, just below the banner). You may also donate: by Mexican or U.S. check written to “Sociedad Protectora de Animales de San Miguel de Allende, A.C.” (use full name) or 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 the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124, or at any La Conexion location (mark envelope “S.P.A., PMB 18”). Please email [info@spasanmiguel.org](mailto:info@spasanmiguel.org) with questions and also check out <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/pet-food-money-bank> for more details.

Please don't delay, deposit funds today! We need and appreciate your help. Thank you!





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

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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](http://www.spasanmiguel.org)  
[www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel](http://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.*



**PUT A SMILE ON  
YOUR PET'S FACE!**

Routine and preventative dental care  
is vital to your pet's long-term health.



**Ultrasonic Dog & Cat Teeth Cleaning**

**20% Discount** (Regularly 700-1,000 pesos)

*Special price extended through August by popular demand*

*Please call for an appointment*

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## 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  
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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/](http://www.spasanmiguel.org/members/) (via PayPal) or in our office.

Please email [MembershipSPA@gmail.com](mailto: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. 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!

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).



## Rewarding Memberships

After a long time away, I am typing this from a terraza looking down at the Centro of SMA. I'm having morning coffee and soaking up what I call the San Miguel serenade. I hear birds chirping, roosters crowing across the ravine, and the occasional light saw or hammer of honest labor ... and it's all music to my ears. We are looking forward to getting back to the S.P.A. and seeing old furry friends and meeting new ones. We are grateful that such a place exists and glad to be a part of it.

With that in mind, we would like to thank **Marthe Fraser** and **Marie Bulgin** (family) for renewing their membership and welcome new member **Christina Adenfors** (individual). Oh ... and my wife **Traci Tighe** and I renewed too. We couldn't do what we do without the support of our members.

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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](mailto:SPAPawsandClaws@gmail.com)  
**It would be great to hear from you!**

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**Preferred Providers: ask about our 15% discount.  
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