

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



October 2020



Paws & Claws

HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED

From the Director

At least we had some cat adoptions! Other than that, September was a very slow month at the S.P.A. Unfortunately, because of Covid-19, our restrictions on access to volunteers and visitors continue. We wish we could say “yes” to all the people who want to come and play with our cats, kittens, and puppies and walk dogs, but we’ve had to turn everyone down. It looks like we’ll have to continue to do that until the pandemic is over. We really appreciate everyone’s patience and understanding.

Please think about other ways you can still support the S.P.A. Adopting an S.P.A. cat or dog would, of course, be terrific! You could also virtually adopt one on our website and not have to wear a mask to do so! To virtually adopt a cat, click [HERE](#)—to virtually adopt a dog, click [HERE](#).

Donations to the S.P.A. are critical. How about sponsoring a casita (page 13)? If you were thinking about a Remembrance Tree leaf (page 12), now is the time to act—there are only 2 leaves left! Become a member (page 16). What about picking up S.P.A. T-shirts or caps (page 15) at the S.P.A.’s office? We also have a selection of beautiful and unique handmade crafts available. See examples on page 15. If you have a particular interest in something, let us know (415-152-6124) so we can arrange to have it available for pickup at the office. All of these would make perfect gifts for you and for others.

[HERE](#) and [HERE](#) are other ways to help the S.P.A. now and always! Thank you and stay safe!

-Megan Gabel, General Director

Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
September	0	7
YTD	37	48

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-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/6grULRH6Sk

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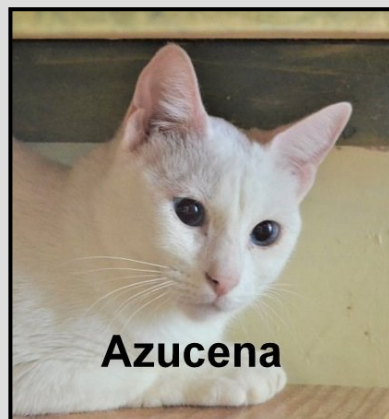
September Adoptions

September dog adoptions:

September cat adoptions: Azucena, Heidi, Chip, Osiris, Jordan, Jade, Dahlia



Jordan



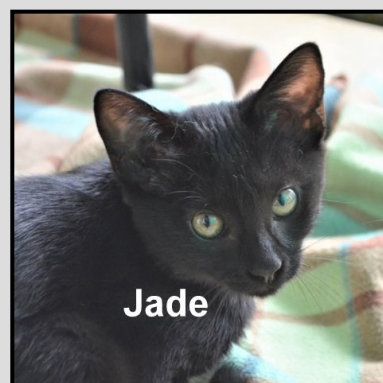
Azucena



Heidi



Dahlia



Jade



Chip



Osiris

[2020 Dog Adoptions](#)

[2020 Cat Adoptions](#)

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

October Pets of the Month

By Megan Gabel and Jayn Corral

Both about 5-1/2 months old, Buffy and Ringo are adorable puppies! Buffy, a fluffy girl, is a sweetheart. Ringo is a friendly, handsome boy. Curious and outgoing, they happily prance along the sidewalk outside the S.P.A. while exploring their newly expanded world (on leash, of course). Both enjoy playing with all the puppies in Puppy World which includes their respective siblings Pammy, Zeke, John, Paul, and Georgina.



A beautiful black and white kitten, Annabelle, now about 6-1/2 months old, is mellow, affectionate, and very playful. Having been fostered when she first arrived, she is comfortable in a home. She gets along well with people and other cats and would be wonderful addition to any family.



Breaking News! Dahlia, our other October cat Pet of the Month, was just adopted.

Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during October 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. Please note that 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.

The Cookies

By Jayn Corral

The Cookies arrived at the S.P.A. in early August 2020 at the age of 3 months. They were scared then, but we all thought they would overcome their fear in time and with socialization. We have made some progress with Oreo, but Ginger and their sister, Ritz, could sure use your help to make their lives better. Those two seem to revert to their life of fear with every new day and are in desperate need of a home where they will receive more attention than we are able to give them.



Ginger

Ginger is a tiny, beautiful calico and Ritz is a brown and white tabby with great markings. Potential adopters would never know that, though. They never get a chance to see them. After a few times hissing at approaching volunteers, Ritz realizes that she is safe and actually enjoys human interaction. She shows her appreciation by licking the hand that she initially hissed at. Ginger requires more work and more time. Probrecita!

Oreo, their brother, is a sweet, laidback black and white tabby who has life all figured out. He is not at all bothered by other cats or people. He likes to play with toys, his roommates, and the few people who are permitted to volunteer during these restricted times. Oreo comforts his sisters and naps with them, yet he hasn't quite managed to convince them to relax and be happy. If only he could!

We have other shy adult cats that have spent their entire lives at the S.P.A. Several have been adopted, but the transition was so overwhelming that they never adapted well in their new environment.



Oreo

They are happy to be "shelter cats" receiving love, medical care, food and being with their friends.

While they are still young, Ginger and Ritz have a chance to avoid becoming permanent S.P.A. residents. They are young enough to adapt to a home setting and will be thrilled to be away from the shelter. If you are thinking about adopting a kitten, please consider giving them a chance to thrive under your love and protection.



Ritz

The S.P.A.'s adoption hours are Monday-Saturday, 11-2, Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124. Our available cats are here: <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-cats/> Our available dogs are here: <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-dogs/> Only one person will be allowed to enter the S.P.A. for an adoption interview. That person must wear a mask and stay at least 6 feet (2 meters) away from S.P.A. personnel.

SPA Dogs to DC—Another Successful Mission!

By Megan Gabel

In 2018, dog adoptions at the S.P.A. had decreased dramatically. Cages were full and reserved isolation cages were used to help with the overflow. This began to change in 2019 when the S.P.A. and our wonderful volunteer Tammy Belden partnered in a project called “SPA Dogs to DC.” The goal: transport S.P.A. dogs to the States to find them homes and use the freed space at the S.P.A. to help more dogs.



In August 2020, her fourth trip, Tammy brought six S.P.A. dogs (Gema, Missy, Lani, Sam, Bailey, and Mitzy) to Washington, D.C. In less than a week after they arrived, Tammy had found all of them loving homes in the States! Gema had been fostered for several months before the trip which opened a whole new world to her and transformed her from a wallflower to a viable adoption candidate. Young Missy joined Gema in her foster home and they both blossomed. As hoped, mother/daughter Bailey and Mitzy were adopted together. No one had expressed an interest in Lani at the S.P.A., but Tammy had a waiting list for her in the States. Shy Sam landed in a great home with patient owners.



Tammy has now successfully placed twenty-two S.P.A. dogs, not including the four puppies she made it possible to get to Canada for adoption there or long-time resident Buddy who is now in Indiana with his new owner. As a result, the S.P.A. has been able to take dogs in from our waiting list and also save dogs likely doomed to die at Ecologia, San Miguel's kill pound.

We are very grateful to Tammy and our S.P.A. employees, volunteers, supporters, donors, benefactors, and our dogs' amazing foster family, all of whom worked together to make this joint effort a wonderful and gratifying success!

We are already plotting our next trip. In the meantime, all our dogs are available for adoption. Check them out [HERE](#)





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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.

What Happens to Your Pets If Something Happens to You?

By Jayn Corral

I fell in love with them the first day that I met them and my heart broke. They were wonderful, happy, well-cared-for cats until one day they found themselves scared and depressed, in an unfamiliar setting at a shelter, sharing space with many other cats. Death, especially an untimely death, can be cruel and devastating for those the deceased leaves behind.

As we grow, especially as we enter into retirement, we think about creating or updating our will so that our property, special mementos, investments, and paperwork are in order to ensure that our wishes will be carried out by those in charge of such things. I wonder how many of us have made arrangements for our pets for when we die or no longer can care for them.

Let me back up. Brothers Maximillian and Oliver were adopted together as kittens almost four years ago to a very qualified, young, and caring adopter. They grew up feeling safe and loved in their home and enjoyed each other's company. Life was great until it wasn't. Suddenly and unexpectedly, the owner passed away. Sadly, he had made no provisions for his feline family.

If you don't make a plan for your pets for when you are not able to take care of them, what is their fate? A friend or neighbor will take them? Someone will respond to a plea to adopt them? If those things don't happen, abandon them so they will be someone else's problem or left to fend for themselves? A cat that has lived its entire life domesticated indoors has little chance of surviving on its own. The many unthinkable things that could happen and the trauma the cat experiences are horrible. All because we did not plan for their future after we are gone or not able to care for them.

Fortunately, maybe amazingly, the S.P.A. was in a position to accept Maximillian and Oliver. Even more astonishing is that they have already been adopted by a loving family. The S.P.A. has to protect our resident cats and kittens, but there are limits to how many cats we can accept and adoptions, especially of adult cats, don't usually happen so quickly. The stars were right for Maximillian and Oliver.



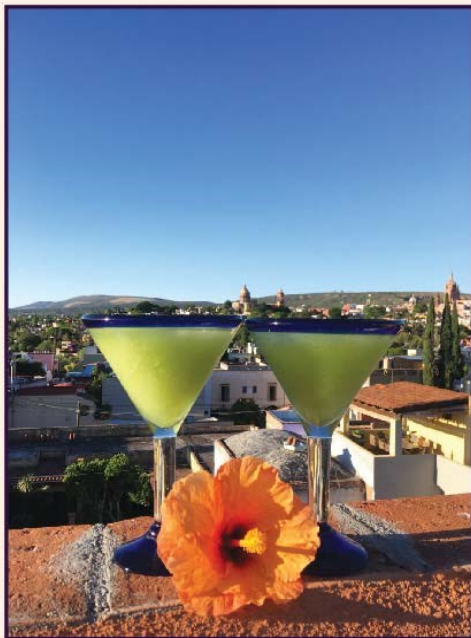
When you adopt a pet, it should be for their lifetime. It is your responsibility to ensure them a good life for as long as they live. Take a few minutes to ensure that they do not suffer from drastic and jarring changes to their lives.



Cats available for adoption at the S.P.A. are shown on our website <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-cats>. Our adoption fee is only 600 pesos and, for cats, includes sterilization, all current vaccinations, deworming, and the feline leukemia vaccine and booster. Adoption hours are 11-2, Monday-Saturday, at Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124. Please note that 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.

NOW ON SALE!**QUARANTINE COCKTAILS***50 Cocktails in 50 Days of Quarantine in
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**JANE DILL**

JANE DILL, the S.P.A.'s volunteer calligrapher for the Remembrance Tree (for 8 years) has just written a book! **QUARANTINE COCKTAILS** is a delightful and unexpected romp through the world of blended and mixed drinks from a beautiful roof deck in San Miguel de Allende. This is Quarantine Mixology, improvising and having fun experimenting with cocktail recipes with whatever you have on hand. This originated as 50 cocktails (and "mocktails") posted in 50 days on Facebook as a way to raise a glass with friends during the lockdown. It's now blossomed into a book for all to enjoy, and makes a great gift. Available on Amazon, or if you're in SMA, you can order through Jane's website and it will be delivered to your door. Also available at the Galeria San Francisco at the Fabrica la Aurora. **ORDER HERE:** www.janedill.com/cocktails

To get a copy in Mexico, order here: janedill.com/cocktails
For U.S.A. orders, the book is available on Amazon [HERE](#)

The Poetry of Nurturing





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.

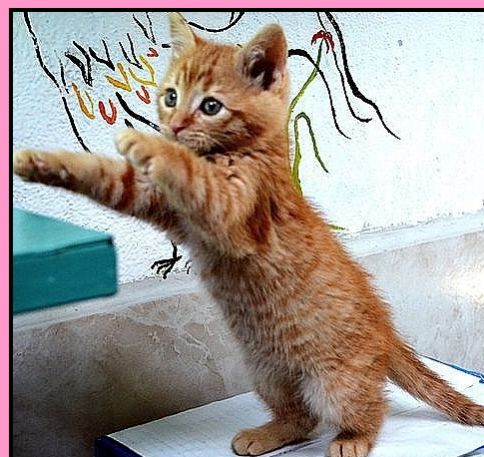
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HIGH QUALITY PET CARE AT THE S.P.A. CLINIC!

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.

The S.P.A. Will Need You to Volunteer (Later)!

If you love cats and dogs and can spare some time, we would love to have you come and volunteer when the Covid-19 pandemic is resolved! Volunteer hours are suspended for now.



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



Now & Then



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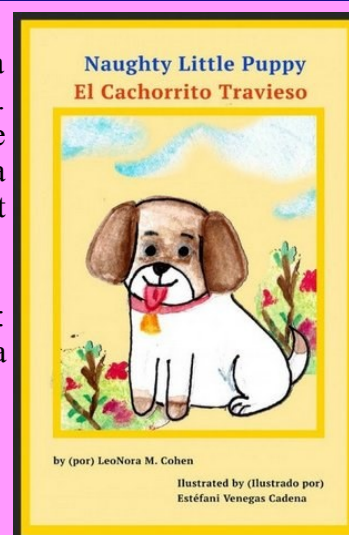
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Royalties from Children's Book Will Be Donated to the S.P.A.!

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.



How About Helping the S.P.A. by Sponsoring a Casita?

By Megan Gabel

“Casita” is the fancy name we use for an animal’s residence at the S.P.A. The only no-kill shelter for cats and dogs in SMA, the Sociedad Protectora de Animales de San Miguel de Allende, A.C. houses around 100 animals. Providing for our resident cats and dogs as they wait to be adopted is a costly undertaking. The donation to sponsor a casita (an annual commitment) is about \$1 USD per day. You will be rewarded by the knowledge that you are helping to support these homeless pets until they are adopted.

If you would like to sponsor a casita, simply go to our website [HERE](#). To use PayPal, scroll down on that page to "Sponsor a Doggy/Kitty Casita." Other payment options are listed on that same page. Then just let us know what personal inscription you want on your Big Bone Designer Plaque or Big Fish Designer Plaque which will be mounted on a dog’s “casita” or the cattery, respectively. We will send you a photo when your casita plaque is installed.

If you have any questions about the casita program or how to sign up, please email us at SPACasita@gmail.com. Thank you to those who currently sponsor a casita and renew every year – we really appreciate it!

Here are some examples:



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.



At the Organic Market: Next Date Pending

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

All T-shirts are available for a donation of 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).

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 —

We'll let you know when we'll be there next!

Caps are available in red,



Rewarding Memberships

With the passing of September, I look back with some sadness about how subdued the Independencia celebration was and anticipate how the Dia de Los Muertos festivities likely will be. Much of what makes being in San Miguel special has, to a degree, changed for now. But we are still here and are dedicated to the mission of caring for the dogs and cats of the S.P.A.

We thank **Christopher Martin** and **Bill Walker** (family), **Harriet Chester** (individual), **John Reynolds** (individual), and **Donna Foudray** (individual) for renewing their memberships. We also want to welcome our newest members to the S.P.A. Thanks to **Margot Vance** (individual) and **Mary Norquist** (individual) for joining us and our cause. Welcome!

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.

Stay healthy and vigilant.

-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.

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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