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“Try it as is, we can always correct it if it’s not working.”

These words rang out from a Senate leader during floor debate, in response

to questions from his colleagues about faulty language in Senate Bill (SB) 72. Dubbed the “right to harm” bill by animal and community advocates, SB 72 was a top priority bill for the dairy lobby. The measure passed handily and will now make it difficult, if not impossible, for people harmed by factory farm-related nuisances to gain relief from those nuisances.

What made the “try it as is” proclamation so dubious is that there is virtually no chance the Legislature would ever allow this kind of “chance-taking” on a bill that would grant protections to animals. In fact, the exact opposite regularly occurs. Those who feel “threatened” by the protection of animals have always fought for painstakingly excessive consideration under the law, often with the hope of stalling the legislation into oblivion. There is no “let’s try it and see.”

To add insult to injury, the same special interests who always fight, push for triplicate review, stall, and kill animal protection bills are the same ones who benefited from the “let’s try it and see” approach used to pass the harmful SB 72: the enormous factory-farm dairy and ranching industry.

Passage of the harmful SB 72 didn’t come without a fight—Animal Protection Voters was the first to sound the alarm in New Mexico, and we were joined by the Sierra Club, the Center on Law & Poverty, Interfaith Worker Justice, and Food & Water Watch—but it was clear the bill was “greased” for passage. Floor leaders in both chambers sponsored and carried the bill to ensure there were no hiccups. One Senator actually told his colleagues that the bill “does not relate to animals, the environment or water quality.” We weren’t buying that.

Since Governor Martinez signed SB 72 into law in March 2016, the public will have to “wait and see what happens” when some poor, unsuspecting neighbor tries to seek relief from the unbearable smells, sounds, and flies created

after a small, neighboring farm turns into a factory farming nightmare. Animal Protection Voters will be monitoring these situations and keeping legislators aware of the future, real-life impact of what they passed in 2016.

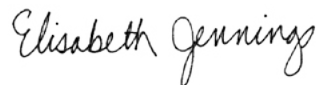
Beyond battling legislation that harms animals, APV staff worked hard with legislators to secure funding for life-saving programs like spay-neuter services, horse shelters, and programs that help human and animal victims escape domestic violence. After the dust settled, and following deep and painful cuts to budgets throughout the state, \$50,000 in funding remained intact for domestic violence services that literally keep victims out of harm’s way. For that, everyone was extremely grateful.

New Mexico’s 2016 “short” legislative session still required extremely long hours by Animal Protection Voters staff and volunteers. We’re thankful to every citizen advocate across New Mexico who helped make animal protection voices heard in the Roundhouse this year. More than 1,000 New Mexicans wrote their legislators to oppose SB 72; over 700 asked the Governor to veto the measure. That’s what we call real citizen engagement, and it’s music to our ears.

Clearly, our actions don’t result in success every time, but collectively we are making animal issues more relevant every year. We will pass more and stronger legislation when we grow our numbers, increase the volume of our voices, and get and stay involved in elections. Consider how you can help us gain new supporters, engage more citizen advocates, and convince other caring New Mexicans to be actively involved in electing champions for animals. Your actions matter.

Remember: humane laws are created by humane lawmakers. And humane lawmakers are elected because of you. Thank you for being an Animal Protection Voter.

Sincerely yours,



Elisabeth Jennings, Executive Director
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Animal Protection Voters' Mission

- actively promote and support animal-friendly legislation at the local, state and federal levels;
- build an effective political voice for animal advocacy in New Mexico; and
- hold accountable New Mexico's elected and appointed officials on animal issues.

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2016 ANIMAL-RELATED LEGISLATION

APV PRIORITIES: ANIMAL-RELATED FUNDING ISSUES



Protecting Already Recurring Funding for Animals of Domestic Violence Victims

Sponsor: Senator Nancy Rodriguez (D-Santa Fe)

Status: Existing funding was successfully defended.



SB 55: Care for Animals of Domestic Violence Victims (additional funds beyond budgeted amount)

Sponsor: Senator Nancy Rodriguez (D-Santa Fe)

Status: Passed one Senate committee, died waiting for a vote in another Senate committee, additional funds for the program not available.



Other Requested Appropriations for Animal-Related Programs

Sponsors: Representative Carl Trujillo (D-Santa Fe), Senator Nancy Rodriguez (D-Santa Fe), Senator George Muñoz (D-Gallup), Senator Richard Martinez (D-Española), and Representative Stephanie Garcia Richard (D-Los Alamos).

Status: No new funds available

State revenues have plummeted over the past year, meaning resources are increasingly scarce for funding all statewide projects and programs. Lawmakers' decisions on how to spend the dwindled Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 budget were often difficult and discreet, making it challenging to make animal-related projects stand out among so many competing interests.

Time and time again, we were told there was simply no money available—and many agency budgets have been cut, not increased. Even in the face of that grim reality, we had no choice but to ask for help where help is needed.

Senate Bill 55, championed by Senator Nancy Rodriguez, requested an additional \$500,000 appropriation to the Children, Youth, and Families Department in fiscal year 2017 to support and enhance the system of temporary care and housing of animals of domestic violence victims—work that is led by Animal Protection of New Mexico's Companion Animal Rescue Effort (CARE) program conducted in partnership with the New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The Senate Public Affairs Committee passed the bill unanimously 9-0, but it never resurfaced in the Senate Finance Committee as lawmakers struggled to find solutions to fix the state's budget.

Other legislators worked to secure funding in the legislature's annual spending bill for other important issues, such as ensuring animal shelters and equine

rescues have the resources they need to save the lives of dogs, cats, and horses.

Unfortunately, in all cases, no new funds were ultimately available in 2016 for FY 2017.

However, **we consider it a great success that the recurring \$50,000 appropriated for the Companion Animal Rescue Effort (CARE) program (secured during the 2015 legislative session) remained intact**, meaning domestic violence victims and their animals will continue to have access to an existing level of CARE program assistance.

APV is incredibly thankful to all the lawmakers who, despite the dire financial outlook, agreed to nonetheless sponsor and advocate for funding the important programs that help New Mexico's animals and communities.

Bill Key



Good bill, passed!



Good bill, failed.



Bad bill, passed.

APV SUPPORTED: OTHER PRO-ANIMAL LEGISLATION



SM 103: "Bee Aware Day" (Memorial #2)

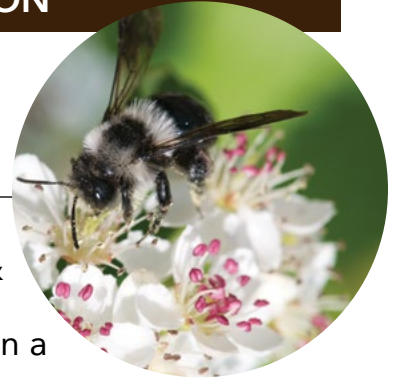
Sponsors: Senator Mimi Stewart (D-Albuquerque)
Status: Passed the Senate.



SJM 6: "Bee Aware Day" (Memorial #1)

Sponsors: Senator Mimi Stewart (D-Albuquerque) & Representative Jason Harper (R-Rio Rancho)

Status: Passed the Senate, died awaiting a hearing in a House committee



This memorial legislation—a resolution indicating the intent of the legislative chamber, but not binding law—was led by several 4th-through-12th grade students in the University of New Mexico School of Law's Wild Friends program. It urged awareness of importance of bees to New Mexico's economy and quality of life, and noted the connection between bee population decline and use of certain pesticides. First as a Senate Joint Memorial (meaning it would need to be approved by both the Senate and the House), SJM 6 passed the Senate Conservation Committee in an

8-0 vote and promptly passed the entire Senate 28-1. But then it crossed over and was referred to the House Agriculture, Water, & Wildlife Committee and was never heard for debate or a vote.

Not to be deterred, Senator Stewart reintroduced the measure as Senate Memorial 103, requiring only the Senate's approval, and the caring students could finally declare victory when SM 103 again passed the Senate Conservation Committee and passed the Senate by a 36-0 vote. Great work, students!

"We need, in a special way, to work twice as hard to help people understand that the animals are fellow creatures, that we must protect them and love them as we love ourselves."

– César Chávez



Granting Factory Farms the “Right to Harm”



SB 72: Right to Farm & Operations as a Nuisance

Sponsors: Senator Stuart Ingle (R-Portales) and Representative Nate Gentry (R-Albuquerque)

Status: Passed and Signed into Law



APV-Supported Amendment to SB 72

Sponsors: Senator Peter Wirth (D-Santa Fe) and Representative Brian Egolf (D-Santa Fe)

Status: Did Not Pass

We were disappointed to see the return of yet another version of “right to farm” legislation in 2016. Senate Bill 72 severely limits the ability of longstanding New Mexico residents who watch as the small farm next door turns into a massive animal factory farm, to seek relief from the resulting pollution, odors, and flies by filing a nuisance claim.

Today’s animal factory farms keep thousands of animals crowded together in inhumane, concentrated conditions. As a result, the animals—and the long-time neighbors living next to these factory farms—are forced to endure the noxious ammonia stench of accumulated urine, the perpetual presence of flies, and the odor of manure sprayed into the air onto surrounding land (which often migrates to neighbors’ properties and contaminates groundwater).

SB 72 aimed to protect previously established farms from people that “move to a nuisance” in order to bring a nuisance lawsuit. But as written, it also prevents a long-time neighbor from seeking legal recourse for legitimate complaints if a neighboring small farm turns into a harmful industrial factory farm. In order for an aggrieved neighbor to have the right to file a nuisance lawsuit against that factory farm, the preexisting farm must have changed in both “nature” (purpose or function) and “scope” (extent or capacity)—creating a nearly impossibly high obstacle to a neighbor’s attempt to find relief from genuine anguish and loss of use of their property.

SB 72 faced enormous public outcry from animal protection and environmental justice advocates. And both Senator Peter Wirth (D-Santa Fe) and Representative Brian Egolf (D-Santa Fe) carried amendments on their respective chamber floors, attempting to find approval for a one-word change that would better protect New Mexico citizens’ rights.

In the end, Republican Majority Floor Leaders in the Senate and House fast-tracked the bill through both chambers—even though a few GOP Representatives bucked their leadership and either supported the beneficial amendment, or voted against the bill, or did both. SB 72 passed the Senate 29-11 and passed the House 39-29, and Governor Susana Martinez signed the bill into law on March 3, 2016.

Despite this outcome, there is no time to be discouraged. APV knows that, with the hard work and dedication of New Mexico animal advocates, the trajectory of the animal protection movement is undeniably upward. We intend to correct this short-term setback in the future, to ensure our laws protect disadvantaged New Mexico families and don’t shield those who abuse factory-farmed animals.



2016 – NEW MEXICO LEGISLATORS USE CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDS FOR ANIMALS

Every year, our state legislators wield enormous power in securing funding for state infrastructure improvement across New Mexico, including vital construction projects for the state's animals. Under the capital outlay process, state revenue from bonds issued against severance taxes on oil, gas, and minerals, and money from the General Fund (totaling, on average, around \$300 million annually) is divided up by the legislature, and New Mexico legislators have unique discretion in requesting funds for projects in their legislative districts. For this reason, reviewing the spending requests of your Representative and Senator is important to ensuring a

humane state for animals.

In 2016, a state budget shortfall owing to declining oil and gas industry revenues meant that the legislature hotly contested every dollar for infrastructure improvements. Each of the following capital outlay projects, seeking to help to improve the quality of life for many homeless animals and residents of several communities, received funding in the 2016 capital outlay legislation—although some approved funds were less than originally requested by sponsors, and some were line-item vetoed by Governor Susana Martinez.

APPROVED

Belen: \$34,500 for improvements to the **Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Area** (\$80,125 requested). *Special thanks to sponsor Rep. Matthew McQueen (D-Santa Fe).*

Los Lunas: \$97,000 for expansion of the **Valencia County Animal Shelter** (\$150,000 requested). *Special thanks to sponsor Sen. Michael Sanchez (D-Belen).*

Truth or Consequences: \$101,000 for the construction and \$100,000 for administration of the **Sierra County Animal Shelter** (\$750,000 and \$900,000 requested, respectively). *Special thanks to sponsors Rep. Dianne Miller Hamilton (R-Silver City), Rep. John Zimmerman (R-Las Cruces), and Sen. John Arthur Smith (D-Deming).*

Tularosa: \$75,000 for improvements to the **Tularosa Animal Shelter** (\$185,000 requested). *Special thanks to sponsors Rep. Zachary Cook (R-Ruidoso), Rep. Yvette Herrell (R-Alamogordo), Rep. James G. Townsend (R-Artesia), Sen. Bill Burt (R-Alamogordo), Sen. Ron Griggs (R-Alamogordo), and Sen. Cliff Pirtle (R-Roswell).*

VETOED

Eunice: \$150,000 for administration of the **Eunice Animal Shelter** (\$700,000 requested; funding vetoed by Gov. Martinez). *Special thanks to sponsors Rep. Doreen Gallegos (D-Las Cruces), Rep. Larry Scott (R-Hobbs), Rep. Bob Wooley (R-Roswell), and Sen. Carroll Leavell (R-Jal).*

Taos: \$79,000 for administration of the **Taos Animal Shelter** (\$150,000 requested; funding vetoed by Gov. Martinez). *Special thanks to sponsors Rep. Bobby Gonzales (D-Taos) and Sen. Carlos Cisneros (D-Questa).*

2016 – FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE BRIEF

While many animal protection issues are left to state government, Members of Congress can have a sweeping impact on certain issues subject to federal authority. New

Mexico is home to two U.S. Senators and three U.S. Representatives who have tremendous power to help or hurt animals in our state and nationwide.

Here are a few of the biggest federal milestones in 2016:

- ★ Both U.S. House and U.S. Senate Appropriations Committees again approved an amendment—sponsored by several lawmakers including **Senator Tom Udall**—to the annual federal spending bill that will ensure our tax dollars don't fund the slaughter of horses for human consumption to fill a niche overseas market.
- ★ President Obama signed the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act (S. 697/H.R. 2576)—a bill led by **Senator Tom Udall**, cosponsored by **Senator Martin Heinrich**, and supported by **Representatives Ben Ray Luján, Michelle Lujan Grisham, and Steve Pearce**—which will improve chemical safety and public health protections—but, importantly for animals, also includes language to reduce, and ultimately end, the use of animals in chemical toxicity testing for existing and new chemicals.
- ★ The U.S. Senate passed the Preventing Animal Cruelty and Torture (PACT) Act (S. 1831/HR. 2293)—cosponsored by **Senators Tom Udall and Martin Heinrich** and **Representatives Michelle Lujan Grisham and Ben Ray Luján**—which prohibits crushing, burning, drowning, suffocating, impaling, or other forms of heinous cruelty to animals on federal or interstate territory; the bill had to start over once the new 2017 Congress began, since it did not pass both the Senate and House.



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About This Scorecard

2016 Analysis: Progress Stymied by Lack of Available Funding and “Greased” Anti-Animal Measures

Due to declining state revenue, available new funds for projects—including those that help animals and the people who care about them—were nearly non-existent. This fiscal climate prevented efforts to expand help for domestic violence victims needing safe harbor for themselves and their animals, support horse shelters, and improve spay/neuter services. However, existing funding for animals in domestic violence situations—which is crucial to the safety of human victims, too—was protected. The rest of the legislative session was spent fighting against an anti-animal “right to harm” bill. In sum, the 2016 session was so embroiled in budget and spending issues that few animal protection bills received votes of any kind.

How to Read this Scorecard

Because there were so few meaningful animal protection bills on which legislators voted, in order to avoid a misleading skew of lifetime voting scores, Animal Protection Voters is choosing to share voting records without calculating 2016 scores. Each legislator’s lifetime score is listed next to their respective names, representing the percentage of time a particular legislator voted to protect animals when given the opportunity from 2005 through 2015. In recent scoring, APV “priority bills” were given double weight, to indicate the importance of votes for and against these bills. A score key is provided to help you identify pro-animal votes, anti-animal votes, and other actions taken by legislators.

Important Ways to Use this Scorecard

Find your two legislators on the scorecard—you have one in the House and one in the Senate. Please visit nmlegis.gov if you are not sure who your legislators are—a quick search on the Legislator Lookup page using your residential address will easily identify the State House District and State Senate District in which you live, which legislators represent those districts, and their contact information.

NOTE: Some legislators in this Scorecard are no longer in office—due to retirement, election to a different office, or a reelection loss after the 2016 general election. Refer to the state legislature’s website to identify your current State Senator and State Representative.

If your legislators’ scores are 100% or better (many years ago we gave extra points for bill sponsorship, sometimes resulting in lifetime scores of more than 100%), please be sure to contact them and thank them for their important support of serious animal protection bills. They need to know you are paying attention to their voting record. Never take our champions’ support for granted—always let them know that voters appreciate their votes on animal issues.

If your legislators fell short of a 100% score, please also contact them. Take note of the bills on which they voted against the animals’ interests, meet with your legislators to learn more about their concerns about those issues, and ask them to consider your views. It’s important to remember not to write anyone off—animal protection measures come in many forms, enjoy bipartisan support, and have immense public support, so use that to your advantage.

Share this information! Engage with other friends, family, and coworkers to help your community exercise their animal advocacy muscles—and encourage them to support Animal Protection Voters. This entire scorecard can be downloaded from the web at www.apvnm.org/scorecard.

Animal Protection in the Roundhouse Year to Year

*Annual Percentage of Legislators
Earning Perfect Scores (or better)
in Each Chamber*

	House	Senate
2005	40%	19%
2006	87%	57%
2007	73%	60%
2008	n/a	n/a
2009	83%	69%
2010	71%	94%
2011	6%	71%
2012	n/a	n/a
2013	10%	64%
2014	n/a	n/a
2015	39%	29%
2016	n/a	n/a

Score Key

*NOTE: Scores on APV Priority Bills
receive double weight.*

- ✓ Vote for the animals
- ✗ Vote against the animals
- ★ Sponsor of APV priority bill
- * Bill only voted on by committee(s)
- E Excused from vote (does not count as part of scoring)
- A Absent from vote (counts against score)
- [blank] Not a committee member

SENATE SCORES

Legislator	Lifetime Average	APV Priority Bills		Other Pro-Animal Bills	Anti-Animal Bills
		*SB 55: Care for Animals of Domestic Violence Victims	SB 72 Amendment	*SJM 6: Bee Aware Day/SM 103 Bee Aware Day	SB 254: Right to Farm and Operations as Nuisance
Ted Barela (R-39)	50%	✓	✗	✓	✗
Sue Wilson Beffort (R-19)	78%		✗	✓	✗
Craig Brandt (R-40)	66%	✓	✗	✓	✗
William Burt (R-40)	73%		✗	✓	✗
Pete Campos (D-8)	80%		✗	✓	✗
Jacob Candelaria (D-26)	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓
Joseph Cervantes (D-31)	86%		✗	✓	✗
Carlos R. Cisneros (D-6)	78%		✗	✓	✗
Lee Cotter (R-36)	62%		✗	✓	✗
Ron Griggs (R-34)	64%	✓	✗	✓	✗
Stuart Ingle (R-27)	61%		✗	E	✗
Daniel Ivey-Soto (D-15)	94%	✓	✓	✓	✗
Gay G. Kernan (R-42)	78%	✓	✗	✓	✗
Carroll H. Leavell (R-41)	67%		A	E	A
Linda M. Lopez (D-11)	86%		✓	✓	✓
Richard C. Martinez (D-5) ★	78%		✗	✓*	✗
Cisco McSorley (D-16)	87%		✓	✓	✓
Mark Moores (R-21)	73%		✗	✓	✗
Howie C. Morales (D-28)	100%		✓	✓	✓
George K. Muñoz (D-4) ★	78%		✗	✓	✗
Steven P. Neville (R-2)	80%		✗	✓	✗
Bill O'Neill (D-13)	90%	✓	✗	✓	✗
Gerald Ortiz y Pino (D-12)	99%	✓	✓	✓	✓
Michael Padilla (D-14)	100%		✓	✓	✓
Mary Kay Papen (D-38)	79%		✗	✓	✗
William H. Payne (R-20)	79%		✗	✓	✗
John Pinto (D-3)	83%		✓	✓	✗
Cliff Pirtle (R-32)	45%		✗	✗	✗
Nancy Rodriguez (D-24) ★	94%		✓	✓	✓
Sander Rue (R-23)	87%		✗	✓	✗
John C. Ryan (R-10)	79%		✗	✓	✗
Clemente Sanchez (D-30)	94%		✓	✓	E
Michael S. Sanchez (D-29)	91%		✓	✓	✗
John M. Sapien (D-9)	84%		✓	✓	✗
William E. Sharer (R-1)	61%		✗	✓	✗
Benny Shendo, Jr. (D-22)	94%		✓	✓	✓
John Arthur Smith (D-35)	71%		✗	✓	✗
William Soules (D-37)	100%		✓	✓	✓
Mimi Stewart (D-17)	96%	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lisa Torracco (R-18)	71%		✗	✓	✗
Peter Wirth (D-25) ★	104%		✓	✓	✓
John "Pat" Woods (R-7)	53%		✗	✓	✗
Lt. Gov. John Sanchez	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

HOUSE SCORES

Legislator	Lifetime Average	APV Priority Bill	Anti-Animal Bills
		SB 72 Amendment	SB 72: Right to Farm and Operations as Nuisance
David Adkins (R-29)	45%	✗	✗
Eliseo Lee Alcon (D-6)	89%	✓	✓
Deborah Armstrong (D-17)	94%	✓	✓
Alonzo Baldonado (R-8)	85%	A	✗
Paul C. Bandy (R-3)	49%	✗	✗
Cathrynn N. Brown (R-55)	58%	✗	✗
Gail Chasey (D-18)	96%	✓	✓
Sharon Clahchischilliage (R-4)	70%	✓	✗
Zachary J. Cook (R-56)	71%	✗	✗
Randal S. Crowder (R-64)	19%	✗	✗
Jim Dines (R-20)	44%	✗	✗
George Dodge (D-63)	51%	✗	✗
Brian Egolf (D-47) ★	97%	✓	✓
Nora Espinoza (R-59)	66%	✗	✗
Candy Spence Ezzell (R-58)	51%	✗	✗
Kelly Fajardo (R-7)	53%	✗	✗
David M. Gallegos (R-61)	47%	✗	✗
Doreen Y. Gallegos (D-52)	96%	✓	✓
Miguel P. Garcia (D-14)	96%	✓	✓
Stephanie Garcia Richard (D-43) ★	100%	✓	✓
Nate Gentry (R-30)	57%	✗	✗
Bealquin Bill Gomez (D-34)	30%	✗	✗
Roberto "Bobby" Gonzales (D-42)	77%	✗	✗
Jimmie C. Hall (R-28)	68%	✗	✗
Dianne Miller Hamilton (R-38)	77%	E	E
Jason C. Harper (R-57)	55%	✗	✗
Yvette Herrell (R-51)	58%	✗	✗
Dona G. Irwin (D-32)	65%	✗	✗
Conrad James (R-24)	44%	✗	✗
D. Wonda Johnson (D-5)	100%	✓	✓
Larry A. Larrañaga (R-27)	71%	✗	✗
Idalia Lechuga-Tena (D-21)	100%	✓	✓
Tim D. Lewis (R-60)	57%	✗	✗
Rick Little (R-53)	39%	✗	✗
Georgene Louis (D-26)	95%	✓	✓
Patricia A. Lundstrom (D-9)	87%	✓	✗
J. Roger Madalena (D-65)	89%	✓	✓
Antonio "Moe" Maestas (D-16)	98%	✓	✓
Sarah Maestas Barnes (R-15)	95%	✓	✓
Javier Martinez (D-11)	100%	✓	✓
W. Ken Martinez (D-69)	101%	✓	✓
Bill McCamley (D-33)	100%	✓	✓
Terry H. McMillan (R-37)	54%	✗	✗

Legislator	Lifetime Average	APV Priority Bill	Anti-Animal Bills
		SB 72 Amendment	SB 72: Right to Farm and Operations as Nuisance
Matthew McQueen (D-50)	100%	✓	✓
Rod Montoya (R-1)	39%	✗	✗
Andy Nuñez (R-36)	21%	✗	✗
Paul A. Pacheco (R-23)	95%	E	E
Jane E. Powdrell-Culbert (R-44)	69%	✗	✗
William "Bill" Rehm (R-31)	77%	A	✗
Dennis J. Roch (R-67)	63%	✗	✗
Debbie A. Rodella (D-41)	68%	A	✓
G. Andrés Romero (D-10)	100%	✓	✓
Patricia Roybal Caballero (D-13)	100%	✓	✓
Patricio Ruiloba (D-12)	100%	✓	✓
Nick L. Salazar (D-40)	90%	✓	✓
Tomas Salazar (D-70)	83%	✓	✗
Larry Scott (R-62)	40%	✗	✗
James E. Smith (R-22)	73%	✗	✓
Sheryl Williams Stapleton (D-19)	87%	✓	✓
Jeff Steinborn (D-35)	99%	✓	✓
James R.J. Strickler (R-2)	57%	✗	✗
James Townsend (R-54)	40%	✗	✗
Don L. Tripp (R-49)	69%	✗	✗
Carl Trujillo (D-46) ★	100%	✓	✓
Christine Trujillo (D-25)	97%	✓	✓
Jim R. Trujillo (D-45)	95%	✓	✓
Luciano "Lucky" Varela (D-48)	88%	✓	✓
Bob Wooley (R-66)	44%	✗	✗
Monica Youngblood (R-68)	47%	✗	✗
John Zimmerman (R-39)	39%	✗	✗

BILL NUMBER INDEX

SB 55: CARE domestic violence funding

SB 72: Factory farm "right to harm"

SB 72 Amendment: Attempt to make SB 72 more fair to neighbors of factory farms

SM 103: "Bee Aware Day" – supplemented by SJM 6 vote record for those Senators absent from the SM 103 vote, to accurately document position.



APV 2016
CHAMPIONS
SPOTLIGHT



Senator Nancy Rodriguez (D-Santa Fe), winner of Animal Protection of New Mexico's 2015 Lawmaking Advocacy Milagro Award, has served in the Senate since 1996 and has earned a superlative 94% APV lifetime score over those many years. During her tenure she has become known for advocating passionately for animal protection issues, and she has earned a 100% score on APV's scorecards every year since 2006. In 2016, Senator Rodriguez sponsored Senate Bill (SB) 55, Care for Animals of Domestic Violence Victims, which sought \$500,000 to enhance the system of temporary care and housing of animals of individuals suffering domestic abuse. Senator Rodriguez expertly worked the bill, which received a unanimous "do pass" vote in Senate Public Affairs Committee, but unfortunately the legislation was not heard again before the session ended and it died. Nonetheless, the Senator can take credit for protecting animals of domestic violence victims in 2016 and future years through sponsoring a successful 2015 bill to create an annually recurring \$50,000 appropriation for animal protection services via NM Children Youth & Families Department.



Representative Carl Trujillo (D- Santa Fe) has served in the House of Representatives since 2013, and in that time he has become known as one of the animals' biggest champions at the state capitol, earning an exemplary 100% APV lifetime score. In 2016, Representative Trujillo sought funding for animal shelters across the state as part of appropriations to the Animal Sheltering Board. Unfortunately, this funding was not included in the final budget due to concerns over dwindling state revenue. Still, APV thanks Representative Trujillo for his continued work for shelters, including his sponsorship of a 2015 bill that created a mechanism for taxpayers to voluntarily donate their tax refunds to a statewide spay-neuter fund. The legislation also directed the ASB to develop a voluntary statewide dog and cat spay and neuter program in conjunction with animal shelters and euthanasia agencies. Working tirelessly with APV, Representative Trujillo ensured passage of the bill and a signature from the Governor, creating a lasting program for taxpayers to easily and effectively support spay-neuter programs for animals.



Representative Brian Egolf (D-Santa Fe) has served in the House of Representatives since 2009 and as the Minority Floor Leader since 2014, and is now Speaker of the House. In his tenure in the House, Representative Egolf has earned an impressive 96% lifetime score from Animal Protection Voters. In the waning days of the 2016 session, Representative Egolf took to the House floor to offer an amendment to the harmful agriculture industry legislation, Senate Bill 72. Like his Senate colleague Peter Wirth, Floor Leader Egolf strongly urged the House to correct language in the bill that sets an unreasonably high bar for citizens and communities to seek nuisance complaints against agricultural facilities, particularly those that have drastically increased in size or changed in operation. Leader Egolf spoke compellingly on the need for his floor amendment to protect the rights of citizens, prompting many other representatives to do the same. Unfortunately, the amendment was defeated and the legislation narrowly passed the House. Nonetheless, APV thanks Representative Egolf for his strong leadership in protecting animals and the disadvantaged.



Senator Richard C. Martinez (D-Española) has served in the Senate since 2001 and currently chairs the Senate Judiciary Committee. In his 15 years as a Senator, he has led many initiatives for animals, earning him a respectable 84% APV lifetime score. In 2016, Senator Martinez sought funding to support vital spay-neuter programs at animal shelters across the state. Disappointingly, with state revenues down, this requested funding was ultimately excluded from the final budget. Still, the Senator can add this effort to a list of remarkable legislative action for animals, including sponsorship of stricter penalties for animal abuse (2013) and funding for Española animal shelter services (2008 & 2009).



Representative Stephanie Garcia Richard (D-Los Alamos) has served in the House of Representatives since 2013 and has earned a phenomenal 100% lifetime score from Animal Protection Voters. Helping her to rack up another perfect score in 2016, Representative Garcia Richard sought an appropriation of necessary operating funds for the Animal Sheltering Board, which oversees the administration of animal rescues across the state. Unfortunately, this funding was not ultimately included in the final budget. Nonetheless, we honor Representative Garcia Richard for championing animal issues and domestic violence prevention throughout her legislative tenure.



Senator George K. Muñoz (D-Gallup) has served in the Senate since 2009, drawing an respectable 88% lifetime score from Animal Protection Voters. A dedicated horse advocate, Senator Muñoz has spearheaded many forward-thinking initiatives for New Mexico's equines including the creation and state funding of the Horse Shelter Rescue Fund, a voluntary income tax donation program that allows New Mexico taxpayers to easily and effectively support the state's licensed equine shelters and the abused and neglected horses in their charge. Additionally, Senator Muñoz has been a champion of protecting thoroughbred horses from racing industry abuse, introducing legislation to prevent abusive doping and to clean up industry practices. In 2016, Senator Muñoz sought a significant appropriation to support the Horse Shelter Rescue Fund. Unfortunately, a tight budget from declining revenues meant that the funding request was not included in the final Senate budget.



Senator Peter Wirth (D-Santa Fe) has served in the Senate since 2008 and is currently the Senate Majority Leader. Prior to that, Senator Wirth represented Santa Fe in the House from 2004 to 2008. The Senator holds an unimpeachable 105% lifetime score from Animal Protection Voters. In 2016, Senator Wirth boldly championed an amendment in both Senate Judiciary Committee and on the Senate floor to prevent a harmful sneak attack on the rights of citizens and communities to address agriculture industry abuses. Senate Bill (SB) 72, Amending the Right To Farm Act, included language that sets an unreasonably high bar for citizens to seek redress in cases where agricultural operations grow explosively; Senator Wirth attempted to add a simple, reasonable language revision to ensure people are able to seek nuisance. Unfortunately, his amendment failed in committee and on the Senate floor. Further undermining the credibility of SB 72 as a compromise bill, Senator Wirth compelled the bill sponsor to admit that Animal Protection Voters had not been included in discussions over the legislation. APV thanks the Senator for this recognition and for his efforts to try to fix the worst legislation of the session.

You'll learn about current animal protection legislation, get trained in being an effective citizen lobbyist, visit with your legislators, have lunch and social time with fellow advocates, and be inspired by special guests at our press conference. Cap the day off with a reception at our Santa Fe office. YOU will make a BIG difference for animals when you lobby for them at Animal Protection Lobby Day.



ANIMAL PROTECTION Lobby Day

Wednesday Feb. 22, 2017
NM State Capitol, Santa Fe

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2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION: Become A Citizen Lobbyist To Make An Impact

APV—and our thousands of members and supporters like you—will be on the frontlines of some enormous animal protection efforts in 2017.

These include:

- ★ *Ending horrific coyote killing contests*
- ★ *Banning indiscriminate, cruel traps and poisons on public lands*
- ★ *Enacting a new funding mechanism to increase statewide low-cost spay/neuter*
- ★ *Fixing an unreasonable wildlife rabies policy to avoid needless animal deaths*
- ★ *Making extreme animal neglect a felony crime*

You can help these efforts succeed by lobbying—building relationships with your state lawmakers and making your voice heard. It's one of the most effective ways to make sure issues important to you are heard, and to stand up for animals.

Here are some tips you can use year-round to cultivate respectful and positive relationships with elected officials.

Before the session:

Developing relationships with your legislators early. Ask for a coffee or lunch date to connect about shared values and priority animal issues in your community. Personalize email correspondence based on your conversations. In-person meetings and emails are most likely to be effective before the intensity of the session begins.

During the session:

Stay up-to-date. Follow the progress of pro-animal and anti-animal legislation, and take action when it's needed, by receiving and responding to APV's emails. Go to apvnm.org/SignUp to make sure you receive our breaking news and calls to action.

Take action—every time. It's great if you can arrange a meeting with your legislator in our state's capital, Santa Fe, during the session. Otherwise, phone calls are the best way to attract attention to your issue while legislators are in session. If you call your legislator's Capitol phone number—which you can find at nmlegis.gov—you may speak to an assistant, who will deliver your message to your legislator. Emails are less effective during the session, since lawmakers' busy schedules prevent them from closely reading their inboxes. Don't be shy! Know that animals are counting on you to speak out, especially since anti-animal foes are lobbying legislators, too.

Activate your fellow advocates. Write letters to the editor of your local and major New Mexico newspapers. Share APV's action alerts to encourage your friends and family to speak out for animal protection.

The APV State and Federal Lobbying Team



Jessica Johnson Jessica Johnson is Chief Legislative Officer for Animal Protection Voters, leading the organization's legislative and political work on behalf of New Mexico's animals. She also oversees Animal Protection of New Mexico's campaign and legal work to combat detrimental wildlife policy enacted by the State Game Commission. Jessica earned a J.D. from Lewis & Clark Law School, specializing in environmental and animal law, and lives with her husband Ben and beloved canines, Polly and Zelda, with whom she enjoys hiking across New Mexico's fabulous landscapes.



Elisabeth Jennings Elisabeth Jennings has served as APNM/APV's Executive Director since 1993, but began lobbying in New Mexico in 1989 as a volunteer. Since then she has worked to encourage a broader segment of New Mexicans to get actively involved in promoting animal protection legislation and holding legislators accountable for their important votes on bills that impact animals. Elisabeth grew up around all kinds of animals, including dogs, cats, and horses, where she learned to appreciate what animals offer to our lives. Jennings has lived in New Mexico since 1987, and enjoys spending time doing just about anything outdoors with her husband.



Laura Bonar Laura Bonar is APNM/APV's Chief Program & Policy Officer, and has been a member of APV's lobby team since 2011. She has helped pass ordinances and broadened legislative support for stronger animal cruelty laws. Laura now leads the program to secure sanctuary for chimpanzees living in New Mexico, and has been instrumental in enhancing APV's capacity to work with New Mexico's members of Congress to support federal legislation and other policies that have an enormous impact on animals in our state. Laura is also a registered nurse and shares her home with Maeve, an adorable canine from the Albuquerque shelter.



Deborah Torza Condit Deborah Torza has been a lobbyist for APV since 2007. As a native New Mexican and a staunch animal advocate, she provides keen insights into how to develop stronger support for animal protection measures from all parts of the political spectrum. Deborah graduated from the University of New Mexico with a degree in print journalism. She began working on political campaigns in 2000, worked as a Senate analyst at the New Mexico State Capitol in 2001, and later joined APV, helping to pass stronger laws for animals and prevent damaging legislation from passing. Deborah lives with her husband Brian Condit, former chief of staff to Governor Richardson, her daughter Desiree, and rescued Rhodesian Ridgeback, Gillie, and Labrador, Piper.

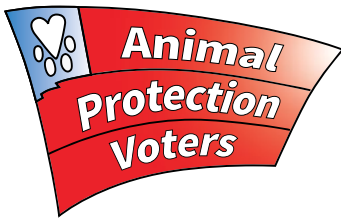


Marisa Sleeter Marisa Sleeter, APNM/APV's Program Associate, joined our team in early 2016, providing crucial support to the myriad initiatives our team tackles and helping us revamp our future improved volunteer program. A third-generation New Mexican, Marisa holds a B.A. in International Communications from Texas Christian University. She brings to APNM/APV a wide array of experience in the nonprofit field including, most recently, nonviolent communication skills. Marisa and her husband enjoy exploring the New Mexico outdoors with their two rescued hounds, including hiking, camping, and foraging for medicinal plants.

Extra Tips *from* Our Lobbying Team to **REALLY** Help Your Message Get Through

Whether meeting with someone in person, on the phone, or through a written letter or email, keep these tips in mind:

- 1 Know your facts. Don't exaggerate or make up information.
- 2 Consider your legislator's unique perspective and identify facts and arguments that will be most appealing to him or her.
- 3 Honor your legislator's time. Set a definite start and end time to your meeting and be concise in your communication.
- 4 Remain respectful and professional at all times—to all lawmakers, their staff, lobbyists, and fellow advocates on all sides.
- 5 Never give up. Follow up, be politely persistent, and don't get discouraged. Legislative progress is slow and frustrating, but determination always eventually sees results.



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Each legislative session, APV lobbies for important animal protection issues with unparalleled focus, determination, and expertise. There is no other organization that serves communities—and New Mexico's animals—in this way.

With the support of caring citizens like you, we are fighting to ban the cruel bloodsport of coyote killing contests, prohibit hazardous trapping and poisoning on public lands, ensure continued funding for spay/neuter programs and animals of domestic violence victims, and more.

We can't do this life-affirming work without your help.

Join Animal Protection Voters with a secure online monthly or one-time gift at apvnm.org/donate, or send a check to APV, PO Box 11651, Albuquerque, NM 87192.

Together, let's work to change laws and make **humane** the new normal in every New Mexico community.



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