



# 2017 SCORECARD

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**A FAR-REACHING VICTORY**  
HB 219 helps ensure animals in shelters are safe and healthy

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“Though I represent Las Cruces I actually live about 10 miles out of the main part of town, and I live with coyotes. I live out in the desert right at the base of the Organ Mountain Desert Peaks National Monument. . . . It gives New Mexico a black eye. We don't want to, or at least I don't think we want to, be known for having killing contests in our state. It's not about hunting. It's not about conservation. It's not about protecting livestock. It's not about management of a species. It's about killing—and it needs to stop.”

*Senator Bill Soules (D-Las Cruces) speaking on the Senate floor during debate on Senate Bill 268 to ban coyote killing contests*





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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.

Animal Protection Voters is enormously grateful to its members and supporters. We extend special thanks to **Demand Printing Solutions** of Albuquerque for its generous contribution of printing services for this 2017 Scorecard.

*Cover: Veterinarian Dr. Katie Bahr cuddles a dog in recovery after spay surgery.*

**Letter from the Director**

Reflections on the most recent legislative session that ended in March are always more valuable once there has been some "distance" from the grueling days and nights spent in the Roundhouse. The sixty day session offered many of the same things most sessions offer: lots of hope and possibilities in the early days, then grim reality as policy bills were slowed because of major budget concerns, and finally the realization that only a severely narrowed list of bills remains as our chance for improving state policy to better protect animals.

The diligent staff and volunteers for Animal Protection Voters monitored dozens of bills, some of which we spearheaded, others we actively supported, and still others whose passage we vigorously fought. In the final analysis, given the fact that "there is no such thing as a simple bill" at the Legislature, we were thrilled that one of our priority bills, House Bill (HB) 219, passed the House and Senate and was signed into law by Governor Susana Martinez. Thank you for everyone's efforts, and particularly the New Mexico Veterinary Medical Association and members of the New Mexico Board of Veterinary Medicine, who labored with us to see the bill through.

Our priority bills to ban gruesome coyote killing contests and to ban archaic traps and poisons from New Mexico's public lands failed to secure the backing needed to pass both chambers, but we gained momentum on both measures. Our efforts to create a spay/neuter funding mechanism were spoiled at the final hour by not receiving a hearing in the Senate Finance Committee, despite massive support for the bill whose only opponents were the Pet Food Institute and its supporters. Our bill to further protect horses from slaughter passed the Legislature, but Governor Martinez allowed it to die when she didn't sign the bill (called a "pocket veto").



What these outcomes show is that animal advocates remain dedicated to improving the lives of all kinds of animals who need our protection. Our knowledgeable and professional approaches will ultimately prevail in every case. We know you agree because here are some words from our supporters:

***"You seem like the only organization that is tackling a big part of animal abuse by getting to the root of the problem."***

***"You attack the legal issues and get laws changed."***

***"You guys are the best. We could spin our wheels for hundreds of years trying to get animals recognized as sentient beings, but you are boots on the ground doing the actual work of educating and advocating."***

Our wonderful, devoted, and attentive supporters throughout the state are both our inspiration and our key to success with legislation. Their effective and determined actions suggest they are heeding words like these from Dr. Martin Luther King:

*"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"*

Thanks to our collective efforts, we can say, "A lot!" Thank you for being an Animal Protection Voter.

Sincerely yours,

Elisabeth Jennings, Executive Director  
 Animal Protection Voters

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It was day 59 of 60 in the 2017 state legislative session.

The sun outside had set, and most lobbyists and citizen advocates there that day had gone home.

But Animal Protection Voters staff was still there. Waiting.

All the work had been done, and we held our breath for one more major piece of legislation: Senate Bill 268, to ban coyote killing contests. The bill had progressed further than it ever had in years past, and our team of lobbyists, volunteers, and supporters had done all that was possible to set the stage for a hard-fought win. And now it was down to the wire, and all up to destiny.

To then hear that the bill would not receive a final vote on the House floor was crushing. But with time, once the dust settled, the truth became clear and served as a comfort: This is how it happens sometimes. And there's always a next step.

Fighting for animal protection is never easy. It always takes too long.

We aim to jump the same hurdles that every other lobbyist, corporation, and organization jumps—and every one of us falls, once in a while, without fail.

But here's the other truth: When the animal protection movement keeps fighting, there is always hope.

So we will be back. Every year. With your support.

We can't do this life-affirming work—to ban the cruel bloodsport of coyote killing contests, to secure more funding for crucial spay/neuter programs, to ensure our nation's beloved horses don't die miserable deaths in slaughterhouses—[without your help](#).



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## 2017 ANALYSIS: Budget Crisis Caused Severe Delays, Leaving No Time to Pass Many Pro-Animal Measures

In a normal year, when the New Mexico state legislature convenes for its “long session,” lawmakers and staff begin to methodically work on passing new legislation, ramping up to a fever pitch over the course of 60 days. But in 2017, a looming fiscal crisis in our state meant legislators needed to divert their attention to fixing the budget and passing a stop-gap tax package from day one. Therefore, new 2017 policymaking didn’t begin in earnest until weeks into the session.

The result is that several pro-animal bills and many other bills went through the legislative process much more slowly than normal, and a few bills didn’t even receive a first committee hearing until the

session was almost over. The limited time and tense atmosphere is the primary reason why one of APV’s priority bills, SB 268 to ban coyote killing contests, crawled through the legislature and ran out of time before the final step: a House floor vote.

This year was a heartwrenching reminder that even the most effective advocacy and overwhelming support for a bill can be stymied by factors out of our control. Nevertheless, animal advocates did succeed in passing crucial legislation that will result in better supported, more effective, and safer animal shelters in New Mexico—an amazing feat, considering all the obstacles.

## 2017 SCORECARD: PRO-ANIMAL LEGISLATION

### PASSED: VICTORY!

#### House Bill 219: Transfer Animal Sheltering Board\*\*

**Sponsor:** Rep. Jimmy Hall (R-Albuquerque)

**Substitute Bill Author:** Rep. Carl Trujillo (D-Santa Fe)

Long before the legislative session began, APV began working with veterinary and animal sheltering professionals to work out a solution to a major problem: The Animal Sheltering Board—a board within the Regulations & Licensing Department that is tasked with regulating animal shelter euthanasia and other standards and distributing crucial spay/neuter money—has been unable to operate sustainably due to lack of budget funding. This situation put the Board’s important mission at risk.

While the legislature’s Legislative Finance Committee drafted its own answer—HB 219—our coalition developed a more ideal solution, which became a substitute bill for HB 219 that was adopted in its first House committee. With Representative Carl Trujillo’s leadership, the amended HB 219 ultimately passed the legislature in the last hour of the legislative session and was later signed into law by the Governor.

The bill dissolves the Animal Sheltering Board, but creates a new 5-member “Animal Sheltering Committee” within the New Mexico Board of Veterinary Medicine and sets out responsibilities under the Animal Sheltering Act. This administrative move will result in sustained and improved ability to continue to distribute funds for vital statewide low-cost spay/neuter services. HB 219 also provides stronger infrastructure for the enforcement of humane euthanasia standards and veterinary care in shelters by transferring enforcement authority to the Board of Veterinary Medicine, acting under the guidance of the Animal Sheltering Committee. The new law also ensures local municipal shelter veterinarians must adhere to the state’s Veterinary Practice Act from which they were previously exempt. We all have good cause to rejoice in this big win for New Mexico’s homeless animals.

#### Senate Joint Memorial 4: Pollinator-Friendly Plant Labeling Project

**Sponsor:** Sen. Mimi Stewart (D-Albuquerque)

This joint memorial expressed the legislature’s support for a voluntary pollinator-friendly plant labeling project at local nurseries statewide. It also requested the governor to declare the second ‘Bee Aware Day’ and requested the director of the Legislative Council Service to designate an area at the state

capitol as a pollinator garden to help educate the public about the importance of bees and other pollinators to humans. It passed the Senate 35-0 and the House 53-0 (no Governor signature required).

\*\*These bills are APV priority lobbying efforts and are double-weighted in scores.

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# 2017 SCORECARD: PRO-ANIMAL LEGISLATION

## PASSED THE LEGISLATURE BUT POCKET VETOED BY GOVERNOR

### House Bill 390: Equine Rescue & Shelter Right of Refusal\*\*

**Sponsor:** Rep. Nathan Small (D-Las Cruces)

New Mexico's state laws establish the same disposition process for all livestock that come into custody of the New Mexico Livestock Board, including homeless domestic equines found as estrays, abandoned, and seized from cruelty situations. As a result, these homeless equines are routinely auctioned and are susceptible to being bought by "kill-buyers" who then sell them for slaughter. This means that New Mexico's 11 registered horse shelters that specialize in rescuing and rehabilitating homeless equines are required to bid at auction against those kill-buyers and others. For months leading up to the legislative session, APV worked closely with the horse shelters and the New Mexico Livestock Board to develop a solution to this problem.

HB 390 would have greatly increased humane outcomes for these stray, abandoned, and abused equines that come into custody of the New Mexico Livestock Board by giving our state's 11 registered equine shelters the first right of refusal before auction. The bill was originally drafted without the auction option at all, but was later amended to allow auction only after equine shelters have the first chance to take in these equines. It was clear after the first hearing that the bill would have faced serious

and likely fatal challenges to passing without allowing the auction option—and it was more crucial to, above all else, change the current law to save as many lives as possible, as soon as possible. Even in its final version, HB 390 would have benefitted many homeless horses by allowing shelters to step up first and expend their donor funds caring for the horses—rather than being forced to bid high against others in auction, where a loss would potentially feed the horse slaughter pipeline.

Despite overwhelming support for this bill, Governor Susana Martinez did not take action on this bill by the signing deadline—and therefore the bill was automatically "pocket vetoed" and did not become law. However, the New Mexico Livestock Board is currently exploring changes to its rules to achieve the same outcome that HB 390 proposed, granting equine shelters the first opportunity to give horses a second chance at a new home or career, or the legislature may consider the bill again in the 2018 session. These options will revive the hard work of equine advocates during the session, so stay tuned for more news on this effort.

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### Senate Bill 81: Wildlife Trafficking Act

**Sponsors:** Sen. Mimi Stewart (D-Albuquerque) & Rep. Gail Chasey (D-Albuquerque)

Illegal wildlife poaching and trafficking has decimated threatened and endangered species across the world, and some of the illicit parts and products from these animals are being sold and shipped along and through New Mexico's borders.

There are zero U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service officers posted at New Mexico ports of entry, making our state a welcome playground for wildlife traffickers. Six other states have passed bans on illegal wildlife trafficking in order to bolster enforcement against these crimes, and SB 81 would have made New Mexico the seventh state. The bill would have cracked down on the illegal sale or trade of parts and products of critical wildlife such as elephants, rhinos, and cheetahs, granting state and local law enforcement the authority to arrest traffickers caught in our state. Unfortunately, Governor Martinez did not sign this bill and it was pocket vetoed.



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# 2017 SCORECARD: PRO-ANIMAL LEGISLATION

## NOT PASSED

### **Senate Bill 268: Prohibit Coyote Killing Contests\*\***

**Sponsors:** Sen. Jeff Steinborn (D-Las Cruces) & Sen. Mark Moores (R-Albuquerque)

Every year, at least 20 to 30 contests are held in regions throughout New Mexico where participants compete for prizes—including cash and firearms—by attempting to kill the most, largest, and smallest coyotes over a short period of time. The coyotes are lured into shooting range with manual or electronic calling devices, displaying sounds of coyote howls or injured prey. In December of 2014, the carcasses from one Las Cruces-area contest were simply dumped, strewn about to be found by hikers.

SB 268 would have banned these egregious coyote killing competitions that have resulted in outrage—not only here in New Mexico, but also nationally and internationally—by environmentalists, animal advocates, and hunters alike for their promotion of wanton killing and violation of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation and fair chase values. In fact, a significant majority of New Mexico voters (by more than a two-to-one margin, according to a December 2016 poll commissioned by APV) oppose these killing contests. Every major New Mexico newspaper has editorialized in support of banning coyote killing contests. These competitions do nothing to help attract business, drive tourism, or address livestock

depredation. In fact, scientific evidence continues to show that killing contests can often cause coyote populations to increase over the long term.

In the third long legislative session in which a coyote killing contest ban bill was proposed, this year's bill made more progress than ever. It passed the Senate with a large bipartisan majority, similar to 2015, and passed its first and only House Committee. But the bill reached the House floor—where it would have been carried by Rep. Matthew McQueen (D-Santa Fe)—with only a few days left in the session. And sadly, SB 268 became a victim of time and process in our relatively brief legislative sessions, as the House chamber avoided controversial bills like SB 268 in the session's final days while the legislature struggled to find consensus on budget and tax issues.

However, the mere fact that this bill nearly passed its final hurdle is a testament to the power of effective advocacy and the support in both chambers and in both parties. Although it will require steadfast work, it's only a matter of time before the last few stars align and New Mexico becomes the first state in the nation to pass a bill outlawing these horrific killing contests.

### **House Bill 123: Animal Food Fee for Sterilization Program\*\***

**Sponsor:** Rep. Carl Trujillo (D-Santa Fe)

The numbers are staggering. More than 135,000 dogs and cats enter New Mexico's animal shelters every year—and almost half of them are euthanized simply for lack of adoptive homes. A major cause of this outcome is the fact that spay and neuter services are unaffordable, inaccessible, or both in many of our communities.

For years, New Mexico government officials have been asking for a mechanism that will provide the level of spay/neuter funding our state needs to address this issue. HB 123 offered the answer, by requiring large pet food corporations—which currently pay a minuscule \$2 annually to register each of their products in order to sell them in our state—to contribute an additional \$100 per product that would pay for spay/neuter services. Following a model now adopted by three other states (Maryland, Maine, and West Virginia), HB 123 was enormously popular with both rural and urban legislators on both sides of the political spectrum. HB 123 was considered a fiscally conservative approach to a problem that costs the state over \$38 million a year to address through local animal control and sheltering costs. The smart and effective user-fee system with little to no impact on pet-owning households would clearly have

enormous impact on the companion animal overpopulation problem. This fee increase would generate an estimated \$700,000-\$800,000 per year, covering the costs to spay/neuter about 6,000-11,000 animals of income-qualified New Mexicans per year, and help operate the statewide spay/neuter program administration.

After passing the House with an overwhelming majority and its first Senate committee, HB 123 stalled in the Senate Finance Committee when the committee chair, Sen. John Arthur Smith (D-Deming) didn't schedule the bill for a hearing. This disappointing, devastating outcome means that until this bill can be heard again, tens of thousands more dogs and cats will die annually, after being born without the hope of a future home. This is especially true in our state's rural communities with fewer resources and bigger challenges. While the projected spay/neuter revenues are small in the grand scheme of the total state budget, they would have made unprecedented positive impact in communities across our state. Other states already benefit from this effective funding mechanism, and New Mexicans deserve this obvious solution to keep our animals and communities safe and healthy.

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## NOT PASSED

### **House Bill 109: Wild Animal Bite & Attack Procedures**

**Sponsor:** Rep. Stephanie Garcia Richard (D-Los Alamos)

In 2016, a marathon runner in the Valles Caldera Wilderness accidentally startled a mother bear, who attacked the runner to defend her cubs and then fled, leaving the runner injured but alive. This was tragic but understandable—most people would expect a mother bear to act just as she had in that circumstance, and even the runner agreed. But state regulations required that the mother bear be killed for rabies testing, even though bears have never been known to carry rabies in New Mexico.

HB 109 would have required our state agencies to take a more nuanced approach to managing human-wildlife contact in the future. It required the following factors be taken into account

in deciding how to handle an attacking animal: the species of animal, the circumstances of exposure and behavior of the animal at the time of the attack, the epidemiology of rabies in the local area, the animal's history and current health status, and the likelihood the animal might have been exposed to rabies. No one expects state officials to put human safety and health at risk, but a measured approach—balancing public health with wildlife coexistence—is key. Unfortunately, the Department of Health and the Department of Game & Fish opposed a policy change, and the bill stalled in the House State Government, Indian & Veterans' Affairs Committee after a tie vote to table the bill.

### **House Bill 254: Game Commission Legislative Appointments**

**Sponsor:** Rep. Matthew McQueen (D-Santa Fe)

The New Mexico Game Commission is a seven-member board appointed by the governor for the purpose of setting wildlife policy and overseeing the work of the NM Department of Game & Fish. The Commission was created nearly 100 years ago, when wild animals were largely valued only insofar as they could be “used” by hunters, anglers, and trappers. But New Mexicans' relationship to wildlife has changed over the last century. Furthermore, Game Commissioners serve at the pleasure of the Governor, are not required to have any education or experience in wildlife conservation, and can be removed for no reason (for example, for simply disagreeing with the administration). This has resulted in frequently unanimous Commission votes for anti-wildlife policies that are based less on science and more on the political whim of the Governor.

HB 254 would have adjusted the Game Commission appointment process in order to create a more balanced and knowledgeable policy making body by setting term limits; giving the Governor the power to appoint three commissioners, one from each congressional district; granting the bipartisan Legislative Council authority to appoint four commissioners across the sportsmen community, non-consumptive wildlife recreation community, agriculture community, and professional wildlife science community; and ensuring that a game commissioner can only be removed for cause, not simply for an unpopular vote. While HB 254 passed its first House committee, it stalled in the House Energy, Environment & Natural Resources Committee on a party-line tied table vote.

### **House Bill 448: Custody of Pets in Divorce Cases and**

### **House Bill 449: Pets & Domestic Abuse**

**Sponsors:** Reps. Joanne Ferrary (D-Las Cruces), Patricia Roybal-Caballero (D-Albuquerque), Liz Thomson (D-Albuquerque), Christine Trujillo (D-Albuquerque) & Deborah Armstrong (D-Albuquerque)

Both of these bills shared sponsors and a similar theme: protecting domestic violence victims and their beloved companion animals. HB 448 was an act allowing the court, in divorce cases, to award companion animals to either party regardless of veterinary or other records indicating ownership.

HB 449 was an act that would classify harming or threatening to harm companion animals as domestic abuse. Both bills passed HCPAC with amendments by a 4-0 vote but went no further due to lack of time in the session.



## BAD BILLS NOT PASSED: VICTORY!

### **Senate Bill 167: Freedom from Unwarranted Surveillance Act**

**Sponsor:** Gerald Ortiz y Pino (D-Albuquerque)

SB 167 involved a complicated issue that resulted in APV's opposition to the bill. The bill likely began as a bolstering of Fourth Amendment protections against illegal search or surveillance by government actors and as an attempt to provide protections for individuals' privacy in their homes from the growth of drone technologies and use. But tacked onto that notion was an overbroad and vague prohibition against drone observation of any private property without consent, and ominously specifically protected farms and agricultural operations from observation by drones. Considering the focus on farmed animals and the serious Constitutional issues in the bill, it looked a lot like an anti-whistleblower "ag-gag" bill. An Idaho law that similarly criminalized videotaping inside

an agricultural facility was struck down by a federal judge as unconstitutional, finding that businesses that impact public health and safety are a matter of public concern and that whistleblowing (including that done by undercover investigators or journalists) is protected First Amendment speech. The broadness of SB 167's language also led to some absurd consequences, like a child flying a toy drone from her backyard over her neighbor's backyard would, in and of itself, be a crime. We raised our concerns in the bill's first Senate Committee, leading to a "report without recommendation," and then the bill stalled in the Senate Judiciary Committee when it was still too problematic for passage.

### **House Bill 333: Elk Hunting Licenses & Grazing Allotments**

**Sponsors:** Reps. James Townsend (R-Artesia), Bill Gomez (D-La Mesa), Yvette Herrell (R-Alamogordo), Candy Ezzell (R-Roswell) & Bob Wooley (R-Roswell)

This bill would have required the State Game Commission to adopt rules for the issuance of hunting licenses, permits and tags to accomplish a reduction in the population of elk proportional to reductions in livestock grazing allotments by

federal land agencies. There is no reason why more elk must be killed if fewer cattle are grazing on New Mexico's land. The bill stalled in the House Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee on a 6-6 party line vote.



# 2017 SCORECARD: OTHER NOTABLE LEGISLATION

(These bills do not count toward legislator scores.)

## Senate Bill 286: NM Wildlife Protection & Public Safety Act

**Sponsor:** Sen. Pete Campos (D-Las Vegas)

Every year, we see the destruction that indiscriminate traps and poisons cause on public lands. SB 286 would have prohibited the use of deadly poisons and outdated leg-hold traps on New Mexico's public lands, unless the use met one of several specific, narrow exemptions that allow for protection of public health, safety, and protection of important infrastructure and property including livestock. This bill would have better aligned the management of wildlife with modern conservation practices and protected wildlife, companion animals, and citizens who enjoy our state's public lands. Traps and poisons are unnecessary and largely ineffective in managing carnivore species to protect livestock, and many non-harmful methods of predation deterrents—including pens, sheds, and guard animals—are effective and widely available.

The members of the Senate Conservation Committee, SB 286's first committee, balked at voting on the bill after hearing fervent

public testimony from both sides, including some misleading and inaccurate statements regarding the legislature's authority to take action regarding traps on various public lands. APV worked to amend the bill and provided a Q&A document to address or refute these critiques of the legislation, but the bill was not rescheduled for a second hearing, meaning there is no recorded vote.

However, in direct response to this bill, the State Game Commission and the Department of Game & Fish indicated at a public meeting in May 2017 that they had interest in convening a working group to help find consensus on measures to crack down on illegal and harmful trapping practices. We look forward to continuing to work with the bill sponsor Sen. Pete Campos (D-Las Vegas) and the original House sponsor Rep. Bobby Gonzales (D-Taos), and state agencies, to determine how we can better protect our state's wildlife and prioritize public safety.

## House Bill 210: Cruelty to Animals Changes

**Sponsor:** Rep. Daymon Ely (D-Corralles)

Over the years, prosecutors have pointed out that, due to lack of clarity in state animal cruelty statutes, they have difficulty obtaining convictions for otherwise clear-cut cases of animal abuse and neglect. In some cases, prosecutors have stated that the current statute doesn't permit them to file fourth degree felony charges for dehydrating and starving an animal to death.

HB 210 would have amended the current statute to ensure that unconscionable acts such as recklessly abandoning, starving, or dehydrating animals to death would be prosecutable as fourth degree felonies, and would have extended anti-cruelty protections to captive reptiles. Important work on the bill's language took many weeks during the session, and the very

full agenda of the bill's first committee spelled problems for the bill being heard in all committees before the session ended. After compelling public testimony from the bill's supporters, several House Consumer & Public Affairs Committee members peppered the bill sponsor with questions in an attempt to poke holes in the legislation with strange hypotheticals, completely disregarding the very real issue of clear-cut animal abuse cases never being prosecuted because the current law is not clear enough. The committee hearing ran out of time before the committee could vote, and the bill was not taken up again before the end of the session.

## House Bill 92: Stricter Game & Fish Violation Penalties

**Sponsor:** Rep. Alonzo Baldonado (R-Los Lunas)

This bill provides for stricter penalties for major violations of Department of Game & Fish rules, including poaching. It passed

the House 66-0 and passed the Senate 37-2, and was then signed into law by the Governor.

## House Bill 229 / Senate Bill 184: Horse Racing Licenses, Health, & Testing

**Sponsors:** Rep. Candy Ezzell (R-Roswell) & Sen. Mary Kay Papen (D-Las Cruces)

These identical bills remove certain exceptions to conduct that requires denial or revocation, and define the time period for denial, of an occupational license. They also provided for an equine health and testing advisor to replace the official chemist, clarify the designation and handling of testing samples, and provide for compensation of the equine health and testing

advisor from the racehorse testing fund. SB 184 passed first (by a vote of 40-0 in the Senate, and 65-1 in the House), was vetoed without a message, and was ruled "law without signature" by a judge. However, HB 229 also passed the legislature (by a 68-0 House vote and 34-0 Senate vote), and was in fact signed by the Governor.

# 2017 SCORECARD: OTHER NOTABLE LEGISLATION

(These bills do not count toward legislator scores.)

## **Senate Bill 266: State Game Commission Mission & Purpose and Senate Bill 267: Protection of Fur-Bearing Animals & Coyotes**

**Sponsor:** Sen. Jeff Steinborn (D-Las Cruces)

These bills were both efforts by the sponsor to push the envelope on reforming how state agencies treat wildlife. SB 266 would have clarified that the state's mission is to manage all wildlife as a public resource for all New Mexicans, including future generations, rather than solely managing game and fish for public recreation and food supply—and also provided the State Game Commission with authority over all species of wildlife

rather than only game species. SB 267 sought to reclassify currently unprotected coyotes and four species of skunk as protected furbearers, providing for management based on best available science, and requiring a permit for killing coyotes. Both bills were opposed by the Department of Game & Fish and sportsmen and died in the Senate Conservation Committee.

## **Senate Bill 481: Endangered Species Coordination**

**Sponsor:** Sen. William Burt (R-Alamogordo)

This bill called for an enactment of the endangered species conservation and coordination act and implementation of a state-based research program to assess the economic impacts of the listing of a species as endangered. Implementation of

this program would cost significant taxpayer dollars to deliver information that federal agencies, rightly so, cannot take into account when making endangered species listings. The Senate Conservation Committee never gave the bill a hearing.

## **Senate Joint Resolution 15: Right to Hunt & Fish**

**Sponsor:** Sen. George Muñoz (D-Gallup)

This resolution was a proposed amendment to Article 2 of the New Mexico Constitution adding a new section to declare a constitutional right to hunt and fish. It would have created a fundamental constitutional right to hunt and fish using “traditional

methods,” and set out that hunting and fishing “shall be a preferred means of managing and controlling wildlife.” The bill was never given a hearing and died in the Senate Rules Committee.



# 2017 SCORECARD: OTHER NOTABLE LEGISLATION

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## A TOUGH ROAD TO PROTECTING WILD HORSES

**Senate Bill 126 (Change Livestock & Animal Definitions)**  
**Sponsor:** Sen. Pat Woods (R-Broadview)

The 2017 legislative session saw a lot of debate about wild and free-roaming horses in New Mexico. As it stands now, because of a gap in statutory law and recent case law, there is no government agency with authority to humanely address wild horses unwanted on private land. The original SB 126 sought to solve this problem by simply clarifying in the Livestock Code that all horses (even presumably wild horses) are livestock, so that the NM Livestock Board clearly had authority to capture wild horses on private land (which would then be treated as estray livestock, and sent to auction). APV felt the bill as introduced was seriously flawed, but understood why leaving the issue unaddressed would only exacerbate community frustrations that could put these horses at risk.

APV worked with SB 126 sponsor Sen. Woods to amend the bill so that it would not classify wild horses as livestock, but instead set out a specific humane disposition process for those wild horses who are captured on private land by the NM Livestock Board after a landowner has complained. The substitute version of SB 126 would have ensured that any wild horse captured on private land would be relocated to public land, transferred to a horse rescue or retirement facility, or provided last-resort humane euthanasia if the horse was sick or could not be relocated. With this compromise reached, we supported SB

**House Bill 446 (Wild Horses in Statute)**  
**Sponsor:** Rep. Joanne Ferrary (D-Las Cruces)

126. The bill passed the Senate but died in the House Judiciary Committee without a hearing.

In response to SB 126's introduction, HB 446 was introduced to explicitly transfer authority over NM's wild horses to the Department of Game & Fish. It was apparent this was borne out of many wild horse advocates' distrust of the NM Livestock Board over past miscommunications and disagreements about handling of wild horse populations in the towns of Placitas and Alto. But although the bill's intention may have been good, it was clear to us that the Department of Game & Fish is not only unequipped to manage wild horses, but also a dangerously unwise choice to overtake authority over a new species considering the current scheme under which it manages other wild species: hunting and trapping—and not always with adequate science to justify their actions and policies. Therefore, we opposed HB 446. It died by an 11-1 table vote in the House Energy, Environment & Natural Resources Committee.

Due to the complicated nature of the issues surrounding these bills, APV is not scoring the votes on these bills in the 2017 Scorecard. We hope to work with stakeholders over the coming months to find consensus on a solution to wild and free-roaming horse protection and management in a future legislative session.



There were many New Mexico state policymakers, both Republican and Democrat, who positively influenced outcomes for animals in the Roundhouse this year. When it comes to not only supporting, but actually fighting hard for the passage of animal protection bills in 2017, these lawmakers stand out and shine.



**Representative Carl Trujillo (D-Santa Fe)** has served in the House of Representatives since 2013, earning a 98% APV lifetime score. In 2017, Rep. Trujillo sponsored and valiantly advocated for both HB 219 and HB 123, which aimed to strengthen support for animal shelters and spay/neuter services—continuing his long-term commitment to helping stem companion animal overpopulation.



**Senator Jeff Steinborn (D-Las Cruces)** joined the Senate in 2017 after serving in the House of Representatives since 2007, earning a 98% APV lifetime score. A committed advocate for wildlife, Sen. Steinborn continued the effort he championed while in the House by sponsoring SB 268 to ban coyote killing contests in 2017.



**Senator Mark Moores (R-Albuquerque)** has served in the Senate since 2013, the year he passed SB 139 to allow state-owned canines to be adopted at the end of their careers. He has earned a notable 97% APV lifetime score. In 2017, he also continued his effort to ban coyote killing contests as a sponsor of SB 268.



**Senator Mimi Stewart (D-Albuquerque)** has served in the Senate since 2015 after serving in the House of Representatives for 20 years, earning a 96% APV lifetime score. In 2017, Sen. Stewart sponsored SB 81 to crack down on illegal wildlife poaching and trafficking, as well as SJM 4 to raise awareness of bees' importance to New Mexico's biodiversity and economy.



**Representative Nathan Small (D-Las Cruces)** began serving in the House of Representatives in 2017, and in his first term has earned a 100% APV lifetime score. As a horseman, Rep. Small sponsored and expertly advocated for HB 390 to establish a humane process for homeless equines to find new homes and careers rather than being sold at auction and put at risk of entering the horse slaughter pipeline.



**Rep. Matthew McQueen (D-Santa Fe)** has served in the House of Representatives since 2015, earning a 100% APV lifetime score, and chairs the House Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee. In 2017, Rep. McQueen sponsored HB 254 to reform and rebalance the State Game Commission to emphasize science and broader stakeholder input.



**Senator Pete Campos (D-Las Vegas)** has served in the Senate since 1991, earning an 88% APV lifetime score. A decade ago, Sen. Campos was instrumental in finally banning cockfighting in New Mexico, and in 2017, Sen. Campos sponsored SB 286 to restrict use of traps and lethal poisons to kill and capture wildlife on public lands.



**Rep. Daymon Ely (D-Corralles)** joined the House of Representatives in 2017, and this year earned a 100% APV lifetime score. Rep. Ely's legal background was valuable as sponsor of HB 210, which would have upgraded the state animal cruelty law to, among other things, ensure animal neglect resulting in death or great bodily harm is a serious criminal offense.



**Representative Stephanie Garcia Richard (D-Los Alamos)** has served in the House of Representatives since 2013 and has earned a 100% APV lifetime score. In 2017, Rep. Garcia Richard sponsored HB 109, which required state agencies to take into account multiple factors before killing a wild animal for rabies testing, including circumstances surrounding the bite and species.



(left to right) **Rep. Jason Harper (R-Rio Rancho)** 82% APV lifetime score, **Rep. Yvette Herrell (R-Alamogordo)** 74% APV lifetime score, and **Rep. Debbie Rodella (D-Española)** 73% APV lifetime score, understood the positive impact that increased spay/neuter services would have in their districts and across the state, and each played a crucial role in House committee hearings and the House floor vote in galvanizing support from colleagues for HB 123.

# ABOUT THIS SCORECARD

## How to Read and Use this Scorecard

1. For each chamber (the Senate or the House of Representatives), New Mexico state legislators are listed in **alphabetical order**.
2. Next to each legislator's name is their **2017 Score** based on their voting record during the 2017 legislative session, as well as their **Lifetime Score** that represents the percentage of time a particular legislator voted to protect animals when given the opportunity during their tenure in the state legislature.
3. APV "**priority bills**" are given double weight, to indicate the importance of votes for and against these bills.
4. An "**Excused**" mark does not count as part of the score.
5. An "**Absent**" mark counts as half a vote "against the animals" on a memorial and a full "vote against the animals" on all other legislation; but if APV deems the outcome for the bill was unaffected by the legislator's absence and that legislator cast a good pro-animal vote on the bill at another stage in the legislative process, then only the pro-animal vote will count toward the score (e.g. an absence during a committee vote on a pro-animal bill, where the bill continued forward after that committee vote, will be trumped by that legislator's pro-animal vote on the chamber floor).
6. In all circumstances, if a legislator changes his or her vote, the later vote will count.

## Actions You Can Take

1. Find your two legislators on the scorecard—you have one in the House and one in the Senate. Please visit [nmlegis.gov](http://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.
2. Depending on your legislators' scores, contact them right away to thank them for their positive votes, or to politely express disappointment in any bad anti-animal votes and ask for a meeting to discuss their concerns.

REMEMBER: Lawmakers need to know you are paying attention to their voting record. Never take our champions' support for granted and never write anyone off—animal protection measures come in many forms, enjoy bipartisan support, and have immense public support, so use that to your advantage.

## PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION

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[www.apvnm.org/scorecards/](http://www.apvnm.org/scorecards/)

### 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
2017	41%	36%

### SCORE KEY

NOTE: Scores on APV Priority Bills receive double weight.

- ✓ Vote for the animals
- ✗ Vote against the animals
- E Excused from vote
- A Absent from vote
- ★ Bill only voted on by committee(s)
- [blank] Not a committee member

# SENATE SCORES

Legislator	2017 Score	Lifetime Score	APV Priority Bills				Other Pro-Animal Bills		Anti-Animal Bill
			HB 219 Transfer Animal Sheltering Board	SB 268 Prohibit Coyote Killing Contest	HB 390 Equine Rescue and Shelter Right of Refusal	★HB 123 Animal Food Fee for Sterilization Program	SB 81 Wildlife Trafficking Act	SJM 4 Pollinator Friendly Plant Labeling Project	★SB 167 Freedom from Unwanted Surveillance Act
Gregory A. Baca (R-29)	56%	56%	✓	✗	✓		✗	✓	✗
Craig W. Brandt (R-40)	45%	61%	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗
William F. Burt (R-33)	63%	82%	✓	✗	✓		✗	✓	
Pete Campos (D-8)	100%	88%	✓	✓	E		✓	✓	
Jacob R. Candelaria (D-26)	100%	100%	✓	E	✓		✓	✓	✓
Joseph Cervantes (D-31)	86%	92%	E	✓	✓		✓	✓	✗
Carlos R. Cisneros (D-6)	75%	83%	✓	✗	✓		✓	✓	
Candace Gould (R-10)	82%	82%	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✗
Ron Griggs (R-34)	63%	62%	✓	✗	✓		✗	✓	
Stuart Ingle (R-27)	45%	61%	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗
Daniel A. Ivey-Soto (D-15)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Gay G. Kernan (R-42)	100%	82%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Carroll H. Leavell (R-41)	75%	59%	✓	✗	✓		✓	✓	
Linda M. Lopez (D-11)	88%	85%	E	✓	✓		✓	✓	✗
Richard C. Martinez (D-5)	75%	83%	✓	✗	✓		✓	✓	E
Cisco McSorley (D-16)	100%	87%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Mark Moores (R-21)	100%	97%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Howie C. Morales (D-28)	100%	100%	✓	✓	E		✓	✓	
George K. Muñoz (D-4)	56%	83%	✓	✗	✓		✗	A	
Steven P. Neville (R-2)	75%	87%	✓	✗	✓		✓	✓	
Bill B. O'Neill (D-13)	86%	96%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✗
Gerald Ortiz y Pino (D-12)	91%	98%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Michael Padilla (D-14)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Mary Kay Papen (D-38)	100%	95%	✓	✓	✓		E	✓	
William H. Payne (R-20)	78%	84%	✓	✓	✓		✗	✓	✗
John Pinto (D-3)	100%	86%	E	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Cliff R. Pirtle (R-32)	63%	66%	✓	✗	✓		✗	✓	
Nancy Rodriguez (D-24)	100%	94%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Sander Rue (R-23)	100%	99%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Clemente Sanchez (D-30)	75%	85%	✓	✗	✓		✓	✓	
John M. Sapien (D-9)	83%	86%	E	✓	✓		✗	✓	
William E. Sharer (R-1)	63%	64%	✓	✗	✓		✗	✓	
Benny Shendo, Jr. (D-22)	92%	91%	✓	✓	E		✓	A	
John Arthur Smith (D-35)	75%	77%	✓	✗	✓		✓	✓	
William P. Soules (D-37)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics (D-39)	89%	89%	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Jeff Steinborn (D-36)	91%	98%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
Mimi Stewart (D-17)	100%	96%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bill Tallman (D-18)	94%	94%	✓	✓	✓		✓	A	
James P. White (R-19)	81%	81%	✓	✓	✓		✗	A	
Peter Wirth (D-25)	100%	104%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Pat Woods (R-7)	63%	66%	✓	✗	✓		✗	✓	
Lt. Gov. John Sanchez	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

# HOUSE SCORES

Legislator	2017 Score	Lifetime Score	APV Priority Bills				Other Pro-Animal Bills						Anti-Animal Bill
			HB 123	HB 219	HB 390	★SB 268	★HB 109	★HB 254	SB 81	★HB 448	★HB 449	SJM 4	★HB 333
David E. Adkins (R-29)	83%	85%	✓	E	✓				A			✓	
Eliseo Lee Alcon (D-6)	100%	89%	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	
Deborah A. Armstrong (D-17)	100%	94%	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	
Gail Armstrong (R-49)	63%	63%	✓	✓	✗				✗			✓	
Alonzo Baldonado (R-8)	63%	76%	✗	✓	✓				✗			✓	
Paul C. Bandy (R-3)	38%	54%	✗	✓	✗				✗			✓	
Cathrynn N. Brown (R-55)	40%	67%	✗	✓	✗	✗			✓			✓	
Gail Chasey (D-18)	100%	96%	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓			✓	
Sharon Clahchischilliage (R-4)	33%	59%	✗	✓	✗		✗	✗	✗			✓	
Zachary J. Cook (R-56)	60%	78%	✓	✓	✗	✗			✓			✓	
Randal S. Crowder (R-64)	43%	38%	✗	✓	A				E			✓	
Jim Dines (R-20)	80%	83%	✓	✓	✗	✓			✓			✓	
George Dodge, Jr. (D-63)	100%	73%	✓	✓	✓				✓			✓	
Rebecca L. Dow (R-38)	38%	38%	✗	✓	✗				✗			✓	
Brian Egolf (D-47)	100%	97%	✓	✓	✓	E			✓			E	
Daymon Ely (D-23)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓			✓	
Candy Spence Ezzell (R-58)	30%	54%	✗	✓	✗			✗	✗			✓	✗
Kelly K. Fajardo (R-7)	57%	72%	✗	✓	✓				✗			E	
Joanne J. Ferrary (D-37)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓			✓	✓
David M. Gallegos (R-61)	40%	58%	✓	✓	✗			✗	✗			A	✗
Doreen Y. Gallegos (D-52)	100%	96%	✓	✓	✓				✓			✓	
Harry Garcia (D-69)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓				✓			✓	
Miguel P. Garcia (D-14)	100%	96%	✓	✓	✓				✓			✓	
Stephanie Garcia Richard (D-43)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓				✓			✓	
Nate Gentry (R-30)	95%	84%	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓			A	
Bealquin Bill Gomez (D-34)	100%	80%	✓	✓	✓				✓			✓	
Roberto "Bobby" J. Gonzales (D-42)	94%	85%	✓	✓	✓				✓			A	
Jimmie C. Hall (R-28)	36%	82%	✗	✓	✗				✗			A	
Jason C. Harper (R-57)	83%	82%	✓	E	✓				✗			✓	
Yvette Herrell (R-51)	65%	74%	✓	✓	✓		A	✗	✗			A	
D. Wonda Johnson (D-5)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	
Larry A. Larrañaga (R-27)	38%	74%	✗	✓	✗				✗			✓	
Derrick J. Lente (D-65)	90%	90%	✓	✓	✓		✗	✓	✓			✓	
Tim D. Lewis (R-60)	88%	79%	✓	✓	✓				✗			✓	
Rick Little (R-53)	38%	58%	✗	✓	✗				✗			✓	
Georgene Louis (D-26)	100%	95%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	
Patricia A. Lundstrom (D-9)	94%	89%	✓	✓	✓				✓			A	
Antonio Maestas (D-16)	100%	98%	✓	✓	✓				✓			✓	
Sarah Maestas Barnes (R-15)	100%	95%	✓	E	✓				✓			E	
Javier Martínez (D-11)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓			✓	
Rudolpho "Rudy" S. Martinez (D-39)	95%	95%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			A	
Bill McCamley (D-33)	78%	93%	✓	A	✓			✓	✓			E	✓



# HOUSE SCORES continued

Legislator	2017 Score	Lifetime Score	APV Priority Bills				Other Pro-Animal Bills						Anti-Animal Bill
			HB 123	HB 219	HB 390	*SB 268	*HB 109	*HB 254	SB 81	*HB 448	*HB 449	SJM 4	*HB 333
Matthew McQueen (D-50)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓			✓	✓
Rod Montoya (R-1)	40%	58%	✗	✓	✗			✗	✓			✓	✗
Greg Nibert (R-59)	27%	27%	✗	✓	✗	✗		✗	✗			✓	✗
Jane E. Powdrell-Culbert (R-44)	63%	72%	✗	✓	✓				✗			✓	
William "Bill" R. Rehm (R-31)	27%	80%	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗			✓	
Dennis J. Roch (R-67)	63%	72%	E	✓	✓		✗	✗	✗			✓	
Debbie A. Rodella (D-41)	88%	73%	✓	✓	✓				✗			✓	
G. Andrés Romero (D-10)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	
Patricia Roybal Caballero (D-13)	95%	93%	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	A		
Angelica Rubio (D-35)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓			E	✓
Patricio Ruiloba (D-12)	88%	94%	✓	✓	✓				✗			✓	
Nick L. Salazar (D-40)	100%	90%	✓	✓	✓				E			✓	
Tomás E. Salazar (D-70)	100%	91%	✓	✓	✓				✓			✓	
Debra M. Sariñana (D-21)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓			E	✓			✓	✓
Larry R. Scott (R-62)	38%	59%	E	✓	A			✗	✗			✓	✗
Nathan P. Small (D-36)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓			✓	✓
James E. Smith (R-22)	100%	90%	✓	✓	✓				✓			✓	
Sheryl Williams Stapleton (D-19)	100%	86%	✓	✓	✓				✓			✓	
James R.J. Strickler (R-2)	30%	61%	✗	✓	✗			✗	✗			✓	✗
Candie G. Sweetser (D-32)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓				✓			✓	
Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson (D-24)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓				✓			✓	
James G. Townsend (R-54)	38%	59%	✗	✓	✗				✗			✓	
Carl Trujillo (D-46)	94%	98%	✓	✓	✓				✓			A	
Christine Trujillo (D-25)	94%	95%	✓	✓	✓				✓			A	
Jim R. Trujillo (D-45)	n/a	94%	E	E	E				E			E	
Linda M. Trujillo (D-48)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓				✓			E	
Bob Wooley (R-66)	90%	66%	✓	✓	✓				✗	✓	✓	✓	
Monica Youngblood (R-68)	80%	73%	✓	✓	✓				✓	A	✗	✓	



## BILL GUIDE

- HB 123** Animal Food Fee for Sterilization Program
- HB 219** Transfer Animal Sheltering Board
- HB 390** Equine Rescue and Shelter Right of Refusal
- SB 268** Prohibit Coyote Killing Contests
- HB 109** Wild Animal Bite & Attack Procedures
- HB 254** Game Commission Legislative Appointments
- SB 81** Wildlife Trafficking Act
- HB 448** Custody of Pets in Divorce
- HB 449** Pets and Domestic Abuse
- SJM 4** Pollinator Friendly Plant Labeling
- HB 333** Elk Hunting Licenses and Grazing

# 2017 LEADERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

Every state legislator has considerable power to affect changes in policies that can make a big difference in the wellbeing of everyone living in New Mexico, including animals. But legislative leaders can have even more influence over bills and whether and how they become law. Leadership comes in a lot of forms for each of the chambers.

**The House Speaker** determines the committees to which bills are assigned, and the **Senate Pro Tempore**, as chair of the Senate Committees' Committee, wields similar power.


**Committee Chairs** (selected from the Majority party in each chamber) have enormous power because they have ultimate control over the flow and timing of bills heard (or whether bills are heard at all) in their committees.

**Floor Leaders** from the majority and minority party have considerable influence over the legislative agenda for the entire session, and influence what bills are heard on the floor of each chamber.


**The Whip** position heavily influences the other members of their party regarding their position on legislation.

Finally, majority and minority party **Caucus Chairs** can and do influence if and how the party members as a whole in each chamber take a position on legislation.

New Mexico House of Representatives	Majority Party (Democrats)	Minority Party (Republicans)
	Name / 2017 Score	Name / 2017 Score
<b>Speaker of the House</b>	Brian Egolf / <b>100%</b>	---
<b>Floor Leader</b>	Sheryl Williams Stapleton / <b>100%</b>	Nate Gentry / <b>95%</b>
<b>Whip</b>	Doreen Gallegos / <b>100%</b>	Rod Montoya / <b>40%</b>
<b>Caucus Chair</b>	D. Wonda Johnson / <b>100%</b>	Candy Spence Ezzell / <b>30%</b>

 When criticism from opponents nearly sank HB 123 with red herring arguments, **HBIC Chairwoman Debbie Rodella** guided the discussion back to reality, resulting in the committee voting to pass the bill.

 **SFC Chairman John Arthur Smith** did not schedule HB 123 for a hearing in his committee, thereby killing the bill.

 An anti-animal constitutional amendment, SJR 15 did not move forward when **SRC Chairwoman Linda Lopez** did not schedule it for a vote.

New Mexico Senate	Majority Party (Democrats)	Minority Party (Republicans)
	Name / 2017 Score	Name / 2017 Score
<b>President Pro Tempore</b>	Mary Kay Pappen / <b>100%</b>	---
<b>Floor Leader</b>	Peter Wirth / <b>100%</b>	Stuart Ingle / <b>45%</b>
<b>Whip</b>	Michael Padilla / <b>100%</b>	Bill Payne / <b>78%</b>
<b>Caucus Chair</b>	Jacob Candelaria / <b>100%</b>	Steven Neville / <b>75%</b>

## COMMITTEE ABBREVIATIONS KEY

- HBIC** House Business & Industry Committee
- HCPAC** House Consumer & Public Affairs Committee
- HEENRC** House Energy, Environment, and Natural Resources Committee
- HJC** House Judiciary Committee
- HSIVC** House State Government, Indian & Veterans' Affairs Committee
- HTRC** House Taxation & Revenue Committee
- SCONC** Senate Conservation Committee
- SJC** Senate Judiciary Committee
- SFC** Senate Finance Committee
- SPAC** Senate Public Affairs Committee
- SRC** Senate Rules Committee

Committee Chairs Where 2017 Animal Bills Were Referred			
<b>SCONC</b>	Joseph Cervantes / <b>86%</b>	<b>SPAC</b>	Gerald Ortiz y Pino / <b>91%</b>
<b>SJC</b>	Richard Martinez / <b>75%</b>	<b>SRC</b>	Linda Lopez / <b>88%</b>
<b>SFC</b>	John Arthur Smith / <b>75%</b>	<b>HJC</b>	Gail Chasey / <b>100%</b>
<b>HBIC</b>	Debbie Rodella / <b>88%</b>	<b>HSIVC</b>	Georgene Louis / <b>100%</b>
<b>HCPAC</b>	Eliseo Alcon / <b>100%</b>	<b>HTRC</b>	Jim Trujillo N/A (out due to health)
<b>HEENRC</b>	Matthew McQueen / <b>100%</b>		

# GOVERNOR MARTINEZ'S 2017 RECORD

Please contact the Governor and thank her for signing HB 219 and for continuing to support vital funding for domestic violence victims and their animals. Then ask her to please continue to support humane outcomes for homeless horses. [www.governor.state.nm.us/Contact\\_the\\_Governor.aspx](http://www.governor.state.nm.us/Contact_the_Governor.aspx)



Signed HB 219, to administratively move the New Mexico Animal Sheltering Board out of the Regulation and Licensing Department, and into the New Mexico Board of Veterinary Medicine.

Retained in the state budget a recurring \$50,000 appropriation from the general fund for animal protection services related to domestic violence.



Pocket vetoed (no action by the signing deadline on legislature-passed legislation, thereby preventing the bill from becoming law) SB 81 to crack down on illegal wildlife trafficking;

Pocket vetoed HB 390 to reform the disposition process for homeless horses in the NM Livestock Board's custody, providing registered horse shelters the first right of refusal before the auction process. However...



One of the Governor's agencies, the NM Livestock Board, is exploring the possibility of enacting regulations similar to HB 390 that could result in the same humane outcome for horses. It is also in her power to permit an HB 390-type bill to be reintroduced in 2018... fingers crossed!

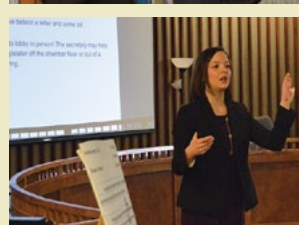
## LOBBY DAY 2017: CITIZENS AND LEGISLATORS SPEAK UP FOR ANIMALS

On February 22, 2017, dedicated animal advocates from across New Mexico took part in Animal Protection Voters' **Animal Protection Lobby Day** at our State Capitol. A morning presentation was followed by a collective march to the Roundhouse to communicate with lawmakers, attend a press conference in the rotunda, and spend time with therapy dogs.

APV later heard from many lawmakers about persuasive meetings and letters from their constituents about important animal protection issues. **Thank you for speaking out.**

We are so grateful to all of our dedicated volunteers who served in many vital roles throughout the day.

Thank you to **State of New Mexico** staff who arranged the use of the PERA Building for our morning presentation, and to **Legislative Building Services** for their help in facilitating our event. We also express our utmost appreciation to the **ASPCA**® for joining us during the Lobby Day presentation and providing lunch for our participants. Immense thanks also goes to **Trader Joe's** for donating breakfast items and **La Montañita Coop** for providing free beverages.



*Clockwise from top left:* **Sen. Jeff Steinborn** holds Zena the therapy dog after a rousing speech at the press conference about his bill to ban coyote killing contests; **Rep. Daymon Ely** speaks at the press conference about his bill to improve the state animal cruelty statute; **APV Chief Legislative Officer, Jessica Johnson**, leads the pre-lobbying training session; **citizen lobbyists**, armed with information and determination, are ready to lobby for animals.





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*An unnecessary waste of precious life?*

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