



2018 SCORECARD

CHANGING LAWS TO CHANGE ANIMALS' LIVES IN NEW MEXICO

A MONUMENTAL LIFE-SAVING MEASURE—*ALMOST REALITY*

More than 60,000 shelter dogs and cats are euthanized every single year. Read about the groundbreaking legislation passed with bipartisan support that would reduce shelter animal deaths and overpopulation, the heartbreaking veto that killed it, and the biggest reason to stay hopeful.





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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.

Cover: Two puppies and their mother await adoption at Valencia County Animal Shelter. Photos opposite page and cover by Charles Fox/APNM.

Letter from the Director



We got close. Very close. In the 2018 “short” legislative session, the bill to create New Mexico’s first-ever sustainable and meaningful funding stream for spay/neuter services in needy communities passed the entire New Mexico House (48-19) and Senate (30-4). All involved know this achievement didn’t happen by accident.

You and your APV lobby team worked extremely hard throughout the session to present the facts about the lifesaving impact this bill could generate, and to respond to incorrect information and fears about the bill that are not grounded in reality in the three other states where this kind of legislation is already in place...and working. As a result, the bill was overwhelmingly supported by a wide variety of legislators, including those from rural and urban districts, and by both Republicans and Democrats. But you likely know that, despite tremendous hope and efforts to persuade Governor Martinez to support this life-saving and cost-saving measure, she did not sign the bill. Now we are looking ahead to the 2019 session, and are hopeful for common sense to prevail among lawmakers once again.

We look forward to being able to finally say that New Mexico is taking seriously the tidal wave of homeless animals in our state, and that we have a sustainable, proven mechanism to turn that ugly tide.

Imagine the impact in our struggling communities when, someday soon, local animal shelters and spay/neuter clinics will receive a million dollars annually to prevent the births of unwanted animals in our state.

The data from other states has shown this will:

- save hundreds of thousands of dollars in euthanasia and sheltering costs,
- lighten the burden on beleaguered shelter workers,
- mitigate the animal misery that unfolds from New Mexico’s outsized homeless animal problem.

Some interest groups want us to turn a blind eye to this data and find some other magical solution—but the extensive research on this issue shows another proven, effective, reliable funding source simply does not exist.

While the 30-day 2018 legislative session threatened to tax our energy and challenge our resilience, be assured that we won’t be deterred. That’s because what is at stake are tens of thousands of animal lives every year.

Animal Protection Voters is known for being trustworthy and experienced in developing pragmatic approaches to problems we’re told are “intractable.” We don’t surrender to obstacles, and we don’t give up. We understand what it takes to change systems that work against animals and the disadvantaged communities who care about them. It takes time, persistence, and determination. We are driven by facts, data, and testimony from experts—not favors or petty politics.

Thank you for helping us press forward on implementing sustainable solutions to systemic problems—even the giant, tough ones. This is the most important type of work we all can do.

Sincerely yours,

Elisabeth Jennings, Executive Director
 Animal Protection Voters



TOP TAKEAWAYS:

- ★ Immense focus and energy brought life-saving legislation to the finish line before it was knocked down by the veto pen
- ★ All anti-animal efforts were successfully defeated



A 30-day “short session” took place in 2018—as set out in the New Mexico Constitution—which was dedicated solely to budget issues, bills that receive a special message from the Governor, or bills that were vetoed in the prior session. Because policy-focused bills were largely precluded from being considered by the legislature, Animal Protection Voters was able to spend most of our time, resources, and focus on tackling the issue of sustained, reliable, robust spay/neuter funding for animals in New Mexico’s neediest communities. Data continued to show that this measure would not only save animals’ lives, but it would save citizens’ tax dollars, too.

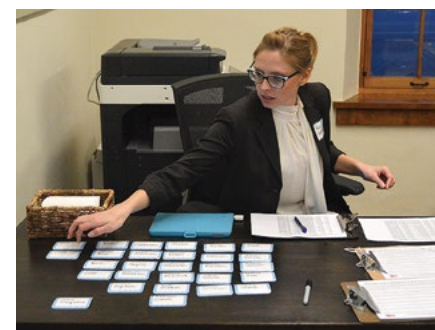


Our voice was joined by a chorus of advocates just like you—as well as rural and urban counties and cities, animal control and sheltering professionals, law enforcement, feed stores, and veterinarians. It was this loud chorus that helped the spay/neuter funding legislation to pass the legislature with enormous bipartisan support. Sadly, the Governor wouldn’t listen to our voices and she vetoed the bill.



All the while, as measures popped up that would have harmed New Mexico’s animals, we were successful in killing every single one.

2018 was a remarkable example of how much progress legislation can make when we get involved and push hard. It has set a very hopeful stage for the next legislative session in 2019.



2018 SCORED LEGISLATION: PRO-ANIMAL

Senate Bill 51: (Pet Food Fee for Animal Programs)

Sponsor: Sen. Gay Kernan (R-Hobbs)

House Bill 64 (Pet Food Fee for Animal Programs)

Sponsors: Rep. Carl Trujillo (D-Santa Fe), Rep. Debbie Rodella (D-Española), Rep. Joanne Ferrary (D-Las Cruces)

HB 64 passed both chambers of the legislature but was vetoed by the Governor

SB 51 and HB 64 were identical bills introduced in the 2018 state legislative session, operating separately but toward the same goal. The strategy behind a “dual bill introduction” is to allow as many legislators as possible to consider the bill for votes during the short time period, with the hopes that early decisions to support one bill will help the other bill move quickly toward the end of the session when time is running short.

This legislation would have phased in over three years a modest fee of \$100/year on pet food manufacturers for each product of dog and cat food and treats registered to be sold in New Mexico. Why this approach? It’s proven to work. Other states—including states with smaller consumer markets than New Mexico—charge pet food manufacturers higher annual fees and dedicate those funds to low-cost spay/neuter services. In those states, animal shelter intake and euthanasia numbers have decreased, and the pet food industry continues to thrive.

In New Mexico, even if pet food manufacturers passed along the entire fee increase prescribed by SB 51/HB 64 to consumers by proportionally increasing retail prices, the impact would be mere pennies. The best estimates have shown that New Mexican families would spend only \$1.38 per year more for each dog or cat in their homes. And on the back end, far fewer of our tax dollars would go toward euthanizing healthy, adoptable animals in our shelters.

SB 51 passed the Senate 31-8 and passed two House committees, well on its way to final passage. But HB 64 crossed the finish line first—passing the House 48-19, then passing the Senate 30-4, and then returning to the House floor for a final concurrence vote (approving amendments made by the Senate). This bipartisan-supported victory was monumental, but bills don’t become laws without a signature by the Governor. Sadly, Governor Martinez decided to veto the bill.

We share everyone’s utter disappointment and hold in our hearts the approximately 70,000 homeless dogs and cats that will be euthanized in the next year, with nothing new in place to begin to make a real difference in reversing New Mexico’s expensive and tragic pet overpopulation problem.

But all of us who have been involved in the Legislature know that changing laws often takes a long time. This session saw more progress and more support for the spay/neuter funding effort from an even broader segment of the community than last year. That momentum gives us hope for 2019, when we will see a new Governor in office who may see more clearly the humane and cost-saving benefits of enacting SB 51/HB 64’s funding mechanism.

Both bills were top APV priorities—and because there were so few votes on animal policies during the short session, every single vote (not just *floor* votes, but also every *committee* vote) counts toward the scores in the 2018 Scorecard.



Photo: Charles Fox/APV

2018 SCORED LEGISLATION: PRO-ANIMAL

Senate Bill 113 (Domestic Violence Victim & Animals Temp Care)

Sponsor: Sen. Nancy Rodriguez (D-Santa Fe)

Passed its first committee, but died awaiting action in its second committee

Data from the New Mexico Interpersonal Violence Data Central Repository shows that in 2016, over 19,000 incidents of domestic violence were reported to law enforcement. All too often, animals are used as pawns in the abuse. In these cases, batterers threaten, injure, or kill beloved animals in order to manipulate, silence, intimidate, or punish their victims. And when a victim wants to escape an abusive relationship, but their family's animals are at risk of abuse, studies show up to 65% delay leaving because they have nowhere to go with their animals and they fear what will happen to their animals if they are left behind.

To combat this tragic reality, for many years Animal Protection of New Mexico has been in partnership with the New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence to provide relief for at-risk families through The Companion Animal Rescue Effort, or CARE. CARE's services empower individuals to escape violence by providing temporary, confidential safe havens for animals so victims can leave a violent home and access services they need through domestic violence service providers. By operating a helpline—and by building and working with a network of government agencies, veterinary

clinics, boarding kennels, and volunteers—in Fiscal Year 2017 the CARE Program managed 53 calls for help, assisting 43 domestic violence victims (including 3 victims who reported that they would have stayed in an abusive living situation without help from CARE) and their 91 companion animals.

SB 113 appropriated \$300,000 from the general fund to the state Children, Youth & Families Department for fiscal year 2019 to enhance the system of temporary care and housing of animals of victims of domestic violence. This funding would have helped help expand this work, beyond the recurring \$50,000 appropriation—begun in fiscal year 2016—that partially funds the program. To keep program costs down and maximize funding, APNM secures thousands of dollars' worth of in-kind donations, utilizes volunteers, and also seeks federal funding. But more state support is needed to adequately help families break the cycle of violence for children and animals.

The bill passed the Senate Public Affairs Committee by a 4-3 vote, but then stalled. No additional money was included in the final budget bill passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor. Yet, the work of CARE will continue, to help the lives of those in need.

House Bill 58 (Animal Shelter Standards of Care)

Sponsor: Rep. Joanne Ferrary (D-Las Cruces)

Not deemed germane for consideration by the Legislature

Thanks to the passage of a 2017 bill to transfer the Animal Sheltering Board (ASB) out of the Regulation & Licensing Department (where the ASB struggled to secure resources for its work) and into the New Mexico Board of Veterinary Medicine (NMBVM) as a subcommittee as of July 1, 2018, enforcement of animal shelter standards is already set to become more robust. The NMBVM already has the setup and staff in place for enforcing veterinary facility standards—a perfect foundation for eventually expanding that work to include animal shelters and euthanasia agencies. Future plans to enforce infrastructure and operating standards informed by the Association of Shelter Veterinarians' guidelines make perfect sense under the NMBVM umbrella.

HB 58 sought to make shelter standards enforcement more than just a tool the NMBVM could wield—it would have made enforcement strictly mandatory. And rather than requiring that the creation of animal shelter standards by the NMBVM (developed by its new Animal Sheltering Committee) simply

reference the national Association of Shelter Veterinarians' guidelines, it set out that the standards must be fully consistent with those guidelines. Finally, the bill also appropriated \$100,000 to the NMBVM to help fund its monitoring and enforcement of shelter standards.

There is absolutely no doubt that the state of New Mexico owes the utmost humane treatment to the homeless animals we house in and adopt out of taxpayer-funded animal shelter facilities. All too often, tragedies remind us that when no one is watching over the care of vulnerable animals, abuse and neglect can happen. In that respect, HB 58 contributes to a positive and needed solution. However, some of New Mexico's animal shelters do not currently meet the standards set by the national Association of Shelter Veterinarians, and would struggle to make changes to meet those standards without adequate funding from the state. A stricter mandate on shelter standards should go hand-in-hand with funds to assist needy shelters in meeting those standards.

Senate Joint Resolution 12 (Right to Hunt & Fish, Constitutional Amendment)

Sponsor: Sen. George Muñoz (D-Gallup)

Stalled and died in its first committee after failed attempt to vote

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.”

SJR 12 would have undermined the current system of wildlife management in New Mexico and relegated science to the backseat in favor of politics. Additionally, this resolution could have prevented state and local governments from protecting

the public from unscrupulous wildlife-related practices, even to protect local wildlife populations or public safety. The State Constitution is a sacred document and should not be used to create a safe harbor for potentially inhumane, wasteful, and unsportsmanlike practices.

After several Senators on the Senate Rules Committee spoke in opposition to the resolution, Sen. Cliff Pirtle (R-Roswell) made a motion to pass the legislation—but because all other Senators present refused to “second” the motion, a vote on passage did not take place and the bill stalled and died.

Senate Joint Memorial 5 (Wild Horse & Burro Management)

Sponsor: Sen. Pat Woods (R-Broadview)

Died awaiting a hearing in its first committee

SJM 5 called for the U.S. Department of Interior to be requested to utilize all of the management tools provided in the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act, including unrestricted sales and euthanasia, to remove wild horse and burro populations from the range land and holding facilities; and it encouraged Congress to restore funding to that department to facilitate those activities. This memorial would have urged the stripping of long-standing federal protections for wild equines that are heavily supported by the American public. These activities would put federally protected wild horses and burros at great risk of sale to slaughter as well as mass “euthanasia” driven by

convenience rather than as a matter of welfare of wild equines. Current issues with wild horse and burro overpopulation and tax dollar spending are caused by the federal Bureau of Land Management’s mismanagement and refusal—over many decades—to effectively utilize proven methods of fertility control as recommended by the National Academies of Science. Thankfully, the memorial was never heard in its first committee referral and did not move forward.





APV 2018
CHAMPIONS
SPOTLIGHT

There were many New Mexico state policymakers, both Republican and Democrat, who positively influenced outcomes for animals in the Roundhouse this year. But when it comes to *not only supporting, but actually fighting hard for the passage of animal protection bills in 2018*, these lawmakers stand out and shine and deserve to be highlighted.



Senator Gay Kernan (R-Hobbs) has served in the State Senate since 2002, earning an 84% APV lifetime score. Inspired by the success of adequately funded spay/neuter services in her home district, Sen. Kernan valiantly sponsored Senate Bill 51 in order to provide the tools and resources for other parts of the state struggling with dog and cat overpopulation, a measure that would conserve taxpayer dollars and is proven to reduce animal homelessness and euthanasia rates.



Senator Howie Morales (D-Silver City) has served in the State Senate since 2008, earning a 100% APV lifetime score. In 2018, Sen. Morales was a vocal and valuable advocate for Senate Bill 51 and House Bill 64 to fund statewide spay/neuter programs, including an appearance at APV's Animal Protection Lobby Day press conference.



Senator Mary Kay Papen (D-Las Cruces) has served in the State Senate since 2001, earning a 95% APV lifetime score. As Senate President Pro Tempore, Sen. Papen lent her powerful voice of support for Senate Bill 51 and House Bill 64 in an APV press release where she lauded the Doña Ana County Commission's passage of a resolution in favor of the spay/neuter legislation.



Senator Nancy Rodriguez (D-Santa Fe) has served in the State Senate since 1996, earning a 95% APV lifetime score and winning Animal Protection of New Mexico's 2015 Lawmaking Advocacy Milagro Award. A fervent advocate for both animals and families, Sen. Rodriguez introduced Senate Bill 113, which requested state funding to support program work to temporarily house animals while domestic violence survivors seek safety.



Senator John Arthur Smith (D-Las Cruces), chair of the Senate Finance Committee, has served in the State Senate since 1989, earning a 79% APV lifetime score. We wholeheartedly thank Chairman Smith for scheduling Senate Bill 51 and House Bill 64 hearings in the Finance Committee, which voted unanimously in favor of the bills.



Representative Debbie Rodella (D-Española) has served in the State House since 1993, earning a 75% APV lifetime score. Rep. Rodella understood the positive impact that increased spay/neuter services would have in her district and across the state, and co-sponsored House Bill 64, the counterpart to Sen. Kernan's Senate Bill 51, to create a robust statewide spay/neuter funding mechanism.

Committee members who spoke out in support of the spay/neuter legislation in a media release included:

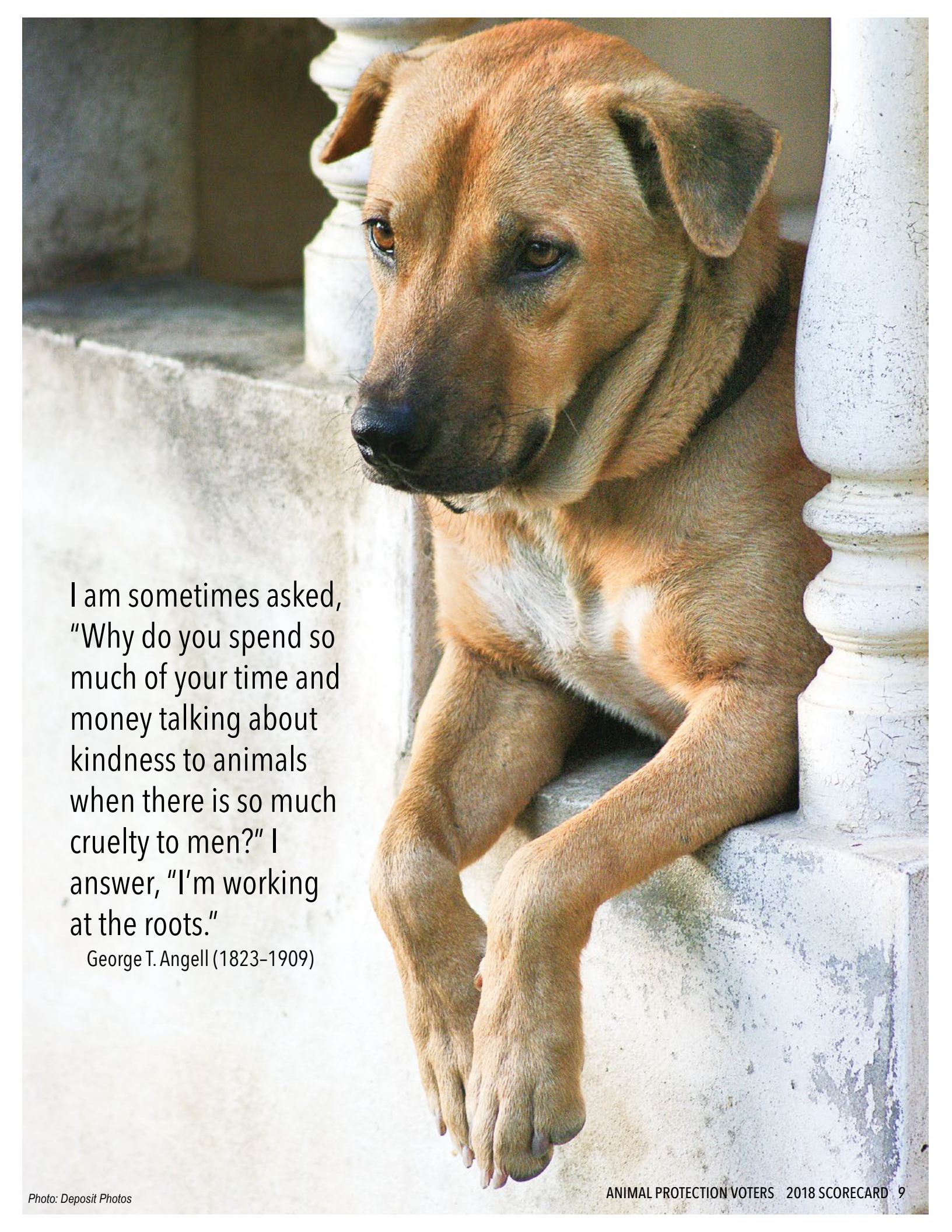
(top row, left to right) **Senators Steven Neville (R-Aztec), Carlos Cisneros (D-Questa), William Burt (R-Alamogordo)**, (bottom row, left to right) **Carroll Leavell (R-Jal), George Muñoz (D-Gallup), and Sander Rue (R-Albuquerque)**.



Representative Joanne Ferrary (D-Las Cruces) has served in the State House since 2017, earning a 100% APV lifetime score. In 2018, Rep. Ferrary signed on as a co-sponsor of House Bill 64 to fund low-cost spay/neuter and also introduced House Bill 58 aiming to bolster animal sheltering standards and enforcement.



Photos: Courtesy of the Legislative Council Service

A close-up photograph of a brown dog with a white patch on its chest, sitting on a stone ledge next to a white pillar. The dog is looking off to the side with a thoughtful expression.

I am sometimes asked,
"Why do you spend so
much of your time and
money talking about
kindness to animals
when there is so much
cruelty to men?" I
answer, "I'm working
at the roots."

George T. Angell (1823-1909)

CITIZEN ADVOCATE SPOTLIGHT

The work of Animal Protection Voters is made possible by you: the individual animal advocates who are willing to do what it takes to change government policies to improve animals' lives. Often, that work is driven by your generous donations and volunteer time to support our ongoing initiatives. And sometimes, it is driven by your direct action at the local level, bringing fresh ideas to the table, and leading the charge as a citizen lobbyist while APV has your back.

The fight to protect animals is frequently long and frustrating, and it usually helps to hear advice from others in the trenches. Through the following stories, we invite you to get to know some of your fellow New Mexicans who have taken action for animals, and we hope you will be inspired by their actions.



Knowing that local pressure can guide the state legislature's policymaking, Elisabeth Dicharry, Guy Dicharry, and Brenda McKenna worked together to spearhead the effort in early 2018 to convince the Albuquerque City Council to pass a resolution supporting a statewide ban on coyote killing contests. Thanks to their collective hard work, the Council voted unanimously to condemn the killing contests and Mayor Tim Keller signed the resolution.

Photo (left to right): Elisabeth, Guy, Joseph Newman (APV and Project Coyote volunteer), Brenda. Photo by Ralph LaCanna.

EFFECTIVE GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY

Tips from Elisabeth, Guy, and Brenda

Elisabeth: *Think globally, act locally.*

Develop a supportive network, participate in life-long learning, have a few hobbies, get outside and observe nature, be honest, and be kind.

Guy: *Federal and state land management regulations impact wildlife, so pour yourself a strong cup of coffee and read them. Engage with land management employees who enforce those regulations—they are knowledgeable. Listen to those whose viewpoints and opinions differ from yours. If you listen carefully, you will usually—but not always—find some common ground on which to start a conversation.*

Brenda: *Demonstrate decorum and professionalism, especially when meeting legislators—even those who disagree with you. You want to be remembered for being knowledgeable and respectful when you meet them—and to be welcomed back! Commit to working with fellow advocates, commit to working through conflict, because you have more in common than not and will be more effective together. Accept setbacks and learn from them. Register to vote...and vote!*



Guy Dicharry

After a long career in nursing, *Elisabeth Dicharry* became a wildlife advocate, volunteer, and grassroots organizer. She and her husband, *Guy Dicharry*, who is a lawyer and registered nurse, have lived in Valencia County since 1984, along with their menagerie of animals. Guy and Elisabeth have spent lots of time in the outdoors of the Southwest enjoying many wildlife and backcountry activities.



Elisabeth Dicharry

In 2012, they both became involved in the effort to stop coyote killing contests when they learned that a local business in Los Lunas was sponsoring one. That effort led to involvement in a number of other wildlife and public lands causes, including continued work to end wildlife killing contests and reform state rules for wildlife species vulnerable to unregulated killing.



Brenda McKenna

In 2012, *Brenda McKenna* joined the Dicharrys in the effort to stop the Los Lunas coyote killing contest. Brenda lives in Albuquerque and is a member of the Nambé Pueblo, raised in her indigenous culture to respect and honor the land, nature, and all living things. She has used her background in psychology and organizational development to network with allies and constructively engage with those who have opposing perspectives on the issues she cares about.



Brenda and Elisabeth speak up for coyotes

IF YOU WANT
TO GO QUICKLY,
GO ALONE.

IF YOU WANT
TO GO FAR,
GO TOGETHER.

-AFRICAN PROVERB

HOW TO READ AND USE THIS SCORECARD

Methodology

- » For each chamber (the Senate or the House of Representatives), New Mexico state legislators are listed in alphabetical order by their last name.
- » Next to each legislator's name is their 2018 Score based on their voting record during the 2018 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 since their tenure in the state legislature.
- » APV "priority bills" are given double weight, to indicate the importance of votes for and against these bills.
- » Normally, a final floor vote is all that APV counts per bill in each chamber. However, in 2018, there were so few votes during the short session, and we felt it was important to count every vote and have all of them contribute to legislators' final scores. Therefore, each committee vote and each floor vote for both Senate Bill 51 and House Bill 64 counts toward the legislators' 2018 Scores.
- » An "Excused" mark means they were formally excused by the legislature during the vote and does not count as part of the score.
- » A "Walked" mark means APV believes the legislator chose to walk out on the vote to avoid voting against a pro-animal bill, and this counts as ½ credit of a positive vote.

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 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.
3. New Mexicans can only hold lawmakers accountable if they have the information about how those lawmakers voted. Please share this Scorecard with everyone you know!

All APV Scorecards can be downloaded online:

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%
2018	69%	79%

BILLS

- HB 64 } Pet Food Fee for Animal Programs
- SB 51 }
- SB 113 Domestic Violence Victim and Animals Temporary Care

COMMITTEE ABBREVIATIONS

- HCPAC House Consumer & Public Affairs Committee
- HBIC House Business & Industry Committee
- HTRC House Tax & Revenue Committee
- SPAC Senate Public Affairs Committee
- SFC Senate Finance Committee

SCORE KEY

- NOTE: Scores on APV Priority Bills receive double weight
- ✓ Vote for the animals
 - ✗ Vote against the animals
 - E Excused from the vote
 - W Walked out on the vote
 - [blank] Did not have opportunity to vote (i.e.: legislator did not sit on the committee that voted)

SENATE SCORES

Legislator				APV Priority Legislation					Other Animal Legislation
		2018 Score	Lifetime Score	HB 64 (SFC)	HB 64 (Floor Vote)	SB 51 (SPAC)	SB 51 (SFC)	SB 51 (Floor Vote)	SB 113
Gregory A.	Baca (R-29)	0%	28%		E			✗	
Craig W.	Brandt (R-40)	0%	46%		✗	E		✗	✗
William	Burt (R-33)	100%	86%	E	✓		✓	✓	
Pete	Campos (D-8)	100%	89%	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Jacob	Candelaria (D-26)	100%	100%		✓			E	
Joseph	Cervantes (D-31)	100%	92%		E			✓	
Carlos R.	Cisneros (D-6)	100%	84%	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Candace	Gould (R-10)	86%	84%		✓	✓		✓	✗
Ron	Griggs (R-34)	100%	72%		E			✓	
Stuart	Ingle (R-27)	0%	56%		✗	✗		✗	✗
Daniel	Ivey-Soto (D-15)	100%	100%		✓			✓	
Gay G.	Kernan (R-42)	100%	84%	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Carroll H.	Leavell (R-41)	100%	63%	E	✓		✓	✓	
Linda M.	Lopez (D-11)	100%	87%		✓			✓	
Richard C.	Martinez (D-5)	100%	84%		✓			✓	
Cisco	McSorley (D-16)	100%	88%		✓			E	
Mark	Moore (R-21)	0%	73%		✗			✗	
Howie C.	Morales (D-28)	100%	100%	✓	✓		✓	✓	
George K.	Muñoz (D-4)	100%	85%	E	E		✓	✓	
Steven P.	Neville (R-2)	100%	88%	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Bill	O'Neill (D-13)	100%	96%		✓	✓		✓	✓
Gerald	Ortiz y Pino (D-12)	100%	98%		✓	✓		✓	✓
Michael	Padilla (D-14)	100%	100%		✓			✓	
Mary Kay	Papen (D-38)	100%	95%		✓			✓	
William H.	Payne (R-20)	0%	77%		E			✗	
John	Pinto (D-3)	100%	87%		E			✓	
Cliff	Pirtle (R-32)	0%	49%		✗			✗	
Nancy	Rodriguez (D-24)	100%	95%	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Sander	Rue (R-23)	100%	99%	E	✓		✓	✓	
Clemente	Sanchez (D-30)	100%	89%		✓			✓	
John M.	Sapient (D-9)	100%	88%	E	✓		✓	✓	
William E.	Sharer (R-1)	0%	59%		E			✗	
Benny	Shendo, Jr. (D-22)	100%	93%		✓			✓	
John Arthur	Smith (D-35)	100%	79%	✓	✓		✓	E	
William	Soules (D-37)	100%	100%		✓			✓	
Elizabeth "Liz"	Stefanics (D-39)	100%	95%		✓	✓		✓	✓
Jeff	Steinborn (D-36)	100%	98%		✓	✓		✓	✓
Mimi	Stewart (D-17)	100%	96%		✓	✓		✓	E
Bill	Tallman (D-18)	100%	97%		✓			✓	
James P.	White (R-19)	100%	91%		✓			✓	
Peter	Wirth (D-25)	100%	104%		✓			✓	
John "Pat"	Woods (R-7)	25%	56%		W			✗	
Lt. Gov. John	Sanchez	n/a			n/a				

HOUSE SCORES

APV Priority Bills

Legislator		2018 Score	Lifetime Score	HB 64 (HCPAC)	HB 64 (HBIC)	HB 64 (Floor Vote)	SB 51 (HTRC)	SB 51 (HBIC)
David	Adkins (R-29)	100%	90%			✓	✓	
Eliseo Lee	Alcon (D-6)	100%	90%	✓		✓		
Deborah	Armstrong (D-17)	100%	96%	✓		✓		
Gail	Armstrong (R-49)	100%	81%			✓		
Alonzo	Baldonado (R-8)	0%	61%		✗	✗		✗
Paul C.	Bandy (R-3)	0%	47%			✗		
Cathrynn N.	Brown (R-55)	50%	64%			✗	✓	
Gail	Chasey (D-18)	100%	96%			✓		
Sharon	Clahchischilliage (R-4)	0%	44%			✗	✗	
Zachary J.	Cook (R-56)	0%	67%			✗		
Randal S.	Crowder (R-64)	0%	25%			✗		
Jim	Dines (R-20)	100%	89%			✓		
George	Dodge, Jr. (D-63)	100%	78%			✓		
Rebecca L.	Dow (R-38)	100%	69%			✓		
Brian F.	Egolf (D-47)	100%	97%			✓	E	
Daymon	Ely (D-23)	100%	100%			✓		
Candy Spence	Ezell (R-58)	0%	48%			✗		
Kelly	Fajardo (R-7)	100%	79%			✓		
Joanne J.	Ferrary (D-37)	100%	100%			✓		
David M.	Gallegos (R-61)	0%	44%			✗		
Doreen Y.	Gallegos (D-52)	100%	97%			✓	E	
Harry	Garcia (D-69)	100%	100%			✓		
Miguel P.	Garcia (D-14)	100%	96%			✓		
Stephanie	Garcia Richard (D-43)	100%	100%			✓		
Nate	Gentry (R-30)	100%	87%			✓		
Bealquin Bill	Gomez (D-34)	100%	86%		✓	✓		
Roberto "Bobby"	Gonzales (D-42)	100%	87%			✓	E	
Jimmie C.	Hall (R-28)	n/a	82%			E		
Jason C.	Harper (R-57)	100%	87%			✓	E	
Yvette	Herrell (R-51)	0%	59%		✗	✗		E
D. Wonda	Johnson (D-5)	100%	100%			✓	✓	
Larry A.	Larrañaga (R-27)	0%	68%			✗		
Derrick J.	Lente (D-65)	100%	95%		✓	✓		
Tim D.	Lewis (R-60)	25%	68%		✗	✓	✗	✗
Rick	Little (R-53)	0%	38%			✗		
Georgene	Louis (D-26)	100%	96%			✓		
Patricia A.	Lundstrom (D-9)	100%	90%			✓		
Antonio "Moe"	Maestas (D-16)	100%	98%			✓		

HOUSE SCORES continued

APV Priority Bills

Legislator		2018 Score	Lifetime Score	HB 64 (HCPAC)	HB 64 (HBIC)	HB 64 (Floor Vote)	SB 51 (HTRC)	SB 51 (HBIC)
Sarah	Maestas Barnes (R-15)	100%	97%			✓		
Javier	Martínez (D-11)	100%	100%			E	✓	
Rudolpho "Rudy"	Martinez (D-39)	100%	98%			✓		
Bill	McCamley (D-33)	100%	94%			✓		
Matthew	McQueen (D-50)	100%	100%			✓		
Rod	Montoya (R-1)	0%	38%			✗		
Greg	Nibert (R-59)	0%	14%			✗		
Jane E.	Powdrell-Culbert (R-44)	0%	66%		✗	✗		✗
William "Bill"	Rehm (R-31)	0%	35%			✗		
Dennis J.	Roch (R-67)	100%	76%			✓		
Debbie A.	Rodella (D-41)	100%	75%		✓	✓		
Andrés	Romero (D-10)	100%	100%			✓		
Patricia	Roybal Caballero (D-13)	100%	95%	✓		✓	E	
Angelica	Rubio (D-35)	100%	100%			✓		
Patricio	Ruiloba (D-12)	100%	96%		✓	✓		
Nick L.	Salazar (D-40)	100%	91%			✓		
Tomás	Salazar (D-70)	100%	94%			✓		
Debra M.	Sariñana (D-21)	100%	100%			✓		
Larry	Scott (R-62)	0%	39%			✗	✗	
Nathan	Small (D-36)	100%	100%			✓	✓	
James E.	Smith (R-22)	100%	92%			✓		
Sheryl Williams	Stapleton (D-19)	100%	87%			✓		
James R.J.	Strickler (R-2)	0%	54%			✗	✗	
Candie G.	Sweetser (D-32)	100%	100%			✓		
Elizabeth "Liz"	Thomson (D-24)	n/a	100%			E		
James	Townsend (R-54)	0%	39%			✗		
Carl	Trujillo (D-46)	100%	98%		✓	✓	✓	
Christine	Trujillo (D-25)	100%	96%			✓		
Jim R.	Trujillo (D-45)	100%	95%		✓	✓	✓	E
Linda M.	Trujillo (D-48)	100%	100%			✓		
Bob	Wooley (R-66)	50%	63%	✓		✗		
Monica	Youngblood (R-68)	100%	80%	✓	✓	✓		

GOVERNOR SUSANA MARTINEZ'S 2018 RECORD



Governor Martinez's administration has retained in the state budget a recurring \$50,000 appropriation from the general fund for animal protection services related to domestic violence.



Sadly, Governor Martinez vetoed House Bill 64.

In case you missed it, here was APV's statement upon hearing the news:

Dear Friends,

Unfortunately, Governor Martinez has vetoed House Bill 64, the legislation enacting spay/neuter funding from pet food manufacturer fees.

We want to thank everyone for your excellent advocacy and everything you all did to support this legislation, and none of our work is in vain. Everything is cumulative in our work, and we will get this through soon - possibly next year - with even more support, thanks to your valiant efforts.

This measure has generated remarkable support from around the state, including municipalities, counties, and residents who are tired of seeing tax and donor dollars used in the tragic cycle of euthanasia of unwanted animals. This mechanism is working extremely well in other states and New Mexico deserves to have this solution, too. Let's not give up. Let's celebrate our tenacity and remember the tens of thousands of dogs and cats in New Mexico's animal shelters that need us to keep fighting for this cost-saving, life-saving measure.

Sincerely,

*Elisabeth Jennings, Executive Director
Animal Protection Voters*



LOCAL VICTORIES FOR WILDLIFE



Albuquerque Condemns Killing Contests

Some of the most gruesome events taking place statewide are the slew of horrific coyote killing contests. These competitions, where individuals try to kill the most, largest, or smallest coyotes to win prizes, are barbaric, wasteful, and should be relegated to the trash heap.

A state bill to ban coyote killing contests has edged closer to final passage with each year it is introduced, but the finish line still lies ahead. The City of Albuquerque sent a very clear, powerful message when it voted unanimously on March 5, 2018 in favor of **R-18-5**, a resolution “**Condemning Animal Abuse In The Form Of Coyote Killing Contests And Urging The New Mexico Legislature To Pass Legislation Prohibiting Contests Organized, Arranged Or Sponsored For The Purpose Of Killing Coyotes For Prizes Or Entertainment.**”

APV is immensely grateful to **Councilor Diane Gibson (District 7)** for introducing this important measure, and to **Councilor Cynthia Borrego (District 5)** for cosponsoring the resolution. By passing this resolution unanimously, the City of Albuquerque is making a strong statement: New Mexicans value our native wildlife, including coyotes, so please ban these barbaric bloodbaths in our state! This is NOT who we are as New Mexicans.



Albuquerque City Councilor Diane Gibson (seated) with supporters after a Council committee voted to pass her resolution opposing coyote killing contests; (top left to right: Elisabeth Dicharry, Brenda McKenna, APV Chief Legislative Officer Jessica Johnson, Nancy Savage, Leslie Chavez, and Fred Houdek. *Photo courtesy of Councilor Gibson.*



Santa Fe Ousts Cruel Circuses

Thanks to the many compassionate Santa Fe voices who contacted their local lawmakers, the City of Santa Fe has banned wild or exotic animal acts, such as in circuses or other traveling acts, from performing in their community. Wild animals in these acts are forced to perform tricks through abuse and intimidation and are cruelly confined or chained for prolonged periods of time when not performing.

The proposed ordinance, Bill No. 2017-23, was sponsored by **Councilor Signe Lindell (District 1)** and co-sponsored by **Councilor Peter Ives (District 2)**. On Sept. 13, 2017 the Santa Fe City Council and **then-Mayor Javier Gonzales** approved the measure by an 8-1 vote.

We convey our deepest gratitude to sponsor Councilor Sig Lindell and all the supporting Councilors, and our utmost appreciation to all the animal advocates who waited for hours—late into the night—to give their passionate testimony. The support for the measure was overwhelming, and everyone was thrilled to celebrate a win for common sense and compassion.



Councilor Signe Lindell and APV chief legislative officer Jessica Johnson pose for a photo after the successful vote on the ban on cruel animal circuses. *Photo courtesy of Jessica Johnson.*

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PRIORITIES AND STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS IN 2019

It is still months away, but 2019 is already shaping up to be a big year of opportunity for animal-related state legislation in New Mexico. A new Governor will be in place in January 2019. The state House of Representatives will have shifted—at least slightly—by Election Day. And a new state legislative session

will begin in January, a 60-day “long session” where nearly any type of policy issue could be up for debate. This means APV plans to return to the Roundhouse pushing for many bills we pursued in 2017 but that didn’t get passed into law.



We will end horrific coyote killing contests.

This bill would enact a ban on the senseless, repulsive practice of competitions to kill coyotes for prizes or entertainment—seen by residents and tourists alike as a black eye to the state. Killing contests cause ecological damage, fail to protect livestock, and violate traditional hunting ethics. The bill would not prohibit killing a coyote to protect life, property, or livestock.



We will shrink euthanasia rates with dog/cat food manufacturer fees to fund low-cost spay/neuter services.

Modeled after successful, effective measures in other states, this legislation would establish a \$100 fee, phased in over three years, to be paid by dog/cat food manufacturing corporations for every label sold in the state, to fund the statewide low-cost spay/neuter programs. More than 135,000 cats and dogs enter our state’s animal shelters annually, and almost half are euthanized simply for lack of adoptive homes.



We will fight to restrict cruel traps and poisons on public lands. This measure would restrict the unfettered use of traps, snares, and lethal poisons on public lands that results in risk to public safety, inflicts cruelty, and causes ecological destruction. Because these devices are indiscriminate, endangered species and companion animals often fall victim, resulting in horrific injuries and deaths. New Mexico’s neighboring states of Arizona and Colorado, in addition to other states and countries, have already enacted bans.



We will develop and support new initiatives for animal protection. Whether it’s strengthening the state animal cruelty law, reforming outdated mandatory dog euthanasia laws or ensuring all types of injured wild animals can be treated at wildlife rehabilitation facilities, APV will be searching for every avenue to make “humane” the new normal in New Mexico.



We will vigorously oppose anti-animal bills. Every single one.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

VOTE

Be sure to examine every federal, state, and local candidate’s positions on the issues you care about, and vote accordingly. Need assistance? Contact info@apvnm.org and we will be happy to help.

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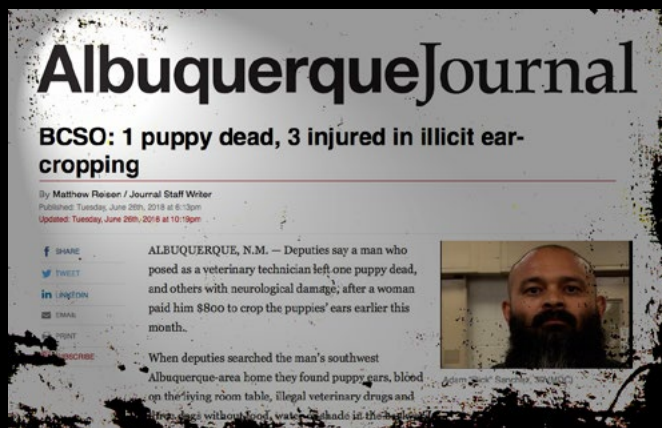
Lobby in 2018—**before the 2019 legislative session begins.** Once the session starts, hectic schedules and heated politics can make it much harder to have your message heard. An invite for a quick cup of coffee or polite request to meet in an office this fall will give you a chance to have one-on-one time with your elected official. Bring a fact sheet, be courteous, and let APV know how it goes.

Lobby your legislators **during the session, too.** Emails work well, and phone calls are even better. Plan a trip to the Roundhouse, if you can. A great way to follow up your excellent pre-session lobbying is to visit your legislators while they’re in Santa Fe during the session.

SHARE

The animal protection movement grows stronger with every new advocate engaging in the legislative process. Spread the word by helping to educate others and urging them to get involved.

IN 2018, HE WAS FINALLY CAUGHT



BUT WHAT WE DID IN 2017 WILL HELP ENSURE HE FACES SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES.

You've seen the headlines: for 20 years, he performed veterinary procedures with no training or license to do so, inflicting pain, suffering, and death on innocent animals.

In 2018, he was caught.

But in 2017, Animal Protection Voters worked with New Mexico veterinarians to pass House Bill 219.

This bill finally gives the NM Board of Veterinary Medicine the authority to bring civil action against those illegally practicing veterinary medicine without a license.

That means crimes like this can now receive both criminal and civil charges.

This is what Animal Protection Voters is all about: fighting to enact systemic change to protect animals.

THERE IS NO ONE ELSE SPEAKING UP FOR ALL ANIMALS AT THE ROUNDHOUSE. BUT WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOUR HELP.



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NEW MEXICO'S ANIMALS DESERVE STRONG AND EFFECTIVE ANIMAL PROTECTION LAWS



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Effective, strong animal protection laws are only possible when there are enough humane lawmakers in office.

Your vote on Election Day—Tuesday, November 6, 2018—is the key. But in order to vote, you need to be correctly registered by October 9. Visit apvnm.org/vote to be directed to the NM Secretary of State's online voter registration portal.

Elections have consequences. Let's make 2018 a giant step forward for animals.

REGISTER
by **OCT 9**

VOTE
on **NOV 6**

