

Animal Protection Voters

2003 Session Scorecard



The Animal Protection Scorecard provides important insight into animal protection issues considered during the 2003 session of the New Mexico Legislature. You will find summaries of important pro-animal bills and an account of how legislators voted on those issues.

Summary of Bills Scored

A ✓ indicates a pro-animal bill that passed and was signed into law. A ✗ indicates an anti-animal measure that passed. A ♡ symbol indicates the legislation failed.

♡ **Prohibiting Cockfighting—House Bill 599 and Senate Bill 64** Rep. Ron Godbey (R-Cedar Crest) led a bill to ban cockfighting farther than it has ever gone, garnering it a 45 to 21 passing vote in the House. The bill would have made participating in a cockfight a felony, as it currently is to participate in a dogfight. Three committees voted on H.B. 599 before it reached the House floor: Consumer & Public Affairs, Agriculture, and Judiciary. The bill was never granted a hearing in the Senate. The Senate Conservation Committee killed another anti-cockfighting bill, SB 64 sponsored by Sen. Steve Komadina (R-Corrales), in the early days of the session by a 5-4 vote. A vote for the legislation is a vote for the animals, indicated by a ★.

Since this was a priority bill for Animal Protection Voters, and one of the more controversial bills heard during the session, co-sponsorship is also indicated on the House scorecard. The following legislators co-sponsored SB 64: Sens. McSorley, Feldman, Rawson, and Sharer.

✓ **Bear Proof Garbage Containers—House Bill 560**

This bill, sponsored by Rep. Ron Godbey, aimed to reduce conflicts between humans and bears

through the use of bear proof garbage containers. Exposed trash is a lure for black bears, New Mexico's state mammal, especially when drought has reduced the animals' natural food supply. The Department of Game and Fish is authorized by this bill to designate areas where bear proof trash containers must be used. The bill passed the House (51-12) and the Senate (29-0) and was signed into law by the governor. A vote for the legislation is a vote for the animals, indicated by a ★.

✓ **Spay/Neuter License Plates—House Bill 566**

Companion animal overpopulation is a concern for every animal advocate. The crisis-level proliferation of dogs and cats well beyond the number of available homes results in the euthanasia of tens of thousands of healthy, adoptable animals in the state each year. Spaying or neutering is one way to prevent this. Rep. Irvin Harrison (D-Gallup) introduced this bill to create special license plates that help fund spay/neuter programs in the state. The bill passed the House (47-9) and the Senate (27-7) and was signed into law by the governor. A vote for the legislation is a vote for the animals, indicated by a ★.

♡ **Wildlife Conservation Funding—House Bill 943**

This bill, sponsored by Rep. Max Coll (D-Santa Fe), also aimed to fund wildlife conservation programs. The legislation would have created a wildlife conservation surtax to be levied on individual New Mexico taxpayers. The

Department of Game and Fish would spend the monies to further wildlife conservation and obtain habitat. The bill failed on the House floor by a vote of 25 to 38. Rep. Ray Begay (D-Shiprock) and Sen. Cisco McSorley (D-Albuquerque) also introduced bills to achieve the same goal, but neither progressed very far. A vote for the legislation is a vote for the animals, indicated by a ★.

♡ **Persecution of Mexican Grey Wolves—House Bill 764 and Senate Bill 746**

The wolf has all too often fallen victim to the negative stereotype of the "big bad wolf." This bill took vilifying the wolf a step further, creating a list of crimes wolves could be found guilty of and holding government employees tasked with wolf recovery efforts personally liable for the actions of the wolves they helped reintroduce as part of their jobs. Sponsored by Rep. Diane Hamilton (R-Silver City) and Sen. Steve Komadina (R-Corrales), the bills passed the House Environment and Natural Resources committee and the Senate Conservation Committee before being tabled by the House Judiciary Committee. A vote against the legislation is a vote for the animals, indicated by a ★.

✓ **Artificial Wildlife—Senate Bill 59**

Sen. Tim Jennings (D-Roswell) introduced this bill to give law enforcement an additional tool for addressing poaching. The bill makes it punishable to shoot the (continued on next page)

Important Bills Not Scored

These bills and memorials garnered such broad support that we did not include them in the scorecard. However, we wanted to point out the leadership of their sponsors as well as indicate the few legislators who voted against the animals. A ✓ symbol indicates a pro-animal bill that passed and was signed into law.

✓ Wildlife License Plates— House Bill 656

Non-game wildlife species receive much less financial support than do those that can be legally hunted. Rep. Mimi Stewart (D-Albuquerque) sponsored this bill to provide additional monies for the state's Share with Wildlife program. Through the sale of special license plates, funds will be raised to support a wealth of non-game species conservation efforts. The bill passed the House (60-1) and the Senate (36-1) and was signed into law by the governor. Voting against the bill: Rep. Roberts and Sen. Adair.

✓ Reducing Wildlife-Vehicle Collisions—House Joint Memorial 3

This memorial brought attention to the fact that wildlife and vehicles are a deadly combination. Sponsored by Rep. Mimi Stewart (D-Albuquerque), the memorial asked the state to raise

awareness of how to avoid collisions with wildlife and to consider wildlife while constructing roadways. The measure passed the House (58-1) and the Senate (33-0). Memorials do not require the governor's signature. Voting against the memorial: Rep. Townsend.

✓ Preservation of Wild Horses— Senate Joint Memorial 96

Introduced by Sen. Steve Komadina (R-Corralles), this memorial requests the legislature to study ways to protect and preserve wild horses in New Mexico. The state has a rich equine history and love of horses, especially the enchanting descendants of Spanish colonial horses. The memorial passed the Senate (29-0) and the House (51-2). Voting against the memorial: Reps. Regensberg and Hamilton.

2001 SESSION

Animal Protection Voters was not created until after the 2001 session. Yet, there were two important animal bills supported by Animal Protection of New Mexico. Both passed by impressive margins. We have listed those legislators casting a vote against the animals below.

✓ Reptiles and Amphibians— House Bill 282

This bill, sponsored by Rep. Ray Begay (D-Shiprock), gave the Department of Game and Fish the authority to regulate the take of native reptiles and amphibians. This basic level of protection had not previously been afforded these animals. This authority also enables the department to better monitor the health of reptile and amphibian populations in the state. The bill passed the House (62-4) and the Senate (23-9) and was signed into law by the governor.

House votes against the bill: Reps. Bratton, Boykin, Roberts, and former-Rep. Marsha Atkins. Senate votes against the bill: Sens. Adair, Cravens, Gorham, Hurt, Leavell, Rawson, and Sharer, and then-Sens. Shirley Bailey and Patrick Lyons

✓ Eliminate Certain Cruelty Exemptions—Senate Bill 35

In response to numerous negligent chimpanzee deaths at the former Coulston Foundation primate research facility, Sen. Mary Jane Garcia (D-Dona Ana) introduced this legislation. The bill eliminated an exemption in the state cruelty statute for intermediate handlers, carriers, and exhibitors, and added the caveat that licensed research facilities could be found guilty of cruelty if they were operating outside the provisions of their approved research or maintenance protocol. The bill passed the House (58-0) and the Senate (34-2) and was signed into law by the governor. Senate votes against the bill: Sen. Griego and then-Senator Patrick Lyons.



Additional Legislative Achievements for 2003

Companion Animal Hoarding—House Bill 19

Rep. Joe Thompson (R-Albuquerque) sponsored a bill aimed at addressing the widespread problem of companion animal hoarding. The bill underwent a number of amendments before being approved by the House (47-19), but never had a hearing in the Senate. Although this bill was one of Animal Protection Voters' priority bills, the various modifications made legislators and their constituents unsure of how the bill would actually impact animals in the state. APV decided not to score this vote, but wants to commend Rep. Thompson for his truly valiant leadership and heartfelt compassion for the animals of New Mexico.

Rabies Vaccinations—Senate Bill 70

Sen. Mary Kay Papen (D-Las Cruces) introduced a bill to change how frequent dogs and cats are required to be vaccinated against rabies. Studies have shown that vaccines are effective for at least three years and that less frequent vaccinations do not result in an increase of rabies. After the bill was introduced, the state health department offered to amend their regulations from requiring annual vaccinations to a three-year requirement. So while the bill never had a hearing, the intent of the bill was accomplished. Kudos goes to Sen. Papen and the health department.

2003 Bill Summaries continued:

artificial wildlife decoys used by game wardens to catch those illegally hunting the animals.

Previously, poachers could be lured in by the fake animals but not charged, as they were not actually caught shooting at a live animal. The bill passed the House (42-21) and the Senate (26-9) and was signed into law by the governor. A vote for the legislation is a vote for the animals, indicated by a ★.

X Reevaluate Endangered Species Act— Senate Memorial 8

This measure, introduced by Sen. Allen Hurt (R-Farmington), took aim at the federal Endangered Species Act, a hallmark of wildlife conservation. The memorial sends a message to the US Congress to reevaluate the worth of the ESA. While a memorial has no legal thrust, votes do indicate how legislators value protecting threatened and endangered species. SM 8 passed the Senate by a vote of 16-11. A vote against the memorial is a vote for the animals, indicated by a ★. (Senate score only.)

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 Artificial Game (SB 59)

Thomas Anderson (R-29)	★	★	★	A	O	★
Janice Arnold-Jones (R-24)	O	O	★	O	-	★
Gail Beam (D-18)	☆	★	★	★	-	★
Ray Begaye (D-4)	★	★	E	★	-	E
William Ed Boykin (R-37)	★	★	★	★	-	★
Donald Bratton (R-62)	★	★	★	O	-	O
Jose Campos (D-63)	★	★	★	O	-	★
Joseph Cervantes (D-52)	☆	★	★	O	-	★
Max Coll (D-47)	★	O	★	⊗	-	★
Kandy Cordova (D-7)	O	★	A	★	-	O
Anna Crook (R-64)	★	O	★	O	-	A
Dan Foley (R-57)	O	A	★	O	-	★
Mary Helen Garcia (D-34)	O	★	★	★	-	★
Miguel Garcia (D-14)	A	★	★	★	O	O
Ron Godbey (R-22)	⊗	⊗	E	O	-	★
Roberto Gonzales (D-42)	★	O	E	★	-	★
Dianne Hamilton (R-38)	★	★	O	O	X	A
George Hanosh (D-6)	★	O	★	★	-	★
Irvin Harrison (D-5)	★	★	⊗	O	-	★
John Heaton (D-55)	★	★	★	O	O	A
Manuel Herrera (D-39)	★	★	★	O	-	O
Ted Hobbs (R-20)	☆	★	★	O	-	★
Dona Irwin (B-32)	★	★	★	O	-	-
Rhonda King (D-50)	★	★	E	O	-	★
Lorenzo Larranaga (R-27)	★	O	O	O	-	★
Antonio Lujan (D-35)	☆	A	★	★	O	O
Ben Lujan (D-46)	★	★	★	★	-	★
Fred Luna (D-8)	O	E	★	★	-	O
Patty Lundstrom (D-9)	O	★	★	A	-	E
J Roger Madalena (D-65)	E	★	E	E	O	★
Terry Marquardt (R-53)	O	★	O	O	-	O
W. Ken Martinez (D-69)	☆	★	E	★	E	★
Rick Miera (D-11)	E	★	A	★	-	★
Brian Moore (R-67)	O	★	★	★	-	★
Andy Nunez (D-36)	O	★	★	★	-	O

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Rory Ogle (R-28)	☆	★	O	O	-	★
Al Park (D-26)	☆	★	★	O	-	★
Danice Picraux (D-25)	A	★	★	★	E	O
Pauline Ponce (D-58)	O	O	★	O	-	O
Jane Powdrell-Culbert (R-44)	★	★	★	O	-	★
Bengie Regensberg (D-68)	O	O	E	O	-	O
Earlene Roberts (R-66)	O	★	O	O	E	★
Debbie Rodella (D-41)	O	O	A	A	-	O
Ray Ruiz (D-16)	★	★	★	★	-	★
Henry "Kiki" Saavedra (D-10)	O	★	★	★	-	★
Nick Salazar (D-40)	O	★	★	★	E	★
Edward Sandoval (D-17)	★	★	E	O	-	O
Daniel Silva (D-13)	O	★	★	O	-	★
Sheryl Williams Stapleton (D-19)	★	A	A	★	-	A
Joe Stell (D-54)	★	★	★	O	-	O
Mimi Stewart (D-21)	☆	A	★	★	-	★
Tom Swisstak (D-60)	★	★	★	O	-	★
James G.Taylor (D-12)	O	E	A	A	-	O
J. Paul Taylor (D-33)	★	★	★	★	-	★
Thomas Taylor (R-1)	★	★	O	O	-	O
Joe Thompson (R-31)	★	★	★	O	-	★
Nick Tinnin (R-2)	☆	★	★	O	-	E
Sandra Townsend (R-3)	★	O	★	O	-	O
Don Tripp (R-49)	O	O	E	O	-	★
Jim Trujillo (D-45)	★	★	★	★	-	★
Luciano "Lucky" Varela (D-48)	★	★	★	A	-	O
Gloria Vaughn (R-51)	☆	★	O	O	O	★
Richard Vigil (D-70)	O	★	★	★	-	★
Jeannette Wallace (R-43)	★	O	★	O	-	O
Donald Whitaker (D-61)	O	★	★	O	-	★
Robert White (D-30)	☆	E	O	O	-	★
W. C. "Dub" Williams (R-56)	★	★	★	O	-	★
Avon Wilson (R-59)	O	★	★	E	O	★
Eric Youngberg (R-23)	☆	★	★	O	-	★
Teresa Zanetii (R-15)	☆	★	O	O	-	O

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SENATE VOTES

Rod Adair (R-33)	★	–	–	O	A	O
Ben Altamirano (D-28)	A	–	–	A	E	★
Manny Aragon (D-14)	O	O	E	★	E	★
Sue Wilson Beffort (R-19)	★	–	–	★	★	★
Mark Boitano (R-18)	E	–	–	★	A	O
Pete Campos (D-8)	★	–	–	A	★	★
Joseph Carraro (R-23)	A	–	–	E	A	★
Carlos Cisneros (D-6)	O	O	O	O	★	★
Kent Cravens (R-21)	★	–	–	A	★	★
Dianna Duran (R-40)	★	O	E	O	A	★
Dede Feldman (D-13)	O	–	–	E	★	★
Joseph Fidel (D-30)	★	–	–	E	A	★
Mary Jane Garcia (D-36)	O	–	–	★	★	★
Ramsay Gorham (R-10)	★	★	O	O	★	★
Phil Griego (D-39)	★	O	O	A	★	★
Clint Harden (R-7)	★	–	–	O	★	O
Allen Hurt (R-2)	E	–	–	O	★	A
Stuart Ingle (R-27)	★	–	–	O	E	O
Tim Jennings (D-32)	⊕	–	–	O	★	★
Gay Kernan (R-42)	★	–	–	O	★	★
Don Kidd (R-34)	★	★	O	A	★	★
Steve Komadina (R-9)	★	⊕	X	O	★	O
Carroll Leavell (R-41)	★	–	–	O	E	A
Linda Lopez (D-11)	O	–	–	★	★	★
Roman Maes (D-25)	O	–	–	A	★	★
Richard Martinez (D-5)	O	O	O	★	★	★
Cisco McSorely (D-16)	★	–	–	★	★	A
Cynthia Nava (D-31)	O	–	–	★	★	A
Mary Kay Papen (D-38)	E	–	–	E	★	★
William Payne (R-20)	★	★	O	O	E	E
John Pinto (D-3)	★	–	–	★	★	★
Lidio Rainaldi (D-4)	A	–	–	A	★	A
Leonard Lee Rawson (R-37)	★	–	–	O	★	O
Shannon Robinson (D-17)	★	–	–	A	★	A
Nancy Rodriguez (D-24)	★	★	O	O	★	★
Richard Romero (D-12)	★	–	–	★	★	★
Bernadette Sanchez (D-26)	E	–	–	★	★	★
Michael Sanchez (D-29)	★	–	–	★	★	★
William Sharer (R-1)	★	–	–	A	A	O
John Arthur Smith (D-35)	★	–	–	A	E	★
Diane Snyder (R-15)	★	–	–	A	★	E
Leonard Tsosie (D-22)	O	–	–	★	A	★

Key To Terms & Symbols

SPONSOR

A sponsor is a legislator who took initial interest in the legislation, drafted it, introduced it and provided leadership for the bill. Circle stars (⊕) indicate sponsorship of a pro-animal bill. X indicates sponsorship of an anti-animal bill.

COSPONSOR

A cosponsor is a legislator who signed onto the bill after the sponsor drafted the language and before it was introduced, lending official support and commitment to the legislation. White stars (☆) indicate cosponsorship of a pro-animal bill. ✖ indicates cosponsorship of an anti-animal bill.

- ★ A vote for the animals
- O A vote against the animals
- E Legislator was excused from the vote
- A Legislator did not register a vote
- Legislator is not member of committee voting