2005 Scorecard
NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATURE

Welcome to the Animal Protection Voters 2005 Scorecard for the New Mexico State Legislature.

We know that New Mexicans are concerned about animals and appreciate legislative leaders who value animals in our society. That's why Animal Protection Voters created this scorecard—so that voters across the state can determine if their legislators share their humane values.

The APV Scorecard grades legislators based on how they voted on a number of animal protection bills and memorials introduced during this particular session. We want to give legislators credit for stopping harmful bills during the committee process, so we've included a number of committee votes this year. The final score represents the percentage of time that a legislator voted to protect animals when given the opportunity. A summary of each scored item is listed below.

While useful, the scores included here provide only one facet of each legislator's stance on animal protection issues. Legislators can work behind the scenes to either kill or promote a bill. Committee chairs can delay the scheduling of hearings or hold the reporting of their committee's actions, hampering a bill's progress and likelihood of success. Moreover, legislators don't get to vote on every issue. For instance, the full Senate was prohibited from voting on a bill to ban cockfighting because the bill was killed by one small committee.

Governor Bill Richardson signed two APV priority bills, Scooby's Law and the Dangerous Dog Act, in 2005. Both APV campaign manager Danielle Bays and New Mexico Animal Control Association president Andrew Jaramillo were there to thank the governor for his support."

PRO-ANIMAL BILLS

The following bills were APV priorities for passage in 2005. Legislators voting in favor of them won points in our scorecard.

The Animal Sheltering Services Act
Senate Bill 414, sponsored by Senator Mary Jane Garcia (D-Doña Ana). This Act aimed to create a Governor-appointed board to regulate animal shelter operations and euthanasia across New Mexico. Currently, there are no standards for animal shelters and euthanasia practices in our state. Many shelters are anxious for guidelines and assistance with the unfortunate task of housing and often euthanizing tens of thousands of animals each year in the state's shelters. The bill passed the Senate unanimously and passed its only House committee referral, but died for lack of a House floor vote. Both the Senate floor vote and the House Judiciary Committee votes are scored.

Cockfighting Ban
Senate Bill 65, sponsored by Senators Mary Jane Garcia (D-Doña Ana) and Nancy Rodriguez (D-Santa Fe); Senate Bill 66, sponsored by Senator Steve Komadina (R-Corrales); House Bill 878, sponsored by Representatives Peter Wirth (D-Santa Fe) and Richard Cheney (R-Farmington). These identical bills aimed to outlaw cockfighting statewide. Cockfighting would have been added to the current law prohibiting dog fighting, making participation a fourth degree felony. SB 65 & SB 66 were tabled in the Senate Conservation Committee by a 6-2 vote. HB 878 passed the House by a 51-15 vote. Some pro-cockfighting legislators attempted to get HB 878 an additional committee referral as a way to kill the bill. The effort failed the full House by a 20 to 42 vote. Both the House floor vote on the bill and the House floor vote to refer HB 878 to a third committee are included in our scorecard.

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Scoring: The final score represents the percentage of time that a legislator voted to protect animals when given the opportunity. A ✓ indicates a vote for the animals while a ✗ indicates a vote against the animals. Legislators who sponsored one of APV's priority bills received a twenty point bonus (⚥). Legislators who sponsored one of the anti-animal bills scored got twenty points deducted from their final scores (⚥).

Absence from a vote—simply not being in the room when the vote took place—is indicated by an "A" while an "E" indicates legislators who were officially excused from a vote. Neither are included in a legislator's final score.

Bills (columns, outermost to innermost):
- Cockfighting HB 878
- Cockfighting HB 878, 3rd cmte
- Scooby HB 482, SB 497
- Dang Dogs HB 400
- Cougars HB 47
- Canned Hunts SB 337
- Sheltering Board SB 414

House Scores

Legislator	Cockfighting HB 878	Cockfighting HB 878, 3rd cmte	Scooby HB 482, SB 497	Dang Dogs HB 400	Cougars HB 47	Canned Hunts SB 337	Sheltering Board SB 414	Total
Thomas Anderson (R-29, Bernalillo)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗		50%
Janice Arnold-Jones (R-24, Bernalillo)	✓	✓	✓	✓				100%
Hector Balderas (D-68, Colfax, Guadalupe, Mora, San Miguel & Taos)	✗	A	✓	✓			✓	75%
Gail Beam (D-18, Bernalillo)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	100%
Ray Begaye (D-4, San Juan)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100%
William Ed Boykin (R-37, Doña Ana)	✓	✓	✓	✓				100%
Donald Bratton (R-62, Lea)	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗			60%
Jose Campos (D-63, Curry, DeBaca, Guadalupe & Roosevelt)	A	✗	✓	✓				67%
Joseph Cervantes (D-52, Doña Ana)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		100%
Ernest Chavez (D-12, Bernalillo)	✗	✓	✓	✓				75%
Richard Cheney (R-2, San Juan) ⚥	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗			80%
Kandy Cordova (D-7, Valencia)	✓	A	✓	✓				100%
Anna Crook (R-64, Curry)	✓	✓	✓	✗				75%
Candy Spence Ezzell (R-58, Chavez)	✗	✗	✓	A	✗			25%
Dan Foley (R-57, Chaves, Lincoln & Otero)	✗	A	✓	✗	A			33%
Justine Fox-Young (D-30, Bernalillo)	✓	✓	✓	✗	A			75%
Mary Helen Garcia (D-34, Doña Ana)	A	✗	✓	✓	✓			75%
Miguel Garcia (D-14, Bernalillo) ⚥	✓	E	✓	✓	✓			120%
Keith Gardner (R-66, Chaves, Eddy, Lea & Roosevelt)	✗	✓	✓	✗				50%
Bobby Gonzales (D-42, Taos)	✓	✗	✓	✓				75%
Joni Gutierrez (D-33, Doña Ana)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		100%
Jimmy Hall (R-28, Bernalillo)	✓	✓	✓	✗				75%
Dianne Hamilton (R-38, Grant, Hidalgo & Sierra)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✗		80%
George Hanosh (D-6, Cibola & McKinley)	✓	✗	✓	✓				75%
Irvin Harrison (D-5, McKinley & San Juan)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		100%
John Heaton (D-55, Eddy)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗			80%
Manuel Herrara (D-39, Grant & Hidalgo)	✓	✓	✓	✓				100%
Ted Hobbs (R-20, Bernalillo)	✓	✓	✓	✗				75%
Dona Irwin (B-32, Luna)	A	✗	✓	✓	✗			50%
Rhonda King (D-50, Bernalillo, Santa Fe & Torrance)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100%
Larry Larranaga (R-27, Bernalillo)	✓	A	✓	✗	✗			50%
Antonio Lujan (D-35, Doña Ana)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100%
Ben Lujan (D-46, Santa Fe)	✗	✗	✓	✓				50%
Fred Luna (D-8, Valencia)	✗	✗	E	E	✗			0%
Patty Lundstrom (D-9, McKinley & San Juan)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100%

House Scores

Legislator	Cockfighting HB 878	Cockfighting HB 878, 3rd cmte	Scooby HB 482, SB 497	Dang Dogs HB 400	Cougars HB 47	Canned Hunts SB 337	Sheltering Board SB 414	Total
J. Roger Madalena (D-65, Bernalillo, McKinley, Rio Arriba & Sandoval)			✓	E	E	E	E	100%
Terry Marquardt (R-53, Dona Ana & Otero)	✓			✗	✓	✓	✓	75%
Ken Martinez (D-69, Cibola, McKinley, San Juan)	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Kathy McCoy (R-22, Bernalillo, Sandoval, Santa Fe) ⚥				✓	✓	✓	✓	120%
Rick Miera (D-11, Bernalillo)				✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Brian Moore (R-67, Curry, Harding, Quay, Roosevelt, San Miguel & Union) ⚥			✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	55%
Andy Nuñez (D-36, Doña Ana)				✓	✓	✗	✗	50%
Al Park (D-26, Bernalillo)	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Greg Payne (R-31, Bernalillo)				✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Danice Picraux (D-25, Bernalillo)				✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Jane Powdrell-Culbert (R-44, Sandoval)				E	✓	✓	✓	100%
Debbie Rodella (D-41, Rio Arriba, Sandoval & Taos)				✓	✓	✗	✗	50%
Harriet Ruiz (D-16, Bernalillo)				E	✓	✓	✓	100%
Henry Kiki Saavedra (D-10, Bernalillo & Valencia)				✓	✓	✗	✗	50%
Nick Salazar (D-40, Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Santa Fe & Taos)			✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	80%
Edward Sandoval (D-17, Bernalillo)				✓	✓	✗	✓	75%
Daniel Silva (D-13, Bernalillo)				✓	✓	✓	✗	50%
Sheryl Williams Stapleton (D-19, Bernalillo)				✓	A	✓	✓	100%
Joe Stell (D-54, Eddy & Otero)			✗	✓	✓	✗		60%
Mimi Stewart (D-21, Bernalillo)	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Thomas Swisstack (D-60, Sandoval)	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Thomas Taylor (R-3, San Juan)				✗	✓	✓	✓	75%
Sandra Townsend (R-3, San Juan)			✗	✗	✓	A	✓	50%
Don Tripp (R-49, Catron, Socorro & Valencia)				✓	✓	A	✗	67%
Jim Trujillo (D-45, Santa Fe)				✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Luciano Lucky Varela (D-48, Santa Fe)			E	✓	✓	✗	✓	75%
Gloria Vaughn (R-51, Otero)	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Richard Vigil (D-70, San Miguel & Torrance)				✓	✓	✗	✗	50%
Jeannette Wallace (R-43, Los Alamos, Sandoval & Santa Fe)			✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	60%
Donald Whitaker (D-61, Lea)				✓	✓	✗	A	67%
W. C. Dub Williams (R-56, Lincoln & Otero)			✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	60%
Avon Wilson (R-59, Chaves, Lincoln, Otero)			✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	20%
Peter Wirth (D-47, Santa Fe)				✓	✓	✓	✓	120%
Eric Youngberg (R-23, Bernalillo & Sandoval)	✓			✗	✓	✓	✓	75%
Teresa Zanetti (R-15, Bernalillo)	✓			✗	✓	✓	✓	75%

Anti-Animals SM 1

Terroism SB 176

Canned Hunts SB 337

Sheltering Board SB 414

Dang Dogs SB 432, HB 400

Scooby SB 497, HB 482

Cockfighting SB 65 & 66

Senate Scores

Name	SM 1	SB 176	SB 337	SB 414	SB 432 / HB 400	SB 497 / HB 482	SB 65 & 66	Total
Rod Adair (R-33, Chaves & Eddy)		✓	✓	✓	✗		✗	75%
Ben Altamirano (D-28, Catron, Grant & Socorro)	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	A	50%
Vernon Asbill (R-34, Eddy, Lea & Otero)		✓	✗	✓	✗			50%
Sue Wilson Beffort (R-19, Bernalillo)		✓	✓	✓	✓			100%
Mark Boitano (R-18, Bernalillo)		✓	✗	✓	✗			50%
Pete Campos (D-8, De Baca, Guadalupe, Lincoln, San Miguel)		✓	✓	✓	✗			75%
Joseph Carraro (R-23, Bernalillo & Sandoval)		✓	A	A	✗			50%
Carlos Cisneros (D-6, Mora, Taos & Santa Fe)	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	E		40%
Kent Cravens (R-21, Bernalillo)		✓	✗	✓	✗		✗	40%
Dianna Duran (R-40, Otero)		✗	✓	✓	✗		A	50%
Dede Feldman (D-13, Bernalillo)		✓	✓	E	✓		✓	100%
Joseph Fidel (D-30, Cibola, Socorro & Valencia)		✓	A	✓	✗			67%
Mary Jane Garcia (D-36, Doña Ana)		✓	✓	✓	✗			115%
Phil Griego (D-39, Bernalillo, Los Alamos, Sandoval, San Miguel, Santa Fe & Torrance)	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗		67%
John Grubesic (D-25, Santa Fe)		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	120%
Clint Harden (R-7, Colfax, Harding, Quay, Union & San Miguel)	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗		33%
Stuart Ingle (R-27, Chaves, Curry & Roosevelt)		✓	✗	✓	✗			50%
Tim Jennings (D-32, Chaves, Eddy & Otero)		✓	✗	✓	✗			30%
Gay Kernan (R-42, Curry, Lea & Roosevelt)		✓	✗	✓	✗			50%
Steve Komadina (R-9, Bernalillo & Sandoval)		✓	✓	E	✗		✗	50%
Carrol Leavell (R-41, Eddy & Lea)		✓	✗	✓	✗			50%
Linda Lopez (D-11, Bernalillo)		✓	✓	E	✓		✓	100%
Richard Martinez (D-5, Los Alamos, Rio Arriba & Taos)	✗	✓	A	E	✗	✗		25%
Cisco McSorely (D-16, Santa Fe)		✓	✗	✓	✓			75%
Cynthia Nava (D-31, Doña Ana)		✓	E	✓	A			100%
Steven Neville (R-2, San Juan)		✓	✗	✓	✗			50%
Jerry Ortiz y Pino (D-12 Bernalillo)		✓	✓	E	✗		✓	95%
Mary Kay Papen (D-38, Doña Ana)		✓	✓	✓	✗			75%
William Payne (R-20, Bernalillo)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗		67%
John Pinto (D-3, Mc Kinley & San Juan)	✗	✓	✓	A	E	✗		50%
Lidio Rainaldi (D-4, Cibola & McKinley)		✓	✓	✓	✗			75%
Leonard Lee Rawson (R-37, Doña Ana, Otero, Sierra)		✗	✓	✓	✗			50%
Shannon Robinson (D-17, Bernalillo)		✗	✗	✓	✗			25%
Nancy Rodriquez (D-24, Santa Fe)		✓	✓	✓	✗			95%
John Ryan (R-10, Bernalillo)	✓	✓	✓	A	✗	✗		60%
Bernadette Sanchez (D-26, Bernalillo)		✓	✗	✓	✗			50%
Michael Sanchez (D-29, Valencia)		✓	A	✓	✓			100%
William Sharer (R-3, San Juan)	A	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗		20%
John Arthur Smith (D-35, Doña Ana, Hidalgo, Luna & Sierra)		✓	✓	✓	✗			55%
Diane Snyder (R-15, Bernalillo)		✓	✓	E	✗			67%
James Taylor (D-14, Bernalillo & Valencia)		✓	✗	E	✗			33%
Leonard Tsosie (D-22, Bernalillo, Los Alamos, McKinley, Rio Arriba & Sandoval)		✓	✓	A	✓			100%

Pro Animal Bills Cont'd.

The Dangerous Dog Act - ENACTED

Senate Bill 432, sponsored by Senator John Grubesic (D-Santa Fe); House Bill 400, sponsored by Representative Miguel Garcia (D-Albuquerque). This Act aims to protect both people and animals from dangerous dog attacks by allowing both dangerous and potentially dangerous dogs to be identified and housing and handling requirements to be imposed on their guardians. The due process guaranteed under this law allows for the truly dangerous or potentially dangerous dogs to be sifted out from those who may just act tough but are not a threat to public safety. SB 432 passed the Senate by a 20-15 vote and the House by a 44-18 vote. HB 400 passed the House by a 40-25 vote. The two House floor votes were combined for scoring purposes, giving legislators points if they voted for the bill at least once.

Scooby's Law - ENACTED

Senate Bill 497, sponsored by Senator Gerald Ortiz y Pino (D-Albuquerque); House Bill 482, sponsored by Representative Kathy McCoy (R-Cedar Crest). Named after a Bernalillo golden retriever who died as a result of antifreeze poisoning, Scooby's Law requires that antifreeze sold in the state contain denatonium benzoate, the bitterest substance known to science. The goal is to deter small children as well as animals from ingesting dangerous amounts of toxic antifreeze. Both bills passed both the Senate (33-8, 33-2) and the House (67-0, 64-1). The two House and two Senate floor votes were combined for scoring purposes, giving legislators points if they voted for the bill at least once.

BAD BILLS

The following bills would have removed or limited protections for animals. Those who voted against them received points in our scorecard.

I'm just a bill

Some say that all you ever needed to know you learned in kindergarten. One might add, all you ever needed to know about passing legislation you learned from Saturday morning cartoons. During the 1970s I learned a little ditty called "I'm just a bill"—a song about a sad scrap of paper trying to become a law. It was part of the Schoolhouse Rock series of educational cartoons that taught a generation of us about grammar, math, science and America.

This scrap of paper, like every bill, started out as an idea. Advocates of an idea team up with a lawmaker to turn that idea into legislation. The bill's sponsor introduces the bill; it gets assigned a bill number and gets referred to committees. Now the fun begins!

It's a long, long wait while I'm sitting in committee
The first committee schedules and holds a hearing, taking public testimony and debating amongst themselves. It's the lobbyists' job to garner support from committee members before the hearing. At the hearing, a committee can vote for a *do pass, a without recommendation, or a do not pass* with a simple majority. Bills receiving a do pass or a without recommendation vote get sent on to the next committee—but not until after the committee has reported its actions to the full House or Senate. A committee can also vote to table a bill. A bill can be temporarily tabled so that amendments can be made and then brought back before the committee. But a bill can also be tabled indefinitely, effectively killing the legislation. This is the most common way bills die.

When a bill gets through the committee process it heads to the floor of the chamber into which it was introduced. The full House or Senate will debate and vote on the legislation. These floor votes are the backbone of legislative scorecards.

…and the whole thing starts all over again!
After a bill passes one legislative body, say the House of Representatives, it must then repeat the entire process in the Senate. Committee referrals are made, hearings held and votes cast. If the bill makes it through it gets sent to the Governor to be signed. However, if the Senate made changed to the bill that passed the House, the bill must go back to the House for concurrence before going to the Governor.

If the Senate has already passed the same language in a Senate bill, the House bill must still go through the full committee process and be voted on by the full Senate. The legislative process wasn't designed to make it easy to pass laws!

But I know someday I'll be a law
The governor has options too. He can sign a bill into law, he can veto it, or he can do nothing. If the governor doesn't sign a bill by his deadline, the bill is dead—it's called a pocked veto.

If you've never heard "I'm just a bill" or if you need a refresher, you can read the lyrics and hear a clip on www.school-house-rock.com/bill.html or get a copy of the cartoon from your local video store.

He signed you Bill. Now you're a Law!

Bad Bills Cont'd.

Canned Hunts
Senate Bill 337, sponsored by Senator Tim Jennings (D-Roswell). This bill aimed to super-size the captive wildlife hunting facilities often called "game parks" in New Mexico. Increasing the allowable area from 3,200 acres to 15,000 acres would also have allowed canned hunt owners to claim any fenced in wildlife as private property, removing them from the public domain. The Senate passed the measure by a 32-8 vote before it was defeated in a House committee. Both the Senate floor vote and the House Consumer & Public Affairs Committee votes are scored.

Cougar Protection
House Bill 47, sponsored by Representative Brian Moore (R-Clayton). This highly controversial bill aimed to remove any and all protections for cougars, which have been regulated as a game species under New Mexico Game and Fish regulations since 1971. It would have made New Mexico one of only two states that allowed an open season on the big cats. The bill passed two House committees but was tabled in the House Appropriations Committee with a vote of 12-4. The three committee votes are recorded in our scorecard.

Animal Terrorism
Senate Bill 176, Sponsored by Senator John Arthur Smith (D-Deming). Titled "obstruction of property owner," this bill would have made animal and ecological terrorism a fourth degree felony. The bill, however, did not define the crime, allowing for a wide range of now-legal animal protection efforts to potentially be interpreted as unlawful terrorism. The bill was passed unanimously out of the Senate Conservation Committee without recommendation before it died in the Senate Judiciary Committee. The Conservation Committee vote is scored.

Anti-Animal Rights
Senate Memorial 1, Sponsored by Senator Steve Komadina (R-Corrales). Most animal protection legislation would not be allowed if supporters of the effort had their way. SM 1 asked legislators to oppose bills that would ban currently legal animal use activities such as cockfighting. It would have also prevented public funds from being used for such things as virtual dissection in public schools. The effort failed in Senate Rules Committee by a 3 to 4 vote. The one committee vote is included in our scorecard.