



2006 Scorecard



NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATURE

Welcome to the Animal Protection Voters 2006 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. Animal Protection Voters creates and publishes this scorecard so 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. 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 here.

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, so some positions aren't entirely clear.

ANIMAL SHELTERING SERVICES ACT

Senate Bill 122 and House Bill 227, sponsored by Senator Mary Jane Garcia and Representative Joni Gutierrez respectively

Animal issues are human issues. Every community has a need for animal sheltering services and, unfortunately, for related humane euthanasia of unwanted or unadoptable animals. The New Mexico Department of Regulation and Licensing has proposed addressing these issues through a new board—the Animal Sheltering Services Board. Its mission, when finally passed, will be to provide oversight and assistance for city- and county-operated or contracted animal shelters that are currently unregulated. These facilities may not currently house animals appropriately or employ minimal standards of humane care, conduct or accountability. The board will also create a mechanism to ensure public and private shelters can provide humane euthanasia to unwanted animals by licensing Euthanasia Practitioners. Creation of the board must be approved through the legislature. SB122 passed the Senate (37-0) but did not reach the House floor. HB227 also did not reach the House floor. Only the Senate floor votes for SB122 were scored.



plan would correct a multitude of environmental problems in the state—lack of funding to protect endangered animal and plant species, restoration of riparian areas and watersheds, purchase of open space to prevent urban sprawl, etc. It also offers opportunities for communities throughout the state to have increased access to recreational areas, improved urban/wild lands interface, protection of valuable farmland, and increased revenue through tourism.

Polls have shown that New Mexicans care about protecting our environment and natural resources and are willing to pay for programs that protect them. The Land, Wildlife and Clean Energy Act is a first step in this long-term strategy. SB407 passed the Senate (19-18) with the Lieutenant Governor voting yes, but did not reach the House floor. HB188 also did not reach the House floor. Only the Senate floor votes for SB407 were scored.



LAND, WILDLIFE AND CLEAN ENERGY

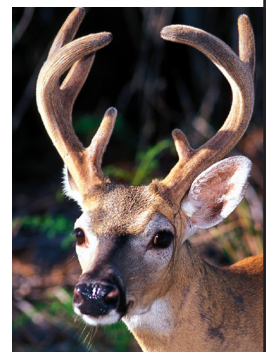
Senate Bill 407 and House Bill 188, sponsored by Senator Michael Sanchez and Representative Ken Martinez respectively

New Mexico is losing more and more of its unique natural scenery and riparian areas every year to development. New Mexico is the only southwestern state that does not have a statewide open space or wildlife habitat acquisition program. A successful, sustainable conservation funding

PROHIBIT CYBER HUNTING

Senate Bill 157 and House Bill 634, sponsored by Senator Michael Sanchez and Representative Don Tripp respectively

These bills would ban the use of a computer and the internet to remotely control the aiming and discharge of a weapon for the purpose of hunting an animal or bird. The bills were promoted by the New Mexico Wild Friends—a wildlife advocacy youth group—and SB157 passed both the House (58-0) and the Senate (22-0), and HB634 passed the House (64-3). SB157 was signed into law by the Governor on March 6th. The House floor votes were combined for scoring purposes, giving legislators credit if they voted for the bill at least once. The Senate floor votes were also scored.





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Scoring: The final score listed next to each legislator represents the percentage of time a legislator voted to protect animals when given the opportunity. A ✓ indicates a vote for the animals while a X indicates a vote against the animals. Legislators who sponsored one of APV's priority bills received a twenty point bonus.

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 one is included in a legislator's final score.

During the 2006 session, many legislators also provided funding for spay-neuter or local animal control/shelter projects. However, the scoring does not reflect that support of animal projects since it is nearly impossible to verify.

Animal Disaster Planning HM 2

Bear-Proof Containers HB 252

Trophy Hunting Penalties SB 395/HB 536

Prohibit Cyberhunting SB 157/HB 634

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Legislator	✓	X	A	E	Total	Legislator	✓	X	A	E	Total
Thomas Anderson (R-29, Bernalillo)	✓	X	✓	✓	75	J. Roger Madalena (D-65, Bernalillo, McKinley, Rio Arriba & Sandoval)	✓	E	A	E	100
Janice Arnold-Jones (R-24, Bernalillo)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	Terry Marquardt (R-53, Dona Ana & Otero)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Hector Balderas (D-68, Colfax, Guadalupe, Mora, San Miguel & Taos)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	Ken Martinez (D-69, Cibola, McKinley, San Juan)	✓	✓	✓	✓	140
Ray Begaye (D-4, San Juan)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	Kathy McCoy (R-22, Bernalillo, Sandoval & Santa Fe)	✓	✓	✓	✓	140
William "Ed" Boykin (R-37, Doña Ana)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	Rick Miera (D-11, Bernalillo)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Donald Bratton (R-62, Lea)	✓	X	✓	✓	75	Brian Moore (R-67, Curry, Harding, Quay, Roosevelt, San Miguel & Union)	E	✓	✓	✓	100
Jose Campos (D-63, Curry, DeBaca, Guadalupe & Roosevelt)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	Andy Nuñez (D-36, Doña Ana)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Joseph Cervantes (D-52, Doña Ana)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	Al Park (D-26, Bernalillo)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Gail Chasey (D-18, Bernalillo)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	Danice Picraux (D-25, Bernalillo)	✓	A	✓	✓	100
Ernest Chavez (D-12, Bernalillo)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	Jane Powdrell-Culbert (R-44, Sandoval)	✓	✓	✓	E	100
Richard Cheney (R-2, San Juan)	✓	X	A	A	0	Bill Rehm (R-31, Bernalillo)	✓	X	✓	✓	75
Kandy Cordova (D-7, Valencia)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	Debbie Rodella (D-41, Rio Arriba, Sandoval & Taos)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Anna Crook (R-64, Curry)	✓	✓	✓	A	100	Harriet Ruiz (D-16, Bernalillo)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Candy Spence Ezzell (R-58, Chavez)	✓	X	✓	✓	75	Henry "Kiki" Saavedra (D-10, Bernalillo & Valencia)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Dan Foley (R-57, Chaves, Lincoln & Otero)	✓	X	✓	✓	75	Nick Salazar (D-40, Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Santa Fe & Taos)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Justine Fox-Young (D-30, Bernalillo)	✓	X	✓	✓	75	Edward Sandoval (D-17, Bernalillo)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Mary Helen Garcia (D-34, Doña Ana)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	Daniel Silva (D-13, Bernalillo)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Miguel Garcia (D-14, Bernalillo)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	Sheryl Williams Stapleton (D-19, Bernalillo)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Keith Gardner (R-66, Chaves, Eddy, Lea & Roosevelt)	✓	X	✓	✓	75	Joe Stell (D-54, Eddy & Otero)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Bobby Gonzales (D-42, Taos)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	Mimi Stewart (D-21, Bernalillo)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Joni Gutierrez (D-33, Doña Ana)	✓	✓	✓	✓	120	Thomas Swisstack (D-60, Sandoval)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Jimmy Hall (R-28, Bernalillo)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	Thomas Taylor (R-1, San Juan)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Dianne Hamilton (R-38, Grant, Hidalgo & Sierra)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	Sandra Townsend (R-3, San Juan)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
George Hanosh (D-6, Cibola & McKinley)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	Don Tripp (R-49, Catron, Socorro & Valencia)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Irvin Harrison (D-5, McKinley & San Juan)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	Jim Trujillo (D-45, Santa Fe)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
John Heaton (D-55, Eddy)	✓	✓	✓	A	100	Luciano "Lucky" Varela (D-48, Santa Fe)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Manuel Herrera (D-39, Grant & Hidalgo)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	Gloria Vaughn (R-51, Otero)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Ted Hobbs (R-20, Bernalillo)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	Richard Vigil (D-70, San Miguel & Torrance)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Dona Irwin (B-32, Luna)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	Jeannette Wallace (R-43, Los Alamos, Sandoval & Santa Fe)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Rhonda King (D-50, Bernalillo, Santa Fe & Torrance)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	Donald Whitaker (D-61, Lea)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Larry Larranaga (R-27, Bernalillo)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	W. C. "Dub" Williams (R-56, Lincoln & Otero)	E	✓	✓	✓	100
Antonio Lujan (D-35, Doña Ana)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	Avon Wilson (R-59, Chaves, Lincoln, Otero)	E	E	E	E	none
Ben Lujan (D-46, Santa Fe)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	Peter Wirth (D-47, Santa Fe)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Fred Luna (D-8, Valencia)	✓	E	✓	✓	100	Eric Youngberg (R-23, Bernalillo & Sandoval)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Patty Lundstrom (D-9 McKinley & San Juan)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	Teresa Zanetti (R-15, Bernalillo)	✓	✓	✓	✓	100



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- Wild Horses SM 2
- Trophy Hunting Penalties SB 395/HB 536
- Land, Wildlife & Clean Energy SB 407
- Prohibit Cyberhunting SB 157
- Animal Sheltering Services Act SB 122

Senate Scores

						Total
Rod Adair (R-33, Chaves & Eddy)	✓	E	X	✓	✓	75
Ben Altamirano (D-28, Catron, Grant & Socorro)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Vernon Asbill (R-34, Eddy, Lea & Otero)	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	80
Sue Wilson Belfort (R-19, Bernalillo)	A	E	E	✓	✓	100
Mark Boitano (R-18, Bernalillo)	✓	✓	X	✓	A	75
Pete Campos (D-8, De Baca, Guadalupe, Lincoln, San Miguel)	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	100
Joseph Carraro (R-23, Bernalillo & Sandoval)	A	E	X	✓	✓	66
Carlos Cisneros (D-6, Mora, Taos & Santa Fe)	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	100
Kent Cravens (R-21, Bernalillo)	✓	E	X	✓	✓	75
Dianna Duran (R-40, Otero)	✓	E	X	✓	✓	75
Dede Feldman (D-13, Bernalillo)	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	100
Joseph Fidel (D-30, Cibola, Socorro & Valencia)	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	100
Mary Jane Garcia (D-36, Doña Ana)	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	120
Phil Griego (D-39, Bernalillo, Los Alamos, Sandoval, San Miguel, Santa Fe & Torrance)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
John Grubestic (D-25, Santa Fe)	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	120
Clint Harden (R-7, Colfax, Harding, Quay, Union & San Miguel)	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	80
Stuart Ingle (R-27, Chaves, Curry & Roosevelt)	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	80
Tim Jennings (D-32, Chaves, Eddy & Otero)	✓	E	X	✓	✓	75
Gay Kernan (R-42, Curry, Lea & Roosevelt)	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	80
Steve Komadina (R-9, Bernalillo & Sandoval)	A	E	X	✓	✓	66
Carrol Leavell (R-41, Eddy & Lea)	✓	E	X	✓	A	66
Linda Lopez (D-11, Bernalillo)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Richard Martinez (D-5, Los Alamos, Rio Arriba & Taos)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Cisco McSorely (D-16, Santa Fe)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Cynthia Nava (D-31, Doña Ana)	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	100
Steven Neville (R-2, San Juan)	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	80
Jerry Ortiz y Pino (D-12 Bernalillo)	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	100
Mary Kay Papen (D-38, Doña Ana)	✓	E	X	✓	✓	75
William Payne (R-20, Bernalillo)	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	100
John Pinto (D-3, Mc Kinley & San Juan)	✓	E	✓	✓	A	100
Lidio Rainaldi (D-4, Cibola & McKinley)	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Leonard Lee Rawson (R-37, Doña Ana, Otero, Sierra)	✓	E	X	✓	✓	66
Shannon Robinson (D-17, Bernalillo)	E	E	✓	✓	A	100
Nancy Rodriguez (D-24, Santa Fe)*	✓	E	E	E	E	100
John Ryan (R-10, Bernalillo)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Bernadette Sanchez (D-26, Bernalillo)	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	100
Michael Sanchez (D-29, Valencia)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	140
William Sharer (R-1, San Juan)	✓	✓	X	✓	A	75
John Arthur Smith (D-35, Doña Ana, Hidalgo, Luna & Sierra)	✓	E	X	✓	✓	75
Diane Snyder (R-15, Bernalillo)	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	80
James Taylor (D-14, Bernalillo & Valencia)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100
Leonard Tsosie (D-22, Bernalillo, Los Alamos, McKinley, Rio Arriba & Sandoval)	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	100
Lt. Governor Diane Denish			✓			100

TROPHY HUNTING PENALTIES

Senate Bill 395 and House Bill 536, sponsored by Senator Michael Sanchez and Representative Richard Vigil respectively



Both bills would provide penalties for unlawfully wounding, killing or possessing several species of animals. HB536 passed the House (63-0) and the Senate (36-0). SB395 passed the Senate (36-0) and the House (47-8). HB536 was signed into law by the Governor on March 2nd. House and Senate floor votes were combined for scoring purposes, giving legislators credit if they voted for the bill at least once.

COCKFIGHTING AS THE STATE DISGRACE

Senate Memorial 10, sponsored by Senator John Grubestic



SM10 seeks to declare cockfighting as the official State Disgrace. New Mexico remains a safe-haven for cockfighters, one of only two states in the country that continue to condone the blood sport by failing to enact a statewide ban. Eighty-one percent of New Mexicans support a ban on cockfighting. Cockfighting is nothing more than a knife fight between two chickens. The birds' natural spurs are replaced with razor-sharp knives or ice pick-like gaffs. They fight until one bird is no longer "game" or dies, while spectators place bets. There's big money in cockfighting and winners can take home many thousands of dollars.

Cockfighting is a blemish on New Mexico and paints the state as less compassionate than our neighbors. Banning cockfighting will be a symbolic victory for all animals in the state and for the reduction of violence in our communities.

No vote was ever taken on SM10 because the Senate Rules Committee refused to hear it. However, the proposal did get lawmakers talking about the issue.

* Senator Rodriguez missed much of the session since her mother, who lives out of state, was very ill.



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BEAR-PROOF CONTAINERS IN CERTAIN AREAS

House Bill 252, sponsored by Representative Kathy McCoy

This bill provides the state game commission the authority to designate areas where bear-proof containers (trash cans) are required and adopt rules related to such requirements. It also allows for the big game depredation fund to be used to fund the bear-proof containers in cooperation with local governments. HB252 passed only the House (66-0), and the House floor votes were scored.

STUDY DISASTER EVACUATION OF PETS



House Memorial 2, sponsored by Representative Kathy McCoy,

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita exposed the crisis

families with companion animals often face when disaster strikes: a lack of emergency provisions for evacuating and sheltering companion animals. Faced with having to leave a beloved family member behind, many families chose not to evacuate if rescuers refused non-human animals. It is essential that communities plan for companion animals in times of disaster in order to fulfill their community's needs. This memorial requests the state department of public safety to develop guidelines for local communities regarding evacuating companion animals when disaster strikes. HM2 passed the House (64-0), and the House floor votes were scored.

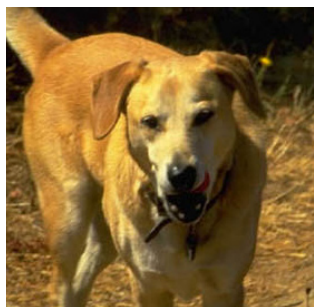
IMPROVE MANAGEMENT OF WILD HORSES

Senate Memorial 2, sponsored by Senator Steve Komadina

This measure requests the federal government to improve the management of wild horse herds in New Mexico. SM2 passed the Senate (35-0), and the Senate floor votes were scored.

SPAY AND NEUTER AWARENESS MONTH

House Joint Memorial 13, sponsored by Representative Ken Martinez



HJM13 urges communities to take some responsibility for the overpopulation of unwanted companion animals by creating or stepping up existing spay/neuter programs and provides an opportunity for those communities to highlight the need for spaying and neutering in order to reduce the number of unwanted dogs and cats that ultimately end up in local animal shelters. HJM13 was on the House Speaker's Table but did not receive a House vote.



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Animal Protection Voters

Politics for People Who Care About Animals

Animal Protection Voters (APV) is New Mexico's only organization merging animals and politics.

Protecting animals from cruelty and exploitation is a value that is embraced by the New Mexico community. Animal Protection Voters gathers this collective interest in establishing and enforcing strong laws for animals, and focuses it for positive change.

Identifying problems and lobbying for solid animal protection laws to fix them is a big part of what APV does. But it isn't enough. Filling the legislature, city councils and county commissions with animal-friendly officials makes enacting animal protection laws a lot easier. APV holds elected officials accountable with regard to their votes on animal issues by tracking votes and publishing and distributing an annual scorecard. APV also helps elect pro-animal candidates by endorsing them and providing volunteers for their campaigns.

Animal Protection Voters aims to empower animal advocates, giving them a strong voice among lawmakers. Our aim is to build a voting bloc that elected officials can't ignore.

Animal Protection Voters' mission is to:

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