

### Animal Issues Make History at the Roundhouse

The 2007 New Mexico Legislative Session was arguably the most productive session for animal protection issues in APV history. All three of APV's priority bills were enacted: a ban on cockfighting; a bill that creates and funds a state oversight board that will establish standards for animal shelters and humane euthanasia; and a memorial to study the humane and public safety impacts of persistently chaining dogs.

It is increasingly evident that there is a growing awareness of, and support for, animal issues by state legislators and the Governor. As advocates for animals flex their political muscle and raise their voices, decision-makers respond with positive and unprecedented action to help animals. On behalf of New Mexico's animal advocates and the animals they seek to protect, APV thanks all the legislators and Governor Bill Richardson for their tremendous support this year.



Ali MacGraw witnesses Governor Bill Richardson signing New Mexico's cockfighting ban.

## A Good Year for Big Wins

### PRO-ANIMAL BILLS

The following bills enhanced, or sought to enhance, animal protection measures. Bills that were a priority for APV are marked with a foot print. APV awarded credit to legislators who voted in the affirmative for these pro-animal bills:

#### **SB458 / HB453 Animal Sheltering Services Act – ENACTED**



This bill authorizes a Governor-appointed board that will create standard operating procedures for shelters to employ on a voluntary

basis, and mandatory shelter standards for euthanasia. The board will consist of nine members who have various shelter- and animal-related backgrounds. The Act also creates the Animal Care and Facilities Fund, which will accept donations and legislative appropriations to help communities with implementation of the Act's provisions. The fund will accept, and the board will help to distribute, legislative appropriations for spay-neuter projects, should they be funded by the legislature in the future. The Senate and House floor votes on SB458 are included in APV's scorecard. This law goes into effect on June 15.

#### **SB10 Prohibit Cockfighting – ENACTED**

This bill amends the Animal Cruelty statute to include roosters in the existing law that prohibits dog fighting statewide. While dog

fighting is a fourth degree felony at first offense, SB10 was amended by the Senate to include graduated penalties ranging from a petty misdemeanor for a first offense, to a misdemeanor for the second offense, and a fourth degree felony for a third or subsequent offenses. The Senate added an amendment that removed all penalties for spectatorship and/or attendance at cockfights. The Senate floor vote and the House floor vote on the bill are included in APV's scorecard. The ban outlawing cockfighting goes into effect on June 15.



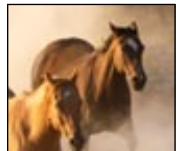
#### **HM19 Study the Persistent Tethering of Dogs – ENACTED**

This Memorial directs the New Mexico Department of Public Safety (NMDPS) to study the humane and public safety impacts of persistently tethering dogs. Dogs are social by nature. Their instinct is to live in a pack, not tethered in a back yard with little or no interaction with their families. Studies show that dogs who live their lives tethered to a stationary



#### **SB655 Wild Horse Testing, Adoption and Euthanasia – ENACTED**

SB655 legally defines and protects New Mexico's wild horses. This bill states that horses found on public lands will be captured, and their DNA tested, to determine each horse's heritage. Once heritage is determined, horses will be placed at a Spanish colonial horse preserve, will be returned to public lands, or will go to a private wild horse preserve. This bill protects wild horses from being auctioned for slaughter in the U.S. or abroad. SB655 was signed by Gov. Richardson on April 3. The Senate and House floor votes are included in APV's scorecard.



#### **HB326 Expand Cruelty to Animals Offenses – Not Enacted**

HB326 would have expanded the scope of the animal cruelty statute, Section 30-18-1 NMSA 1978, to include "starving or dehydrating an animal in a way that imperils its life." A person convicted of this offense would have been guilty of a fourth degree felony. HB326 passed the House unanimously and then ran (For article continuation, see BIG WINS, next page.)



# Animal Protection Voters' 2007 Bill Sponsors

**Senator Mary Jane Garcia** and **Representative Peter Wirth** sponsored SB10, the bill to Prohibit Cockfighting. Sen. Garcia first introduced a bill to ban cockfighting in her freshman legislative session 18 years ago, and she has fought hard for the ban ever since. This year, the bill began with fourth degree felony penalties, but passed as amended by Sen. Phil Griego with diminished, graduated penalties of: a petty misdemeanor on the first offense, a misdemeanor on the second offense, and a fourth degree felony on the third and subsequent offenses. Thanks to the eloquent arguments of Sen. Garcia and Rep. Wirth, and the support of a large majority of the legislature and Governor Richardson, the cockfighting ban was signed into law in New Mexico on March 12. The ban takes effect on June 15, 2007.



Sen. Mary Jane Garcia

**Senator Mary Jane Garcia** and **Representative Thomas Swisstack** sponsored SB458/HB453, the Animal Sheltering Services Act (ASSA). After hearing about recent situations involving substandard and even tragic conditions at animal shelters, Rep. Swisstack and Sen. Garcia went above and beyond to fight for this bill's passage. This bill authorizes creation of New Mexico's first state board to provide oversight, and establish policies and guidelines, for animal shelter administration and operating procedures. In addition, euthanasia providers in shelters will be trained in proper, humane euthanasia procedures. This helps to ensure that the approximately 90,000 animals who are brought to shelters every year in New Mexico because they have no home will at least be euthanized humanely. The bill was signed by Gov. Richardson on March 29.



Rep. Peter Wirth



Rep. Thomas Swisstack

**Representative Miguel Garcia** sponsored HM19, a Memorial to Study the Persistent Tethering of Dogs. While out on the campaign trail last fall, aggression from chained dogs provided a daily confrontation for Rep. Garcia. He was disturbed by the sight of dogs that were chained up outside their homes and not allowed inside with their families. Rep. Garcia introduced this Memorial, which directs the New Mexico Department of Public Safety to study the humane and public safety impacts of persistently tethering dogs. It passed the House unanimously and was signed by Gov. Richardson.



Rep. Miguel Garcia



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## Big Wins Cont'd:

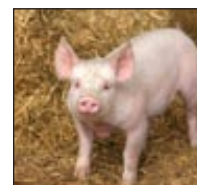
out of time in the Senate Judiciary Committee. This is an important bill for animal protection, and Animal Protection Voters will pursue this issue again. The House floor vote is included in APV's scorecard.

## ANTI-ANIMAL BILLS

The following bills would have removed, or limited, protections for animals. A vote for these measures was considered a vote against the animals on the APV scorecard.

### SM26 Promotion of Animal Rights – Not Enacted

SM26 actually sought to *impair* all animal rights. This bill promoted the use of animals in research, and as sources of food, fiber, and scientific knowledge. It opposed the use of any public funds to promote animal rights. It opposed schools' use of educational materials if the materials discourage the use, and enjoyment, of animals and animal products. It supported legislation in favor of unrestricted use of animals for lawful sport, display or exhibition. Had SM26 passed, the banning of activities such as cockfighting, and other cruel forms of animal entertainment, would have been nearly impossible.



### SB1079 Release of Wolves in New Mexico – Not Enacted

SB1079 sought to promote many misconceptions about wolves, and to create criminal penalties to those assisting with wolf reintroduction programs. This bill declared wolves inherently dangerous to humans. It proposed jail time and fines for those who failed to closely monitor the released wolves, if the wolves were to attack livestock later. This bill stalled in the Senate Judiciary Committee and never came to a full floor vote.



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# 2007 SCORECARD NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATURE

**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 an X indicates a vote against the animals. Legislators who sponsored one of APV's priority bills received a 20-point bonus (↑). Legislators who sponsored an anti-animal bill from among those scored got 20 points deducted from their final scores (↓). Legislators whose names are in bold scored at least 100% in 2007.

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. Two Senate bills only received committee votes and were not voted on by all Senators.

During the 2007 session, many legislators provided funding for spay-neuter or local animal shelter projects, and they helped to fund the Animal Sheltering Services Act. However, the scorecard does not reflect support of these projects.

## House

	2005 Score	2006 Score	Animal Sheltering Services Act SB458/HB453	Prohibit Cockfighting SB10	Study Persistent Tethering of Dogs HM19	Expand Cruelty to Animal Offenses HB326	Wild Horse Adoption and Euthanasia SB655	SCORE
<b>Thomas Anderson</b> (R-29, Bernalillo)	50%	75%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
<b>Janice Arnold-Jones</b> (R-24, Bernalillo)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Paul Bandy (R-3, San Juan)	n/a	n/a	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	80%
Elias Barela (D-8, Valencia)	n/a	n/a	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	80%
<b>Andrew Barreras</b> (D-7, Valencia)	n/a	n/a	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	100%
<b>Ray Begaye</b> (D-4, San Juan)	100%	100%	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	100%
<b>Richard Berry</b> (R-20, Bernalillo)	n/a	n/a	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	100%
<b>Donald Bratton</b> (R-62, Lea)	60%	75%	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	100%
<b>Jose Campos</b> (D-63, Curry, DeBaca, Guadalupe & Roosevelt)	67%	100%	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
<b>Joseph Cervantes</b> (D-52, Doña Ana)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
<b>Gail Chasey</b> (D-18, Bernalillo)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Ernest Chavez (D-12, Bernalillo)	75%	100%	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	80%
<b>Nate Cote</b> (D-53, Doña Ana & Otero)	n/a	n/a	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
<b>Anna Crook</b> (R-64, Curry)	75%	100%	✓	✓	A	A	✓	100%
Nora Espinoza (R-59, Chaves, Lincoln & Otero)	n/a	n/a	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	80%
Candy Spence Ezzell (R-58, Chavez)	25%	75%	✓	X	✓	A	✓	75%
Dan Foley (R-57, Chaves, Lincoln & Otero)	33%	75%	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	80%
<b>Justine Fox-Young</b> (R-30, Bernalillo)	75%	75%	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Mary Helen Garcia (D-34, Doña Ana)	75%	100%	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	80%
<b>Miguel Garcia</b> (D-14, Bernalillo) ↑	120%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	120%
<b>Thomas Garcia</b> (D-68, Colfax, Guad, Mora, S.M. & Taos)	n/a	n/a	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Keith Gardner (R-66, Chaves, Eddy, Lea & Roosevelt)	50%	75%	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	80%
<b>Bobby Gonzales</b> (D-42, Taos)	75%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
William Gray (R-54, Eddy & Otero)	n/a	n/a	✓	X	A	✓	✓	75%
<b>Joni Gutierrez</b> (D-33, Doña Ana)	100%	100%	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	100%
<b>Jimmy Hall</b> (R-28, Bernalillo)	75%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
<b>Dianne Hamilton</b> (R-38, Grant, Hidalgo & Sierra)	80%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
<b>George Hanosh</b> (D-6, Cibola & McKinley)	75%	100%	A	E	✓	✓	✓	100%
<b>Irvin Harrison</b> (D-5, McKinley & San Juan)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
<b>John Heaton</b> (D-55, Eddy)	80%	100%	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	100%



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### House

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<b>Manuel Herrera</b> (D-39, Grant & Hidalgo)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
<b>Dona Irwin</b> (D-32, Luna)	50%	100%	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
<b>Rhonda King</b> (D-50, Bernalillo, Santa Fe & Torrance)	100%	100%	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	100%
<b>Larry Larrañaga</b> (R-27, Bernalillo)	50%	100%	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	100%
<b>Antonio Lujan</b> (D-35, Doña Ana)	100%	100%	E	✓	E	✓	✓	100%
<b>Ben Lujan</b> (D-46, Santa Fe)	50%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
<b>Patty Lundstrom</b> (D-9, McKinley & San Juan)	100%	100%	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	100%
J. Roger Madalena (D-65, Bern., McKinley, Rio Arriba & Sandoval)	100%	100%	✓	X	✓	✓	E	75%
<b>Antonio Maestas</b> (D-16, Bernalillo)	n/a	n/a	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
<b>Ken Martinez</b> (D-69, Cibola, McKinley, San Juan)	100%	140%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
<b>Kathy McCoy</b> (R-22, Bernalillo, Sandoval & Santa Fe)	120%	140%	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	100%
<b>Rick Miera</b> (D-11, Bernalillo)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
<b>Brian Moore</b> (R-67, Curry, Harding, Quay, Roosevelt, San Miguel & Union)	55%	100%	A	✓	E	✓	✓	100%
<b>Andy Nuñez</b> (D-36, Doña Ana)	50%	100%	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	100%
<b>Al Park</b> (D-26, Bernalillo)	100%	100%	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
<b>Danice Picraux</b> (D-25, Bernalillo)	100%	100%	✓	✓	E	✓	E	100%
Jane Powdrell-Culbert (R-44, Sandoval)	100%	100%	A	X	E	✓	✓	67%
<b>Bill Rehm</b> (R-31, Bernalillo)	n/a	75%	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	100%
Debbie Rodella (D-41, Rio Arriba, Sandoval & Taos)	50%	100%	✓	X	✓	✓	E	75%
Henry "Kiki" Saavedra (D-10, Bernalillo & Valencia)	50%	100%	A	X	E	✓	✓	67%
Nick Salazar (D-40, Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Santa Fe & Taos)	80%	100%	✓	X	E	✓	✓	75%
<b>Edward Sandoval</b> (D-17, Bernalillo)	75%	100%	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	100%
Daniel Silva (D-13, Bernalillo)	50%	100%	E	X	✓	✓	✓	75%
<b>Sheryl Williams Stapleton</b> (D-19, Bernalillo)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	100%
<b>Jeff Steinborn</b> (D-37, Doña Ana)	n/a	n/a	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
<b>Mimi Stewart</b> (D-21, Bernalillo)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
James Strickler (R-2, San Juan)	n/a	n/a	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	80%
<b>Thomas Swisstack</b> (D-60, Sandoval) ↑	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	120%
<b>Thomas Taylor</b> (R-1, San Juan)	75%	100%	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	100%
Don Tripp (R-49, Catron, Socorro & Valencia)	67%	100%	✓	X	E	A	✓	67%
<b>Jim Trujillo</b> (D-45, Santa Fe)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
Shirley Tyler (R-61, Lea)	75%	n/a	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	80%
<b>Luciano "Lucky" Varela</b> (D-48, Santa Fe)	75%	100%	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	100%
<b>Gloria Vaughn</b> (R-51, Otero)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
<b>Richard Vigil</b> (D-70, San Miguel & Torrance)	50%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%
<b>Jeannette Wallace</b> (R-43, Los Alamos, Sandoval & Santa Fe)	60%	100%	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	100%
W. C. "Dub" Williams (R-56, Lincoln & Otero)	60%	100%	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	80%
<b>Peter Wirth</b> (D-47, Santa Fe) ↑	120%	100%	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	120%
<b>Eric Youngberg</b> (R-23, Bernalillo & Sandoval)	75%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	100%
<b>Teresa Zanetti</b> (R-15, Bernalillo)	75%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100%



# 2007 SCORECARD

## NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATURE

### Senate

2005 Score    2006 Score    Animal Sheltering Services Act SB 458 / HB453    Prohibit Cockfighting SB10    Wild Horse Testing, Adoption & Euthanasia SB655    Promotion of Animal Rights SM 26    Release of Wolves in NM SB1079    **SCORE**

Rod Adair ( R-33, Chaves & Lincoln)	75%	75%	✓	X	✓	X		50%
<b>Ben Altamirano</b> (D-28, Catron, Grant & Socorro)	50%	100%	✓	✓	A	E	E	100%
Vernon Asbill (R-34, Eddy & Otero)	50%	80%	A	X	✓			50%
<b>Sue Wilson Beffort</b> (R-19, Bern., Sandoval, Santa Fe, & Torrance)	100%	100%	✓	✓	A			100%
Mark Boitano (R-18, Bernalillo)	50%	75%	X	✓	A			50%
<b>Pete Campos</b> (D-8, Guadalupe, Mora, San Miguel, Santa Fe & Torrance)	75%	100%	✓	✓	✓			100%
<b>Joseph Carraro</b> (R-23, Bernalillo & Sandoval)	50%	66%	✓	✓	✓			100%
<b>Carlos Cisneros</b> (D-6, Los Alamos, Rio Arriba, Santa Fe & Taos)	40%	100%	✓	✓	✓			100%
<b>Kent Cravens</b> (R-21, Bernalillo & Sandoval)	40%	75%	✓	✓	✓	E		100%
Dianna Duran (R-40, Doña Ana & Otero)	50%	75%	A	X	✓	X		33%
<b>Dede Feldman</b> (D-13, Bernalillo)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
<b>Mary Jane Garcia</b> (D-36, Doña Ana)    ↑↑	115%	120%	✓	✓	✓			140%
Phil Griego (D-39, Los Alamos, Mora, Sandoval, San Miguel, Santa Fe & Taos)	67%	100%	✓	X	✓		X	50%
<b>John Grubestic</b> (D-25, Santa Fe)	120%	120%	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Clint Harden (R-7, Colfax, Curry, Harding, Quay, San Miguel, Taos & Union)	33%	80%	X	X	✓		X	25%
Stuart Ingle (R-27, Chaves, Curry, DeBaca & Roosevelt)	50%	80%	X	X	✓			33%
Tim Jennings (D-32, Chaves, Eddy, Lincoln & Otero)	30%	75%	✓	X	E			50%
<b>Gay Kernan</b> (R-42, Chaves, Curry, Lea & Roosevelt)	50%	80%	✓	✓	✓			100%
Steve Komadina (R-9, Sandoval)    ↓↓	50%	66%	X	✓	✓	X		10%
Carroll Leavell (R-41, Eddy & Lea)	50%	66%	X	X	A			0%
Linda Lopez (D-11, Bernalillo)	100%	100%	A	X	E	X		0%
<b>Linda Lovejoy</b> (D-22, Bern., Cibola, McKinley, Rio Arriba & Sandoval)	n/a	n/a	✓	✓	✓			100%
<b>Richard Martinez</b> (D-5, Los Alamos, Rio Arriba & Santa Fe)	25%	100%	E	✓	✓		E	100%
<b>Cisco McSorley</b> (D-16, Bernalillo)	75%	100%	✓	✓	A	E		100%
<b>Cynthia Nava</b> (D-31, Doña Ana)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓			100%
<b>Steven Neville</b> (R-2, San Juan)	50%	80%	✓	✓	✓			100%
<b>Jerry Ortiz y Pino</b> (D-12, Bernalillo)	95%	100%	A	✓	✓			100%
<b>Mary Kay Papen</b> (D-38, Doña Ana)	75%	75%	✓	✓	✓			100%
<b>William Payne</b> (R-20, Bernalillo)	67%	100%	✓	✓	A		E	100%
John Pinto (D-3, McKinley & San Juan)	50%	100%	✓	✓	A		X	67%
<b>Lidio Rainaldi</b> (D-4, Cibola & McKinley)	75%	100%	✓	✓	✓			100%
<b>Leonard Lee Rawson</b> (R-37, Doña Ana & Sierra)	50%	66%	✓	✓	A			100%
Shannon Robinson (D-17, Bernalillo)	25%	100%	E	X	E			0%
<b>Nancy Rodriguez</b> (D-24, Santa Fe)	95%	100%	✓	✓	✓			100%
John Ryan (R-10, Bernalillo & Sandoval)	60%	100%	✓	✓	✓		X	75%
<b>Bernadette Sanchez</b> (D-26, Bernalillo)	50%	100%	✓	✓	✓			100%
Michael Sanchez (D-29, Valencia)	100%	140%	✓	✓	X			67%
William Sharer (R-1, San Juan)	20%	75%	A	✓	✓		X	67%
<b>John Arthur Smith</b> (D-35, Hidalgo, Luna & Sierra)	55%	75%	✓	✓	E			100%
<b>Diane Snyder</b> (R-15, Bernalillo)	67%	80%	✓	✓	✓			100%
James Taylor (D-14, Bernalillo & Valencia)	33%	100%	X	X	A			0%
<b>David Ulibarri</b> (D-30, Cibola, Socorro & Valencia)	n/a	n/a	✓	✓	✓			100%
Lt. Governor Diane Denish	100%	100%						n/a



## Animal Protection Voters: Politics for People Who Care About Animals

Animal Protection Voters (APV) is New Mexico's only organization that merges animal protection issues with politics.

Protecting animals from cruelty and exploitation represents values that are embraced by the vast majority of New Mexicans. Animal Protection Voters galvanizes public interest toward establishing strong laws in favor of animals, and enforcing them.

Identifying problems and lobbying for solid animal protection laws to remedy the problems is an important 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 helps to get pro-animal candidates elected by publicly endorsing them and providing volunteers for their campaigns. APV holds elected officials accountable for their voting records on animal issues. We track their votes and publish their records in our annual scorecard.

Animal Protection Voters empowers animal advocates to project a strong voice among lawmakers. We are building 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.

# Bills without Final Votes: The withdrawn, the time-less and the dead

## Pro-Animal Legislation

### HM12 Retirement for Fighting Cocks

Written by Rep. Thomas Taylor, this Memorial introduced levity to the volatile debate over the ban on cockfighting. HM12 stated that "few have considered the fate that awaits the proud and mighty fighting cocks in their imminent retirement... [and] whereas, if the fighting cocks are anything like the rest of us, they have devoted precious little time and energy to planning for their golden years,... therefore be it resolved... [that state agencies be asked] to design and implement a retirement program befitting the majesty of the fighting cocks that includes twice-weekly visits from the very best cage-free hens the state has to offer, one high-definition television for every six cocks and a subscription to ESPN, animal planet and CMT pure country, but not to the food network or FOX news"

### HB83 Native Animal Species Conservation

**Funding:** HB83 sought to broaden the revenue sources for habitat conservation for animals native to New Mexico. This bill passed the House unanimously but was withdrawn from the Senate Finance Committee by the bill's sponsor.

### HB1106 Pet Owner Responsibility Act

This bill attempted to address the companion animal overpopulation crisis facing New Mexico. Tens of thousands of animals are euthanized every year in New Mexico, and the number of unwanted animals is, in large part, due to unregulated breeding. HB1106 would have required that dogs and cats be spayed or neutered, or that a permit be purchased in order to breed an animal. The bill made numerous and extensive allowances for hobby breeders of purebred dogs and/or cats. The bill was withdrawn from the House Judiciary Committee before it was heard.

### HB1215 UNM Wild Friends Program

This bill made an appropriation for the Wild Friends Program at the Institute of Public Law's Center for Wildlife Law to help students from fourth through twelfth grades to understand the democratic process, to develop good citizenship skills, and to contribute to wildlife conservation by involving them in public policy projects. The bill ran out of time in the House Appropriations and Finance Committee.

### SB559 Commission on the Welfare of

**Animals** This bill would have established a commission to oversee the welfare of animals

in the state, and would have been linked to the Regulation and Licensing Department. This commission would not have had any regulatory or enforcement powers, but may have served as an incubator for animal policy ideas. The bill died in its first committee hearing before the Senate Conservation Committee.

### HB433 / SB309 Land, Wildlife and Clean Energy Act

This bill would create a Land, Wildlife and Clean Energy Board "that would be charged with soliciting, approving and certifying projects to be funded." This process would begin by looking at a project's potential for conserving land, wildlife or developing clean energy, and then leveraging other public and/or private investments. Local governments would be allowed to match funding by adopting open space and agricultural protections. There would be potential for collaboration between the state and other entities, including landowners, while ensuring a balance between conservation and clean energy development projects. Both of these bills ran out of time.

## Anti-Animal Legislation

### HM28 Addresses the Threat of Grey Wolves

This Memorial's intent was to negatively characterize wolves in New Mexico, and to present them as a significant threat to companion animals, to children and to the state's economy. The bill asked the federal government to take "steps" to ensure that the wolf reintroduction program does not negatively impact the economies and communities of New Mexico. This is one of several pieces of legislation hostile to wolves that was introduced in this session.

### SB616 Tax Credit for Livestock Killed by

**Wildlife** This bill sought to create a new section in the Income Tax Act that would have granted an income tax credit to a landowner for livestock killed by a wild predator. The criteria for receiving this credit were to be determined by a Department of Game and Fish representative, who would have to go to the kill site within 24 hours of the animal's death to certify whether or not the livestock had been killed by a "wildlife predator." If Game and Fish had not made a determination within 24 hours, the livestock owner could sign a certificate stating that the livestock had been killed by a wildlife predator. This bill did not define "wildlife predator," nor did the bill outline the criteria for identifying wildlife predator kills. The bill died in the Senate Finance Committee.



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