



2009 Scorecard

NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATURE



Letter from the Director

The 2009 New Mexico legislative session is described by many as one of the most active for animal protection measures in history.

Here are just two excerpts from news media coverage of the session: "Animal welfare reform proposals are stacking up in the Capitol" and "Stronger animal protection laws are on track to be one of the biggest success stor[ies] of the legislative session." Specifically, at least 18 animal protection bills were introduced in the 2009 session. While some measures duplicated others, when all was said and done, four meaningful bills were passed and signed into law.

Animal Protection Voters (APV) promoted five of its own priority bills for the session. Two of APV's five bills passed and were signed into law: SB127, Custody and Care of Mistreated Animals; and SB185, Spay-Neuter License Plate Fees to Animal Care Fund. In the world of legislative policy-making, passing 40% of your bills in their first year is impressive, because an average of 80% of all bills introduced do not pass!

While HB781, the Equine Protection Fund, was tabled in its first committee, the relief that this APV priority bill would have given New Mexico's equine population is now being sought by Animal Protection of New Mexico's Equine Protection Program.

Clearly, the growing, citizen-supported mandate for stronger humane laws is getting attention in Santa Fe. APV's 2009 Animal Lobby Day included about 150 citizen lobbyists who learned lobbying skills and then immediately put them to work by urging their legislators to support pro-animal bills.

To all those who participated by lobbying in person, by phone or mail, or supported APV's work financially, thank you for making your voices heard. You're making animals count in the Land of Enchantment! And to our legislative champions and friends and Governor Richardson, thank you for ensuring that humane values resonate in the halls of government!

Elisabeth Jennings

PS If you haven't already, please sign up for APV's email updates (go to www.apvnm.org), so we can keep you informed about news important to New Mexico's animal advocates. We send out an email only about once per week, so you won't be overwhelmed with too much information.



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Animal Protection Voters' 2009 Bill Sponsors

Sen. Peter Wirth

Long-time champion for animal protection issues, **Senator Peter Wirth** (D-Santa Fe) sponsored SB127, Care of Mistreated Animals. This bill was a joint initiative by Animal Protection Voters and New Mexico Attorney General Gary King's Animal Cruelty Task Force. Thanks to eloquent arguments by Senator Wirth and Representative Park in favor of the bill, and the broad support of the legislature, SB127 was signed into law by Governor Richardson on April 1, 2009, and took effect on June 19, 2009.



Rep. Andy Nuñez

Representative Andy Nuñez (D-Hatch) has been a legislator since 2001 and is the Chair of the Agriculture & Water Resources Committee. He was intrepid in his efforts to gain support for HB781, the Equine Protection Fund. To supplement Representative Nuñez' hard work to gain legislative backing for this important measure, APV secured endorsements from representatives from the Horse Breeders Association and the horse racing industry.



Rep. Rhonda King

Representative Rhonda King (D-Stanley) is the fourth member of the King family to be elected to the New Mexico legislature. Preceded in political office by her uncle and former governor, Bruce King, in 1999 Rep. King also followed her father, Don King, and cousin Gary King to Santa Fe. Representative King is a long-time advocate for both domestic violence and child protection issues, and always a 100% voting champion legislator for animal protection issues at the state legislature.



Rep. Al Park

The animals in New Mexico had an extraordinarily powerful voice this year in the legislative sponsor of HB159, House Judiciary Committee Chairman **Representative Al Park** (D-Albuquerque). Due to the current wording of the state's animal cruelty statute, cases against many animal abusers sometimes are dismissed or cannot even be prosecuted. Upon hearing of multiple problems that prosecutors were having with cruelty cases through the Attorney General's (AG) Animal Cruelty Task Force, Representative Park worked with the AG's office and APV to draft a bill to clarify existing language in the statute, and to add new definitions of animal cruelty. The new language would have given law enforcement and prosecutors the legal tools they need to hold more animal abusers responsible for their crimes. HB159 passed the House by an overwhelming margin but was tabled in its last Senate committee and did not pass. We are deeply grateful to Representative Al Park for his unyielding work in sponsorship of the bill.



Sen. Mary Jane García

Senator Mary Jane García (D-Doña Ana), a trailblazer in animal protection legislation, sponsored SB185 in order to improve New Mexico's spay/neuter license plate law. Senator García's exemplary leadership led to the passage of SB185 with no opposition. Freshman Representative Bill B. O'Neill (D-Bernalillo) carried this bill on the floor of the House, again without opposition. Governor Bill Richardson signed SB185 into law on April 7, 2009.



Legislation Spearheaded by Animal Protection Voters

Bills That Passed

SB127, Custody and Care of Mistreated Animals

Sponsored by Senator Peter Wirth (D-Santa Fe), and sponsored on the House floor by Representative Al Park (D-Albuquerque). Amends both the animal cruelty statute and the livestock statute to provide critical financial relief to agencies responsible for the care of animals seized in animal cruelty investigations. This bill provides language in statute that will allow agencies to petition the courts for the posting of a security bond

by the seized animal's owner to pay for the care, medical costs and other reasonable expenses while the criminal case is adjudicated. SB127 requires a hearing before a judge to review the evidence of the case and take many factors of evidence in the case into consideration, including: the animal owner's current financial situation, the severity of the case, and most critically, the needs of the animals involved.



SB185, Pet License Plate Fees to Animal Care Fund

Sponsored by Senator Mary Jane Garcia (D-Doña Ana), and on the House floor by Representative Bill O'Neill (D-Albuquerque). This bill enhances the former spay/neuter license plate law in New Mexico by significantly increasing the percentage of money designated for local spay/neuter programs from the sale of each plate. It also amends language in New Mexico's

Animal Sheltering Act to specify that the Animal Sheltering Board will receive and distribute those funds to the local programs, streamlining the cumbersome distribution process that existed previously. Beginning July 1, 2009, \$25—up from about \$6—of each \$37 plate fee will successfully get to the critical programs the spay/neuter plate was designed to help.



Bills That Did Not Pass

HB781, Equine Protection Fund

Sponsored by Representative Andy Nuñez (D-Hatch). Citizens across the country have expressed intense opposition to the slaughter of horses, which resulted in the federal government shutting down every horse slaughter plant in the country. Due to the downturn in the economy, many horse owners are finding it difficult to come up with the funds to continue to care for their animals, and some owners are even finding it difficult to pay for humane euthanasia and disposal of an equine. Because of that, some equines are being abandoned on private and public lands, left to fend for themselves. HB781 would have set up a support mechanism for equines similar to

that widely available in New Mexico for dogs and cats. It aimed to: provide assistance to those who are unable to pay for the cost of humane equine euthanasia and disposal; provide support to equine shelters to increase their capacity to take in and provide long-term care for unwanted equines; and provide subsidized food, veterinary care and rehabilitation for equines most in need.

HB781 was tabled in its first committee, after last-minute opposition arose from the New Mexico Cattlegrowers and the New Mexico Dairy Producers. APV contends that objections raised by the livestock industry were unrelated to the solutions

the bill was meant to create. HB781 would have benefitted horses and New Mexicans who seek humane solutions for unwanted horses. Throughout the 2009 session, Governor Richardson voiced his staunch support for helping the state's beleaguered equines. He spoke eloquently about the need for solutions at APV's 2009 Lobby Day press conference. Humane, on-the-ground solutions are needed sooner rather than later, therefore APV's sister organization, Animal Protection of New Mexico, has already created the Equine Protection Fund at the New Mexico Community Foundation to address the most urgent needs of New Mexico's equines.

HB159, Amending the State Animal Cruelty Statute

Sponsored by Representative Al Park (D-Albuquerque). This bill would have amended the current animal cruelty statute by expanding the definition of an "animal" to include "captive reptiles," and more clearly defined "sustenance" as food, water or shelter. It added a definition of "criminal negligence" that would have assisted with the prosecution of cruelty cases: Anyone who knows or should have known of the dangers

involved in certain acts and continued to act with reckless disregard, thereby endangering an animal's health and/or safety. HB159 also provided that anyone who negligently mistreats an animal, abandons an animal, intentionally fails to provide sustenance for an animal, which resulted in great bodily harm or death, would be charged with a fourth degree felony.

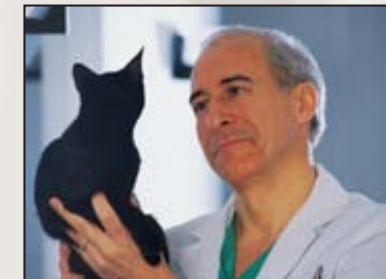


Animal Legislation Spearheaded by Other Advocates

Bills That Passed

HJM4, Wildlife Corridor Info Sharing

Sponsored by Representative Mimi Stewart (D-Albuquerque). Describes the importance of wildlife corridors and the need for multiple public, tribal and private partners to work together to protect such resources, prevent damage to property, damage to vehicles and injury and death to people. The memorial proposes that the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) lead a multi-agency effort, using existing resources, to plan and conduct a workshop to develop and share information gathered by the Western Governors' Association. HJM4 also urges the inclusion of citizen-scientists in wildlife data collection and the consideration of wildlife corridor data in agency planning decisions. APV's sister organization, Animal Protection of New Mexico, in addition to many other conservation advocates, will be heavily involved in the implementation of this legislation. HJM4 ensures that the comprehensive, life-affirming efforts of wildlife advocates to develop safe wildlife corridors will be maintained by state agencies into the future. HJM4 received landslide support from the legislature, passing the House 62-0 and passing the Senate 37-0.



HB265, No Gas Chamber for Animal Euthanasia

Sponsored by Representative W. Ken Martinez (D-Grants). Prohibits the euthanasia of dogs and cats using carbon monoxide gas chambers. This legislation also directs the state's Animal Sheltering Board to include the prohibition of the use of the chamber in animal shelters in their rules, which passed on May 6, 2009 and took effect on July 1, 2009.

HB593, Animal Euthanasia Requirements

Sponsored by Representative W. Ken Martinez (D-Grants). Gives euthanasia technicians who are licensed by the Animal Sheltering Board the authority to purchase, possess and administer controlled substances that are used for euthanasia and pre-euthanasia of cats and dogs at animal shelters. Authorizing euthanasia technicians to purchase, possess and administer controlled substances for euthanasia will give shelters an alternative to contracting with veterinarians for these purposes.

SB504, Feral Hog Control

Sponsored by Senator Phil A. Griego (D-San Jose). Makes it illegal to import or transport live feral hogs to or within New Mexico; or to hold for breeding, sell, or operate commercial feral hog hunting operations within New Mexico.



Bills That Did Not Pass

HB456, Purchase Police Dog Protective Vests

Sponsored by Representative Don Tripp (R-Socorro). HB456 would have amended the Law Enforcement Protection Fund to include protective vests for police dogs. The fund provides an equitable distribution of money from the fund to municipal police, university police, tribal police and county sheriff's departments. The bill received strong support in the House, passing two committees and a floor vote. HB456 ran out of time in the Senate Finance Committee.

SB313, Cruelty to Animals Includes Abandonment

Sponsored by Senator Tim Eichenberg (D-Albuquerque). This bill would have amended the state's animal cruelty statute to specifically provide felony penalties for those who intentionally starve or dehydrate their animals to death.

SB391, Landowner Takings of Certain Animals

Sponsored by Senator Michael Sanchez (D-Belen). Would have amended the state game and fish statutes pertaining to depredation to address grave concerns about the current statute's negative impact on wildlife. Enacted in 1997, the current law has resulted in the

significant dissatisfaction of landowners, animal advocates, hunters and the general public. In several instances, landowners have engaged in the wholesale slaughter of wildlife when crop damage from wildlife occurred, despite efforts by the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (DGF) to intervene. In response to these concerns, DGF and many constituencies worked hard before and throughout the 2009 legislative session to craft a new law that would protect wildlife and ensure landowners weren't adversely impacted without a remedy. Offered as a solution, SB391 would have removed a landowner's right to kill wildlife that presents a threat to property, and instead offered monetary compensation for the loss of crops. This compromise was considered an important step in forging a resolution to a problem that has reached a fever pitch among stakeholders. Senator Sanchez received solid support from the legislature for his measure—SB391 passed the Senate 31-10 and reached the House floor for consideration. SB391 was among many bills that ran out of time on the House floor on the session's last day. Animal Protection Voters is hopeful the bill will be reintroduced in the 2010 legislative session, since resolution of the issue is so important to sound wildlife policy in New Mexico.

HB82, Intentionally Starving Animals to Death

Sponsored by Representative Patty Lundstrom (D-Gallup). Would have amended the animal cruelty statute, NMSA 30-18-1, to include malicious and intentional dehydration and starvation to be charged as a fourth degree felony.

HB434, Family Violence Protection Act Revisions

Sponsored by Representative Rhonda King (D-Stanley). Would have amended the Family Violence Act to allow animals to be included in a Temporary Domestic Protection Order. The family's animals would have been removed from the home at the same time the victim(s) of violence seeks shelter. This would have helped keep animals from being used as leverage against the primary victims of domestic violence. According to The Humane Society of the United States, 87% of families reported for child abuse also had animal abuse in the home; up to 50% of victims delay leaving an abusive situation because they fear their animals will be harmed. Representative King and Attorney General Gary King were staunch champions of HB434, which ran out of time.

About This Scorecard

New Mexico Legislature Becoming More Animal-Friendly

An analysis of legislator scores over the last several years reveals that the New Mexico legislature is trending toward being more "animal-friendly," even while bills being introduced are of increasing significance to animals.

Percentage of Legislators Earning Perfect Scores (or better) By Year

	House*	Senate*
2005	40%	19%
2006	87%	57%
2007	73%	60%
2008	n/a*	n/a*
2009	83%	69%

*See scoring explanation below.

As you can see, in the 2009 session 83% of the House and 69% of the Senate earned perfect 100% scores.

“Animal Protection Voters knows how to build consensus among people without giving up their principles. They effectively reinforce legislators' efforts to enhance animal protection laws here in New Mexico.”

—Senator Mary Jane Garcia
D-Doña Ana

How to Read this Scorecard

The final score listed at the far right side of each line on the scorecard represents the percentage of time a particular legislator voted to protect animals when given the opportunity in 2009.

Scores for the 2005, 2006, 2007 sessions are also listed on the far left next to each legislator. A 2008 session scorecard was not produced because of the difficulty in determining equitable scores. Bills introduced in the 2008 session were extremely important, but involved funding animal initiatives and presented only limited voting opportunity across legislators.

Important Ways to Use This Scorecard

Find your two legislators on the scorecard—you have one in the House and one in the Senate. Please visit nmlegis.gov/lcs if you do not know who your legislators are.

If your legislators' scores are 100%, please be sure to contact them and thank them for their important support of serious animal protection bills. They need to know you are noticing their attention to their voting record. If your legislators fell short of a 100% score, please also contact them and ask to meet with them to learn more about their concerns and to ask them to consider your views.

Please share this information with other people and encourage them to support Animal Protection Voters. This entire scorecard can be downloaded from the web at apvnm.org/scorecard.



2009 New Mexico State Legislature Scorecard

Key:

- ✓ Legislator voted FOR the animals
 - N Legislator voted AGAINST the animals
 - A Legislator was not in the room when the vote took place; does not affect their final score
 - E Legislator was officially excused from the vote, does not affect their final score
 - + Next to a legislator's name means they sponsored a pro-animal bill
- HAGC House Agriculture & Water Resources Committee
 - HJC House Judiciary Committee
 - HTRC House Taxation & Revenue Committee
 - SJC Senate Judiciary Committee
 - SPAC Senate Public Affairs Committee
 - n/a Legislator did not serve in that session
 - * Bill received committee vote only, didn't reach floor

House	2005 Score	2006 Score	2007 Score	HB 159	SB 127	SB 185	HB781* (HAGC)	HB 434	HB 265	HB 593	HB 456	HJM 4	HB 434	SB391* (HTRC)	SB391* (HJC)	SB313* (HJC)	2009 Score
Eliseo Lee Alcon (D-6)	n/a	n/a	n/a	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		E	✓	100%
Thomas Anderson (R-29)	50%	75%	100%	✓	✓	A		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				100%
Janice Arnold-Jones (R-24)	100%	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓			100%
Paul Bandy (D-3)	n/a	n/a	80%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	100%
Elias Barela (D-8)	n/a	n/a	80%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	100%
Andrew Barreras (D-7)	n/a	n/a	100%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	E			100%
Ray Begaye (D-4)	100%	100%	100%	✓	✓	E	E	✓	E	✓	A	A	✓				100%
Richard Berry (R-20)	n/a	n/a	100%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				100%
Donald Bratton (R-62)	60%	75%	100%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓				100%
Jose Campos (D-63)	67%	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	E	A	✓				100%
Joseph Cervantes (D-52)	100%	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	E	100%
Gail Chasey (D-18)	100%	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	100%
Eleanor Chavez (D-13)	n/a	n/a	n/a	✓	E	E		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E				100%
Ernest Chavez (D-12)	75%	100%	80%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E			100%
Zachary Cook (R-56)	n/a	n/a	n/a	✓	A	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓		E	✓	100%
Nate Cote (D-53)	n/a	n/a	100%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E			100%
Anna Crook (R-64)	75%	100%	100%	N	A	✓		✓	N	A	✓	✓	✓	E			71%
Brian F. Ego Jr. (D-47)	n/a	n/a	n/a	✓	A	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				100%
Nora Espinoza (R-59)	n/a	n/a	80%	N	A	✓		✓	N	✓	✓	✓	✓				75%
Candy Spence Ezzell (R-58)	25%	75%	75%	✓	N	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				89%
Mary Helen Garcia (D-34)	75%	100%	80%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				100%
Miguel Garcia (D-14)	120%	100%	120%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				100%
Thomas Garcia (D-68)	n/a	n/a	100%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				100%
Keith Gardner (R-66)	50%	75%	80%	✓	✓	✓		✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100%
Karen Giannini (D-30)	n/a	n/a	n/a			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				100%
Bobby Gonzales (D-42)	75%	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100%
William Gray (R-53)	n/a	n/a	75%	N	N	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			80%

House

	2005 Score	2006 Score	2007 Score	HB 159	SB 127	SB 185	HB781* (HAGC)	HB 434	HB 265	HB 593	HB 456	HJM 4	HB 434	SB391* (HTRC)	SB391* (HJC)	SB313* (HJC)	2009 Score
Joni Gutierrez (D-33)	100%	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				100%
Jimmy Hall (R-28)	75%	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				90%
Dianne Hamilton (R-38)	80%	100%	100%	A	E	✓		✓	✓	A	✓	A	A				100%
John Heaton (D-55)	80%	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				100%
Dona Irwin (D-32)	50%	100%	100%	✓	A	✓	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				88%
Sandra Jeff (D-5)	n/a	n/a	n/a	✓	✓	E		E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E			100%
Rhonda King (D-50)	100%	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				100% +
Dennis Kintigh (R-57)	n/a	n/a	n/a	✓	N	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓		✓	✓	90%
Larry Larranaga (R-27)	50%	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				90%
Antonio Lujan (D-35)	100%	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				100%
Ben Lujan (D-46)	50%	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100%
Patty Lundstrom (D-9)	100%	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				100% +
J. Roger Madalena (D-65)	100%	100%	75%	✓	✓	E		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				100%
Antonio Maestas (D-16)	n/a	n/a	100%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	E	100%
W. Ken Martinez (D-69)	100%	140%	100%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		E	✓	100% +
Rudolpho Martinez (D-39)	n/a	n/a	n/a	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100%
Kathy McCoy (R-22)	120%	140%	100%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				100%
Rick Miera (D-11)	100%	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				100%
Andy Nuñez (D-36)	50%	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				100% +
Bill O'Neill (D-15)	n/a	n/a	n/a		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	E	100%
Al Park (D-26)	100%	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		E	✓	100% +
Danice Picraux (D-25)	100%	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				100%
Jane Powdrell-Culbert (R-44)	100%	100%	67%	N	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				88%
Bill Rehm (R-31)	n/a	75%	100%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		100%
Dennis Roch (R-67)	n/a	n/a	n/a	N	✓	✓		✓	N	✓	✓	A	✓				75%
Benjamin Rodefer (D-23)	n/a	n/a	n/a	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	E	✓	✓	E	✓			100%
Debbie Rodella (D-41)	50%	100%	75%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				100%
Henry "Kiki" Saavedra (D-10)	50%	100%	67%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				100%
Nick Salazar (D-40)	80%	100%	75%	E	✓	✓		✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓				100%
Edward Sandoval (D-17)	75%	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓			100%
Sheryl Williams Stapleton (D-19)	100%	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				100%
Jeff Steinborn (D-37)	n/a	n/a	100%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				100%
Mimi Stewart (D-21)	100%	100%	100%	✓	A	A		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	E	100% +
James Strickler (R-2)	n/a	n/a	80%	N	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			90%
Thomas Taylor (R-1)	75%	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓		✓	A	✓	✓	A	✓	E			100%
Jack Thomas (R-60)	n/a	n/a	n/a	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				100%
Don Tripp (R-49)	67%	100%	67%	✓	✓	✓	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				90% +
Jim Trujillo (D-45)	100%	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓			100%
Shirley Tyler (R-61)	75%	n/a	80%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				100%
Luciano "Lucky" Varela (D-48)	75%	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				100%
Gloria Vaughn (R-51)	100%	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	100%
Richard Vigil (D-70)	50%	100%	100%	E	✓	✓		✓	E	✓	A	✓	✓				100%
Jeannette Wallace (R-43)	60%	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				100%

Senate Scores

	2005 Score	2006 Score	2007 Score	SB 127	SB 185	SB 313	SB 391	SB 504	HB265	HB 593	HJM4	HB434* (SJC)	HB 434* (SPAC)	HB 456* (SJC)	2009 Score
Rod Adair (R-33)	75%	75%	50%	✓	A	✓	N	A	E	✓	✓				80%
Vernon Asbill (R-34)	50%	80%	50%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		100%
Sue Wilson Beffort (R-19)	100%	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓				100%
Mark Boitano (R-18)	50%	75%	50%	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓		N		88%
Pete Campos (D-8)	75%	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				100%
Carlos Cisneros (D-6)	40%	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E				100%
Kent Cravens (R-21)	40%	75%	100%	✓	✓	✓	N	✓	✓	✓	✓				88%
Dianna Duran (R-40)	50%	75%	33%	✓	✓	✓	N	✓	✓	✓	✓				88%
Tim Eichenberg (D-15)	n/a	n/a	n/a	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	N	✓	✓	90% +
Dede Feldman (D-13)	100%	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		100%
Stephen Fischmann (D-37)	n/a	n/a	n/a	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓				100%
Mary Jane Garcia (D-36)	115%	120%	140%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		E		100% +
Eric Griego (D-14)	n/a	n/a	n/a	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				100%
Phil Griego (D-39)	67%	100%	50%	✓	A	✓	N	✓	E	E	E				75% +
Clint Harden (R-7)	33%	80%	25%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓		100%
Stuart Ingle (R-27)	50%	80%	33%	✓	A	A	N	✓	✓	E	✓				80%
Tim Jennings (D-32)	30%	75%	50%	✓	✓	✓	N	✓	✓	✓	✓				88%
Tim Keller (D-17)	n/a	n/a	n/a	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	E	✓				100%
Gay Kernan (R-42)	50%	80%	100%	✓	A	✓	N	✓	✓	✓	✓		E		86%
Carrol Leavell (R-41)	50%	66%	0%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	E				100%
Linda Lopez (D-11)	100%	100%	0%	A	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
Linda Lovejoy (D-22)	n/a	n/a	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				100%
Richard Martinez (D-5)	25%	100%	100%	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	E		100%
Cisco McSorley (D-16)	75%	100%	100%	✓	E	✓	✓	A	✓	E	✓	✓	✓		100%
Howie Morales (D-28)	n/a	n/a	n/a	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	E	✓				100%
George Muñoz (D-4)	n/a	n/a	n/a	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		E		100%
Cynthia Nava (D-31)	100%	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		E		100%
Steven Neville (R-2)	50%	80%	100%	✓	✓	✓	N	✓	✓	✓	✓				88%
Jerry Ortiz y Pino (D-12)	95%	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓				100%
Mary Kay Papen (D-38)	75%	75%	100%	✓	✓	✓	N	✓	✓	✓	✓				88%
William Payne (R-20)	67%	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		100%
John Pinto (D-3)	50%	100%	67%	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓				100%
Nancy Rodriguez (D-24)	95%	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				100%
Sander Rue (D-23)	n/a	n/a	n/a	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓		100%
John Ryan (R-10)	60%	100%	75%	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓		100%
Bernadette Sanchez (D-26)	50%	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	✓		100%
Michael Sanchez (D-29)	100%	140%	67%	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	N	✓		77% +
John Sapien (D-9)	n/a	n/a	n/a	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				100%
William Sharer (R-1)	20%	75%	67%	✓	✓	✓	N	✓	✓	✓	✓				88%
John Arthur Smith (D-35)	55%	75%	100%	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				100%
David Ulibarri (D-30)	n/a	n/a	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E				100%
Peter Wirth (D-25)	n/a	n/a	n/a	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	E		100% +
Lt. Governor Diane Denish	100%	100%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a



Advocates Addressed by State Dignitaries Including Governor, Attorney General, Legislators at APV's Packed Rotunda Press Conference

APV's Lobby Day Called an Immense Success

Animal Protection Voters' press conference at the state capitol rotunda on the afternoon of Friday, February 27, was the culmination of events that resulted in a venue filled to capacity to hear top lawmakers and representatives of state agencies speak about the need for passing legislation that will create broader protections for New Mexico's animals.

Addressing the wall-to-wall crowd were: Governor Bill Richardson, Attorney General Gary King, Rep. Al Park, Sen. Peter Wirth, Sen. Mary Jane Garcia, House Majority Leader Ken Martinez, Rep. Andy Nuñez and Director of Animal Control for the Doña Ana County sheriff's department, Curtis Childress.

APV is grateful to the more than 150 animal advocates who participated in the day's advocacy work in Santa Fe. Given the high attendance of activists at the press conference, lawmakers saw the room full of people willing take a day

off work, to drive sometimes hundreds of miles, to find the rare parking spot, to hike into a building that may be unfamiliar to most, in order to create a large presence for animals.

Many advocates visited the offices of their legislators, as they had been coached to do in APV's Lobby 101 workshops—and they asked their representatives and senators to vote in favor of animal protections. APV is enormously proud of these advocates, and thanks each and every one of them for taking the time to make this strong statement on behalf of animals.

“This is such an important issue for us that we in New Mexico are the state where compassion reigns.”

—New Mexico Attorney General Gary King



If you were not able to join us for Lobby Day 2009, join us in 2011! Please stay tuned for news of APV's priority issues for the next long session in 2011.

Animal Protection Voters

We change the laws to change their lives.

Animal Protection Voters (APV) integrates animal protection issues with legislation, public policy and politics throughout New Mexico.

Identifying problems and lobbying for strong animal protection laws to remedy those problems is an important part of what APV does. But getting there requires more. APV helps to ensure the state's legislature, county commissions, city councils and other elected offices are filled with people willing to support animal protection measures. APV helps pro-animal candidates get elected and stay in office by endorsing them and providing volunteers for their campaigns. APV also holds state legislators accountable for their votes on animal issues by tracking votes and publishing and distributing a scorecard. APV also contributes to the election campaigns of carefully selected candidates through its APV-Political Action Committee.

APV represents the humane values embraced by most New Mexicans. APV is building an ever larger voting bloc that elected officials cannot ignore.



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