



# 2013 Scorecard

## NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATURE

“Coyote is not this kind of ‘bogeyman monster’ that’s fostered by coyote killing contests. Killing contests diminish the respectful approach.”

– Representative Miguel Garcia

### What’s Inside:

- Overview of 2013 legislation affecting animals
- Capital outlay successes for shelters
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# Letter from the Director

Thirty-five plus. That was the number of bills Animal Protection Voters' lobby team actively monitored, testified on, organized testimony for/against, researched, supported, opposed, and on which we made sure the animals' voices were represented during the session ending in mid-March. The lengthy, diverse and often contentious list of legislation was emblematic of animal issues themselves: Complicated and controversial, emotional, running the gamut of species affected, always subject to gross exaggeration, bringing out the worst and best in people.

The 2013 session stood out as one of the busiest and most challenging ever. In the aftermath, two of APV's priority bills passed and were signed by the Governor, and a handful of terrible bills were stopped in their tracks. It's always frightening to contemplate not being at the state Capitol every waking moment. Positive legislation requires an unimaginable amount of strategy and tactical "to-do's," and truly bad things can happen in a very short period of time. Thanks to our supporters, APV and our allies can be a very formidable force for good.

The Horse Shelter Rescue Fund passed in its first year of introduction, and is an antidote to the naysayers who think horse slaughter is a viable option for homeless horses. The Animal Sheltering Board emerged with support for continuing its mission of ensuring humane animal shelters, and addressing the crushing problem of overpopulation. APV's priority wildlife bills generated unprecedented interest, drawing fierce and disappointing lines of opposition from some who purport to be conservationists. The irony and hypocrisy of those who defended killing contests and cruel traps and poisons demand a response as we move forward on those measures.

In the midst of all the action, a highlight of the session was APV's signature Animal Lobby Day, this year attended by about 150 eager and effective advocates of all ages who communicated with their lawmakers about urgent animal issues. The rotunda gathering and press conference included guest pooch, Taffy, who was abandoned and found on the side of the road, scarred, emaciated and blind. No one was ever held responsible for discarding him like trash. His story of neglect and abuse underscores the need for stronger laws that already enjoy massive support, but not with every key lawmaker.

When you review this scorecard, please commit to understanding the legislative issues affecting our state's animals, and to developing a relationship with your legislators so you become a trusted resource for them. The investment won't be wasted and the animals will benefit from your labors. This scorecard will help arm you with the raw data you need to get started. Tell us how we can help you, and as always, thank you for being an Animal Protection Voter in New Mexico!

Sincerely yours,



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#### Animal Protection Voters' Mission:

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

Animal Protection Voters is enormously grateful to its members and supporters. We extend special thanks to Demand Printing Solutions of Albuquerque for its generous contribution of printing services for this 2013 Scorecard.

# Sponsors of APV Priority Legislation

## Chairman Richard Martinez

Chairman Martinez (D-Española) has served as a senator since 2001, and since 2011 has sponsored one of APV's priority bills: To improve New Mexico's animal cruelty statutes. Chairman Martinez once again demonstrated his determination to help animals by sponsoring SB 83, which faced supersized opposition that misrepresented the bill and misinformed legislators throughout the session. Despite an army of lobbyists representing numerous industries speaking at every hearing, the Senator skillfully navigated complicated questions and maintained his deep commitment to keeping the bill strong when many tried to drastically weaken it. Throughout the session, Chairman Martinez buoyed up citizen supporters from across the state, many who traveled long distances to give compelling testimony about the need for stronger laws to protect innocent animal lives not adequately protected. The Chairman worked tirelessly to secure a Senate floor hearing for the bill that languished there almost four weeks without the majority leader scheduling a hearing. APV looks forward to continuing our advocacy for animals with the Chairman's phenomenal leadership and support.



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## Representative Carl Trujillo

Representative Trujillo (D-Santa Fe), a freshman legislator with a soft spot in his heart for animals, sponsored the House version of the bill to amend and strengthen New Mexico's animal cruelty laws. The Representative successfully staved off his own share of seasoned and fierce opposition to his HB 224 by a multitude of special interests and the legislators representing them. In committee and on the House floor, the Representative demonstrated his mettle and earned at least a few stripes by sponsoring an "animal bill," something he learned comes with its share of significant challenges. His House bill passed two House committees as well as a colorful, if not factual, House floor debate, and moved to the Senate, only to languish there because of the lack of support for the bill by the Senate majority leader. APV is confident Rep. Trujillo will remain a shining star for the animals—he earned a 100% score in this 2013 session—as he continues his stellar service in the legislature. APV was honored to work with him on one of our priority bills during his first session.



David's of Santa Fe

## Senator Carlos Cisneros

Senator Carlos Cisneros (D-Questa), who has served in the legislature since 1985, was the sponsor of Senate Bill 163, which among other things allowed for the extension of the sunset date of the Animal Sheltering Board. Senator Cisneros worked with APV, other legislators interested in the welfare of shelter animals and the Regulation & Licensing Department on the final bill that received enthusiastic support from animal shelter representatives throughout New Mexico. This measure passed both chambers and was signed by Governor Martinez, allowing for the Board's continued efforts to provide vital oversight of humane euthanasia, shelter standards and statewide spay-neuter planning. APV is grateful for Senator Cisneros' continued dedication to the humane treatment of animals and sensible policies, which is demonstrated by his lifetime APV score of 82%.



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# Sponsors of APV Priority Legislation, Continued

## Representative Nate Cote

Representative Nate Cote (D-Organ) returned to the New Mexico legislature in 2013, after serving in the House between 2007 and 2011. Currently representing the rural counties of Otero and Doña Ana and serving as Vice Chair of the House Voters & Elections committee, the representative has earned his reputation for being caring, thoughtful and accessible to constituents and the public. A defender of the welfare of animals with a lifetime APV score of 100%, Rep. Cote was proud to sponsor one of APV's priority bills: HB 316 to ban coyote-killing contests. The bill quickly garnered media attention because of overwhelming public support for eliminating the repulsive practice of coyote-killing contests which also have the potential to hurt New Mexico's reputation as a tourist destination. Rep. Cote worked tirelessly throughout the session to address concerns about the bill raised by various interest groups. After multiple accommodations and amendments, it became clear that regardless of concessions made, the department of game and fish and some sportsmen's groups could not be satisfied because they were fundamentally at odds with placing any limits on killing coyotes, no matter the circumstances. Rep. Cote endured a grueling House floor debate dominated by inaccurate and misleading testimony by some lawmakers intent on killing the bill. Rep. Cote demonstrated he is a man of conviction who wants to promote what is beneficial for New Mexico and its citizens, and APV is eager to continue advocating for this bill's passage with his leadership.



David's of Santa Fe

## Chairman Roberto "Bobby" Gonzales

Chairman Roberto "Bobby" Gonzales (D-Taos) has served as a representative since 1995, and is chair of the House Transportation & Public Works committee. A retired educator, Representative Gonzales has a wonderful approach to learning and teaching that could best be described as inviting and inspiring. The representative is both thoughtful and compassionate when it comes to issues involving the humane treatment of animals—he has maintained an impressive lifetime APV score of 85%. Rep. Gonzales was moved to introduce the New Mexico Wildlife Protection and Public Safety Act after two of his constituents and their animals were injured by leg hold traps. Rep. Gonzales also believes it's to New Mexico's advantage to make our fabulous outdoor recreational destinations safe and enjoyable for residents, tourists and visitors. He contends that having anyone or their pet get crushed in a trap or killed by a poison casts a very negative light on our state. The bill was tabled in its first House committee, but Rep. Gonzales remains undeterred, understanding that meaningful legislation often takes years or decades to pass. APV is very proud to partner with Rep. Gonzales on this beneficial legislation.



David's of Santa Fe

## Senator George Muñoz

Senator Muñoz (D-Gallup) has served in the state Senate since 2009, and boasts a 96% lifetime APV score during his tenure. Representing his diverse district in western New Mexico has made him keenly aware of the needs of animals, particularly dogs and horses. Senator Muñoz was eager to sponsor APV's Horse Shelter Rescue Fund in order to support the state's licensed equine shelters that have limited resources to address the needs of homeless horses. Senator Muñoz successfully navigated the bill through the lengthy legislative process, with help and support from APV, the NM Livestock Board (through which the Fund will be managed), and several equine shelters. The new Fund will be able to accept voluntary contributions from taxpayers who choose to donate all or part of their state tax refund for horses through New Mexico's PIT-D form. The Fund can also accept other donations beyond tax refunds. Look for this opportunity when you prepare your 2013 tax return. APV is grateful for Senator Muñoz's leadership on this issue of great concern to many New Mexicans.



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# APV Priority Legislation

**BILLS PASSED**

## Senate Bill 274, Horse Shelter Rescue Fund

Senator George Muñoz's (D-Gallup) bill creates a tax check off on New Mexico's personal income tax forms to allow voluntary contributions to help licensed horse rescues in New Mexico. The bill sailed through the Senate and House with outstanding testimony from licensed horse shelters and broad support from the equine community, look for this option on your PIT-D form starting next year!



## Senate Bill 163, Animal Sheltering Board

Senator Carlos Cisneros (D-Questa) combined several bills together into this omnibus bill that extends the "sunset date" or the operations for multiple boards and commissions, including the Animal Sheltering Board. The bill passed the Senate 42-0 and passed the House 63-4 and allows the Animal Sheltering Board to continue its task regarding oversight for humane euthanasia, shelter standards, and statewide spay-neuter planning and implementation.



## Senate Bill 83 & House Bill 224, Strengthen New Mexico's Animal Cruelty Law

Sponsored by Chairman Richard Martinez (D-Española) and Representative Carl Trujillo (D-Santa Fe), these bills would better protect animals across the state from extreme neglect and keep our communities safe. The bills passed through all assigned committees and the House floor, but the Senate majority leader would not bring up the bill for a hearing on the Senate floor and the bills died.

**BILLS REJECTED**



## House Bill 579, Ban on traps and poisons

Sponsored by Representative Roberto "Bobby" Gonzales (D-Taos), this bill would prohibit, with some limited exceptions, cruel body-gripping traps and poisons that threaten public safety, cause unacceptable pain and suffering to wild and domestic animals, and violate the public's ability to safely recreate in our state. House Bill 579 was given three hearings by the House Energy & Natural Resources committee and was tabled on a 6-5 vote.

## House Bill 316, Ban on coyote-killing contests

Sponsored by Representative Nate Cote (D-Organ), this bill would make it unlawful for any person to organize, sponsor, or participate in coyote-killing contests. After a highly publicized November 2012 coyote-killing contest sparked public outcry, it has become apparent that the majority of New Mexicans do not approve of senseless and unnecessary killing being glorified in competition. House Bill 316 passed the House Judiciary committee and then died on the House floor on a 30-38 vote.

# Pro-Animal Legislation Spearheaded by Other Advocates

## House Memorial 46, Create Domestic Animal Abuse Database

**BILLS PASSED**

Representative Tim Lewis' (R-Rio Rancho) memorial requests the Dept. of Public Safety and the Dept. of Health examine the utility of creating an internal domestic animal abuse database to address public health and safety issues, an idea first brought to Representative Lewis by eighth graders in Rio Rancho.

**Senate Bill 72, Racehorse Testing Standards** – Senator Mary Kay Papen's (D-Las Cruces) bill increases standards for testing of racehorses in New Mexico, a first step in fixing the industry's corruption and abuse which is so harmful to horses.

**Senate Bill 139, Disposition of State-Owned Animals** – Senator Mark Moores' (R-Albuquerque) bill provides for the adoption of state-owned canines at the end of their careers, a significant improvement for working canines from the previous practice of treating the dogs as mere "property" requiring disposal.

**Senate Bill 141, Protective Vests for Police Dogs** – Senator Howie Morales' (D-Silver City) bill will at last allow for the purchase of police dog protective vests from existing law enforcement equipment budgets.

**Senate Bill 320, Assistance Animal Act Changes** – Senator Nancy Rodriguez's (D-Santa Fe) bill brings New Mexico's laws into compliance with federal laws regarding assistance animals, including defining miniature service horses as service animals.

## House Memorial 1, Wildlife-Vehicle Collision Study & Senate Memorial 11, Reduce Wildlife Collisions

Representative Mimi Stewart's (D-Albuquerque) and Senator Howie Morales' (D-Silver City) bills were initiatives of the UNM Wild Friends, a youth group of

the UNM School of Law. The memorials were brought with the cooperation of the Dept. of Transportation and Dept. of Game & Fish and seek support to reduce animal-vehicle collisions statewide.

## House Bill 55, Hunting & Fishing Infraction Penalties

**BILLS REJECTED**

Representative Alonzo Baldonado's (R-Los Lunas) bill to increase penalties for some forms of poaching died waiting to be heard on the Senate floor.

## House Bill 63, No Breed-Specific Local Government Dog Regulations

Representative Yvette Herrell's (R-Alamogordo) bill to protect dogs and families by no longer allowing breed-specific local ordinances died waiting to be heard in Senate committee.

**House Bill 152, Protective Vests for Police Dogs** – Representative Don Tripp's (R-Socorro) measure was a mirror bill to Senator Morales' SB141 which was passed and signed.

**House Bill 187, Racehorse Testing Funds & Standards** – Representative Candy Ezzell's (R-Roswell) measure was a mirror bill to Senator Papen's SB72 which was passed and signed.

**House Bill 476, Horse Rescue Programs** Representative Nick Salazar's (D-Ohkay Owingeh) bill sought an appropriation for a horse therapy program between the Dept. of Veterans' Services and Dept. of Corrections. The money was incorporated into the legislature's budget but then vetoed by the Governor. The agencies have stated their commitment to the program in 2013.

**House Bill 552, Dexter Therapeutic Horseback Program** – Representative Candy Ezzell's (R-Roswell) bill sought an appropriation for a therapeutic riding program that helps children with disabilities, furthering humane careers for horses. The bill passed its first committee but was not incorporated into the final budget.

### **House Memorial 90, LFC Evaluation of Game & Fish Dept.**

Representative Jeff Steinborn's (D-Las Cruces) memorial sought a performance evaluation of the Dept. of Game & Fish to review the department's compliance with the Wildlife Conservation Act. It died waiting to be heard on the House floor.

### **House Memorial 91, Dept. of Game & Fish & Endangered Species**

Representative Jeff Steinborn's (D-Las Cruces) memorial requested the Dept. of Game & Fish appoint an advisory committee to advise on policy, procedures, management, and research. It died waiting to be heard on the House floor.

### **Senate Bill 155, Expand Animal Cruelty Definitions**

– Senator Jacob Candelaria's (D-Albuquerque) bill would make it clear that starving or dehydrating an animal to death is a felony. The bill passed its first committee and the sponsor sought to combine it with efforts to pass SB83 and HB224 (APV priority cruelty bills).

### **Senate Bill 389, Horse Rescue Programs**

Senator Pete Campos' (D-Las Vegas) bill sought to appropriate money for horse therapy programs using rescue horses and benefitting incarcerated, honorably discharged veterans. The bill passed its first committee unanimously but was not incorporated into the final budget.

### **Senate Bill 459, Animal Cruelty Law Training**

– Senator Bill O'Neill's (D-Albuquerque) bill sought an appropriation for training law enforcement and Children, Youth & Families Dept. employees on animal cruelty laws and the link between cruelty and domestic violence. The bill passed its committees unanimously but was not incorporated into the final budget.

### **Senate Bill 473, Protection Orders for Minors and Enforcement**

– Senator Linda Lopez's (D-Albuquerque) bill would make updates to the Family Violence Prevention act, including defining animal cruelty with the intent to intimidate, threaten or harass as domestic violence, and including animals in the scope of domestic protection orders. The bill died waiting to be heard in Senate committee.

### **Senate Memorial 78, Bernalillo Animal Abuse Case Court**

– Senator Jacob Candelaria's (D-Albuquerque) memorial to request the Bernalillo County metropolitan court create a specialty court to handle animal abuse cases died waiting to be heard in Senate committee.

## **Anti-Animal Legislation APV Opposed**

### **House Joint Memorial 16, Study Feasibility of Horse Slaughter**

Representative Paul Bandy's (R-Aztec) bill which sought to study the feasibility of slaughtering horses in New Mexico was defeated on the House floor with the help of passionate, informed debate from Representatives Sheryl Williams Stapleton, Brian Egolf, Stephen Easley, Emily Kane, and Gail Chasey.

**BILLS REJECTED**

### **House Bill 90, Horse Slaughter Facility Study**

– Representative Paul Bandy's (R-Aztec) bill which sought \$20,000 tax dollars to study the feasibility of slaughtering horses in New Mexico passed its first committee and then died without being incorporated into the budget.

### **Senate Bill 552, Livestock Operation Interference Act**

– Senator Cliff Pirtle's (R-Roswell) bill, like many sweeping the nation, sought to harm long-term investigations of animal cruelty and food and worker safety, and threatened the First Amendment by making it illegal to document animal abuse on factory farms and at other agricultural businesses. The bill did not pass its first committee.

### **Senate Bill 194, No Agriculture as a Nuisance**

– Senator Phil Griego's (D-San Jose) bill, like others being proposed across the country, would create another special level of protection for agricultural operations, preventing neighbors from recourse for environmental or animal cruelty concerns on all agricultural property. It died waiting to be heard on the Senate floor.

# 2013 Animal Lobby Day

APV's 2013 Animal Lobby Day brought together amazing animal advocates from all over the state for one reason – to improve the lives of animals by speaking up in person at the state legislature.

There's no way APV could take on an ambitious agenda to protect so many animals all over the state without this tremendous public support. A huge thank you to the 150 citizens who attended Animal Lobby Day, making it through the snow and ice to deliver compassion and a strong voice for change into the halls of state government!

Citizen lobbyists received the latest updates on the progress of priority legislation, enjoyed a delicious vegan lunch courtesy of our partners with the ASPCA, and delivered personalized letters to legislators, requesting support for bills that help animals. Everyone rallied for a press conference in the Capitol Rotunda to cheer about the bill to ban cruel and dangerous traps and poisons on our public lands. Engaged citizens applauded collaborative work to bring more help to New Mexico's horses, homeless dogs and cats, and indeed all animals statewide who suffer from extreme cruelty and neglect.

*"Very well put together. The timing of the sessions was very clearly laid out and the packets contained everything we needed! Beautiful!"*

–Melissa Romero

This year's Lobby Day was such a success that APV is increasing citizen lobbyist events to stay in closer contact with tens of thousands of supporters all across our state. The vast majority of New Mexicans know we can do so much better for the animals with whom we share our lives and this planet. Contact [info@apvnm.org](mailto:info@apvnm.org) to find out when APV will be in your community, or to help organize an event!

*"I enjoyed it. I think Lisa and her staff did a great job in informing us citizen lobbyists about what we might face and how to best get our message across. While I did not get to meet our Senator Lisa Torracco I was able to leave information. I also left notes of thanks to those who worked hard to sponsor bills like Reps. Bobby Gonzales and Nate Cote...It was all handled very well. The lunch was very nice. I don't know if much more can be accomplished on this day - it's too bad it's only once every two years." –Raymond Watt*

*"I celebrate this experience as an advanced graduate seminar in practical hope! Your organized presentation, etc. is world class." –Teresa Toole*



Judy Prisco



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Michael Calloway



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You know it already - those opposed to protections for animals are few, but they are often entrenched, well-funded, and make a lot of noise. They often get away with telling half-truths and even outright lies. It is only because of your support that APV is able to grow and continue effectively challenging and ending the stubborn systems and practices that cause unspeakable cruelty and destruction in our beautiful home state.

*“Very informative and gave me hope for the future. It was gratifying to see so many people interested in the welfare of animals and witness their dedication. Excellent presentation.”*

–Sandra DaPrato

Thank you to all our dedicated volunteers and attendees for making 2013 Animal Lobby Day a success! Please pledge to keep fighting for animals and to bring more people into the APV family so we can all see more lasting, life-affirming change for animals.



Michael Calloway

APV is also grateful to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) for supporting our 2013 efforts. The ASPCA sponsored Lobby Day lunch for our hardworking citizen lobbyists, and supported other elements of Animal Protection Voters’ work to pass stronger laws for animals in New Mexico during the 60-day legislative session.

*“I missed the first 1.5 hours due to weather and having to drive into town from South San Ysidro. I picked up my packet and joined the group - packet is great! All the people I spoke with were upbeat and engaged.”* –Diane Moreno



Judy Prisoc

# New Mexico Legislators Stand Up for New Mexico Animal Shelters

Animal Protection Voters (APV) saw the 2013 legislative session conclude on several bright notes for New Mexico's animal shelters, beginning with a six-year extension for the state's Animal Sheltering Board and ending with the approval of capital outlay funding for several important animal shelter projects and an animal transport unit.

The Animal Sheltering Board, created in 2007, will now be able to continue its vital role of education and enforcement of humane euthanasia laws for providers, agencies and instructors. It can also continue to address humane standards and best practices for shelters, as well as developing statewide spay/neuter initiatives to address the costly and tragic problem of dog and cat overpopulation. Special thanks go to Sen. Carlos R. Cisneros (D-Questa), Sen. Daniel A. Ivey-Soto (D-Albuquerque) and Sen. Gay G. Kernan (R-Hobbs) for their leadership to assure the future of the Animal Sheltering Board. Thanks, too, to all APV members and other advocates for making your voices heard on this legislation.

Each of the following capital outlay projects will help to improve the quality of life for many homeless animals and residents of several communities:

- **Truth or Consequences: \$100,000 to plan, design, construct and equip an animal shelter.** Special thanks to co-sponsors Rep. Diane Miller Hamilton (R-Silver City) and Sen. John Arthur Smith (D-Deming).
- **Carlsbad: \$100,000 for improvements to Noah's Ark Animal Shelter.** Special thanks to co-sponsors Rep. William "Bill" J. Gray (R-Artesia), Rep. Cathrynn N. Brown (R-Carlsbad), Sen. Carroll H. Leavell (R-Jal), Sen. Ron Griggs (R-Alamogordo) and Sen. Gay G. Kernan (R-Hobbs).
- **Tularosa: \$200,000 to plan, design, construct, equip, furnish, purchase and install a metal building for an animal shelter, including pad, lighting, fencing and a heating, ventilation and air conditioning system in Tularosa.** Special thanks to co-sponsors Rep. Zachary J. Cook (R-Ruidoso), Rep. Nora Espinoza (R-Roswell), Sen. Ron Griggs (R-Alamogordo) and Sen. William Burt (R-Alamogordo).
- **Valencia County: \$150,000 for improvements to the animal shelter in Los Lunas.** Special thanks to sponsor Sen. Michael Sanchez (D-Belen).
- **Las Cruces: \$137,000 to purchase and equip an animal transport van for the Mesilla Valley Animal Services Center.** Special thanks to co-sponsors Rep. Bill McCamley (D-Mesilla Park), Rep. Mary Helen Garcia (D-Las Cruces), Rep. Jeff Steinborn (D-Las Cruces), Rep. Phillip M. Archuleta (D-Las Cruces), Rep. Terry H. McMillan (R-Las Cruces), Rep. Rodolpho "Rudy" S. Martinez (D-Bayard), Rep. Doreen Y. Gallegos (D-Las Cruces), Rep. Nathan P. Cote (D-Organ), Sen. John Arthur Smith (D-Deming), Sen. William Soules (D-Las Cruces), Sen. Mary Kay Papen (D-Las Cruces) and Sen. Joseph Cervantes (D-Las Cruces).



# About This Scorecard

## Analysis: Animal Bills Prominent at the Capital

The 2013 legislative session offered lawmakers an unprecedented number of opportunities to vote for or against the interests of animals and the citizens who care about them. Ensuring fair and accurate scoring within and across years has proven to be challenging.

This year APV adopted a new scoring system that we believe more closely aligns with the actions that matter most during the session: APV's priority bills will now be weighted double compared to other bills. Confounding all this is the fact that the Senate voted far fewer times for animals than did the House, creating an almost artificial elevation of Senate scores. Nonetheless, in 2013, 64% of the Senate and 10% of the House earned perfect scores.

APV works to protect all animals, and our state's wildlife matter as much as domesticated animals. It remains a challenge to secure solid support from some legislators across the spectrum of species. Sadly, this year some legislators who have historically voted for animals succumbed to irrational arguments and fear-mongering, and voted against bills they've supported for years, driving their scores and our support for them into the ground. APV will stand true to its commitment that regardless of partisan affiliation, we will support legislators and candidates who support the animals. Conversely, we cannot support those who largely abandon the animals by voting against their interests. Votes count. Rhetoric doesn't.

## How to Read this Scorecard

The 2013 score listed next to each legislator's name on the scorecard represents the percentage of time a particular legislator voted to protect animals when given the opportunity in 2013. Lifetime scores also are now listed for each legislator, providing a more 'normalized' snapshot of their overall performance for animal issues.

## 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](http://nmlegis.gov) if you do not know who your legislators are.

If your legislators' scores are 100% or better (in prior years we gave extra points for sponsorship, sometimes resulting in lifetime scores of more than 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 at [apvnm.org/scorecard](http://apvnm.org/scorecard). For legislative contact information, please see [nmlegis.gov](http://nmlegis.gov).

## Annual Percentage of Legislators Earning Perfect Scores (or better)

	House	Senate
2005	40%	19%
2006	87%	57%
2007	73%	60%
2008	n/a	n/a
2009	83%	69%
2010	71%	94%
2011	6%	71%
2012	n/a	n/a
2013	10%	64%



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House	2013 Score	Lifetime Avg.	Legislation																			
			SB 72	SB 139	SB 141	SB 163	SB 274	SB 320	HB 55	HB 63	HB 90*	HB 152	HB 187	HB 224	HB 316	HB 476*	HB 522*	HB 579*	HM 1	HM 46	HJM 16	HM 91*
Eliseo Lee Alcon (D-6)	75%	83%	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	N	✓	✓	✓	W				✓	✓	N		
Thomas A. Anderson (R-29)	63%	83%	✓	✓	✓	N	✓	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	N	N				✓	E	✓		
Phillip M. Archuleta (D-36)	83%	83%	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		
Alonzo Baldonado (R-8)	75%	82%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	N	N				✓	✓	✓		
Paul C. Bandy (R-3) 🗳️	40%	62%	A	✓	✓	✓	A	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	N	N				A	A	N		
Donald E. Bratton (R-62)	53%	72%	A	✓	N	✓	✓	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	N	N			N	✓	✓	N	E	N
Cathrynn N. Brown (R-55)	60%	71%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	E	N	E	✓	N	N	✓	E	✓	✓	N		
Gail Chasey (D-18)	89%	95%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N	A	✓	✓	✓				✓	E	✓		
Ernest H. Chavez (D-12)	85%	88%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	N	✓	✓	✓	✓				A	✓	✓		
Sharon Clahchischillige (R-4)	65%	65%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	N	N				✓	✓	N		
Zachary J. Cook (R - 56)	57%	84%	A	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	N	✓	✓	N	N	✓	E	✓	✓	W		
Nathan "Nate" Cote (D-53) ★	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	E	✓		
Anna M. Crook (R-64)	50%	67%	✓	✓	✓	N	✓	N	A	✓	✓	✓	N	N				✓	✓	N		
George Dodge (D-63)	71%	79%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N	✓	✓	W	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	N		
Stephen Easley (D-50)	88%	91%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	A	✓	✓			✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓
Brian F. Egolf (D-47)	88%	95%	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓
Nora Espinoza (R-59)	58%	77%	✓	✓	N	✓	✓	N	✓	A	✓	✓	W	N				✓	E	N		
Candy Spence Ezzell (R-58)	50%	61%	✓	✓	✓	N	✓	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	N	N			N	✓	A	N	N	N
Kelly Fajardo (R-7)	80%	80%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N	N				✓	✓	✓		
David M. Gallegos (R-61)	65%	65%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	N	N			✓	✓	W		
Doreen Y. Gallegos (D-52)	87%	87%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓		
Mary Helen Garcia (D-34)	63%	77%	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	N	N				A	E	✓		
Miguel P. Garcia (D-14)	95%	95%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	A	✓		
Stephanie Garcia Richard (D-43)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓		
Nate Gentry (R-30)	65%	77%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N	N				A	✓	N		
R. "Bobby" Gonzales (D-42) ★	88%	85%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	A	E	✓	✓	✓
William J. Gray (R-54)	65%	59%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	N	N			N	✓	✓	E	N	N
Jimmie C. Hall (R-28)	70%	89%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N	N				✓	✓	N		
Dianne Miller Hamilton (R-38)	56%	76%	A	✓	✓	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	W	N				E	E	W		
Jason C. Harper (R-57)	75%	75%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	W	N				✓	✓	W		
Yvette Herrell (R-51)	65%	77%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N	N				✓	A	N		
Dona G. Irwin (D-32)	57%	75%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N	N	✓	✓	N	N	✓	E	A	✓	N		
Sandra D. Jeff (D-5)	67%	76%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N	✓	✓	N	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	N		
Emily Kane (D-15)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓		
Larry A. Larrañaga (R-27)	67%	78%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N	✓	✓	N	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	N		

**Key:**

- ✓ Vote for the animals
- N Vote against the animals
- E Excused from Vote (doesn't count against score)
- A Absent from Vote (does count against score)
- W APV is confident legislator chose to "Walk" (i.e. not vote) as opposed to voting against bill.

This is commonly done to avoid voting against a bill.  
 This counts for half the credit of a full positive vote.

- \* Committee vote only
- n/a Did not have opportunity to vote
- Blank Not a committee member
- ★ Sponsor of APV priority bill to help animals
- 👉 Sponsor of some of the worst legislation that would harm animals

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			SB 72	SB 139	SB 141	SB 163	SB 274	SB 320	HB 55	HB 63	HB 90*	HB 152	HB 187	HB 224	HB 316	HB 476*	HB 522*	HB 579*	HM 1	HM 46	HJM 16	HM 91*	HM 90*
Tim D. Lewis (R-60)	65%	75%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N	N			N	✓	✓	W	N	N
Georgene Louis (D-26)	84%	84%	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	N	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	E	✓		
Patricia A. Lundstrom (D-9)	88%	87%	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	E	✓	✓	E	E	✓	✓					✓	E	✓		
J. Roger Madalena (D-65)	82%	87%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N	✓			N	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Antonio "Moe" Maestas (D-16)	84%	97%	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	N	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	E	✓		
Rodolpho "Rudy" Martinez (D-39)	85%	89%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N	✓	✓	✓	N					✓	✓	✓		
W. Ken Martinez (D-69)	100%	101%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	✓					E	E	✓		
Bill McCamley (D-33)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Terry H. McMillan (R-37)	60%	64%	✓	A	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	W	W					✓	A	N		
Rick Miera (D-11)	89%	92%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	N	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	E	✓		
Paul A. Pacheco (R-23)	90%	90%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	W	✓					A	✓	✓		
Jane E. Powdrell-Culbert (R-44)	60%	77%	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N	N					A	✓	N		
William "Bill" Rehm (R-31)	63%	90%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	N	N					✓	E	N		
Dennis J. Roch (R-67)	60%	73%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	N	N					✓	✓	N		
Debbie A. Rodella (D-41)	89%	68%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N					E	E	✓		
Patricia Roybal Caballero (D-13)	85%	85%	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N	✓	A	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓		
Henry "Kiki" Saavedra (D-10)	75%	88%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N					A	✓	N		
Nick L. Salazar (D-40)	85%	88%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					A	✓	N		
Tomas Salazar (D-70)	74%	74%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	N	N					✓	✓	✓		
Edward C. Sandoval (D-17)	68%	80%	✓	A	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	N	✓	✓	✓	✓					A	E	N		
James E. Smith (R-22)	84%	85%	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N					✓	E	✓		
Sheryl Williams Stapleton (D-19)	83%	85%	E	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	E	✓		
Jeff Steinborn (D-35)	94%	99%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓
Mimi Stewart (D-21)	100%	96%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓		
James R.J. Strickler (R-2)	52%	64%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	N	N			N	A	✓	N	N	N	
Thomas C. Taylor (R-1)	65%	84%	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N					A	✓	N		
Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson (D-24)	95%	95%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓		
Don L. Tripp (R-49)	67%	76%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N	✓	✓	A	N	✓	✓		✓	✓	N		
Carl Trujillo (D-46) ★	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	E	✓		
Christine Trujillo (D-25)	90%	90%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	N	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓		
Jim R. Trujillo (D-45)	90%	93%	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓		
Luciano "Lucky" Varela (D-48)	94%	85%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	N	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓	E	✓		
James P. White (R-20)	61%	82%	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	N	✓	✓	✓	✓	N	N					✓	✓	N		
Bob Wooley (R-66)	58%	65%	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	N	✓	✓	N	N	✓	✓		✓	✓	N		
Monica Youngblood (R-68)	63%	63%	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N	N					✓	E	N		

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	2013 Score	Lifetime Avg.	SB 72	SB 83*	SB 139	SB 141	SB 155*	SB 163	SB 194*	SB 274	SB 320	SB 389*	SB 459*	SB 473*	SB 552*	SM 11	SM 78*	HB 55*
Sue Wilson Beffort (R-19)	100%	93%	✓		✓	E	✓			✓	✓					✓		
Craig Brandt (R-40)	92%	92%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	N			✓		✓		
William Burt (R-33)	100%	100%	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓					✓		
Pete Campos (D-8)	100%	86%	✓		✓	E		✓		✓	✓					✓		
Jacob Candelaria (D-26)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	
Joseph Cervantes (D-31)	88%	92%	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	N	✓	A	E	✓		✓	✓		✓
Carlos R. Cisneros (D-6) ★	100%	82%	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓					✓		
Lee Cotter (R-36)	100%	100%	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓					✓		
Phil A. Griego (D-39)	77%	75%	✓		✓	✓		✓	N	✓	✓	E			N	✓		✓
Ron Griggs (R-34)	79%	79%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N	N	✓		E	E		✓		✓
Stuart Ingle (R-27)	89%	64%	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	A					✓	E	
Daniel Ivey-Soto (D-15)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	
Timothy M. Keller (D-17)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓		✓	E			E		✓		
Gay G. Kernan (R-42)	100%	81%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓		✓		
Carroll H. Leavell (R-41)	100%	75%	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓					✓		
Linda M. Lopez (D-11)	100%	84%	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓	✓	✓
Richard C. Martinez (D-5) ★	93%	85%	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	N	✓	✓	E	E		✓	✓		✓
Cisco McSorley (D-16)	93%	88%	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓		N
Mark Moores (R-21)	100%	100%	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓					✓	✓	
Howie C. Morales (D-28)	100%	100%	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓					✓		
George K. Muñoz (D-4) ★	100%	96%	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	E					✓		
Steven P. Neville (R-2)	100%	86%	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓					✓		
Bill O'Neill (D-13)	100%	97%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓		✓		
Gerald Ortiz y Pino (D-12)	100%	99%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	
Michael Padilla (D-14)	100%	100%	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓					✓		
Mary Kay Papen (D-38)	100%	95%	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	E					✓		
William H. Payne (R-20)	82%	97%	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	N	✓	✓	✓	✓		N	✓		✓
John Pinto (D-3)	100%	82%	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓					✓		
Cliff Pirtle (R-32) 🗳️	80%	80%	✓		✓	✓		✓		N	✓					✓	✓	
Nancy Rodriguez (D-24)	100%	93%	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓					✓		
Sander Rue (R-23)	100%	100%	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓					✓	✓	
John C. Ryan (R-10)	76%	87%	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	N	✓	N	✓	✓		N	✓		✓
Clemente Sanchez (D-30)	100%	100%	✓		✓	E		✓		✓	✓					✓	✓	
Michael S. Sanchez (D-29)	100%	92%	✓	E	E	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓	E	E
John M. Sapien (D-9)	78%	84%	✓		✓	✓		✓		N	✓					✓		
William E. Sharer (R-1)	75%	65%	✓		✓	✓		✓	N	E	✓	✓			N	✓		✓
Benny Shendo, Jr. (D-22)	92%	92%	✓		✓	✓		✓	N	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		E
John Arthur Smith (D-35)	100%	78%	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓					✓		
William Soules (D-37)	100%	100%	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓
Lisa Torracco (R-18)	93%	93%	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	N	✓	✓		✓			✓		✓
Peter Wirth (D-25)	100%	106%	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓
John "Pat" Woods (R-7)	77%	77%	✓		✓	✓		✓	N	✓	✓				N	✓		✓
Lt. Gov. John Sanchez	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	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

# Meet The APV Lobby Team

## Deborah Torza

Since 2007 Deborah Torza has been a lobbyist for Animal Protection Voters (APV). As a native New Mexican, she has keen insights into how to develop stronger support for animal protection measures from all parts of the political spectrum. Deborah has a deep passion for animal protection issues and has studied the intricacies of state political work and the integration of animals with our human society.

Deborah graduated from the University of New Mexico with a degree in print journalism. She began working on political campaigns in 2000. In 2001, she began her work as an analyst at the New Mexico State Capitol for a New Mexico State Senator.

Deborah's legislative experience has been widening and deepening over the years, and she counts significant capital outlay funding for animals and working as a part of the APV team to pass important animal bills among her many legislative successes.

Deborah counts a wonderful, rescued Rhodesian Ridgeback among the members of her family.



## Laura Bonar

Laura Bonar has been a valued part of the APV lobby team since 2011, but she began her advocacy career with APNM in 2007, first as a volunteer, next as a contractor, and then a member of the staff. Laura's natural abilities to bring people together, focus on solving problems and inspire others to act have all led to her success in her 'chimps to sanctuary' campaign work but also in her lobbying for stronger laws at the local, state and federal levels. All her life Laura has felt a strong affinity for animals and the natural world, and her career now affirms that passion.

For those who know her, it doesn't come as a surprise that Laura is also a Registered Nurse, since her deep sense of compassion for others extends to any living being who can suffer. Laura still maintains her nursing practice while also devoting full time to animal advocacy efforts.

One of Laura's first accomplishments as a lobbyist was to organize support for a dramatically improved Torrance County animal ordinance. Since then she has been part of the APV team's success with passing other county and municipal ordinances, as well as maintaining legislative support for the Animal Sheltering Board, broadening support for stronger animal cruelty laws, and helping to thwart numerous bills that would harm domestic and wild animals. Laura has also been instrumental in enhancing APV's capacity to work with New Mexico's members of Congress to support federal legislation and other policies that have an enormous impact on animals in our state.

Laura shares her home with Oliver the cat and Maeve, an adorable canine from the Albuquerque shelter.



## New Mexico's Animals Have a Powerful Political Voice

**Building Advocacy** — An informed, active public is crucial for passing strong animal protection legislation. So we provide the training and information necessary to bring about meaningful change for animals. In addition to legislative scorecards, APV distributes information on how to cast animal-friendly votes in New Mexico and sponsors an Animal Lobby Day at the state capitol.

To learn more, visit [apvnm.org](http://apvnm.org) for comprehensive information about on-going campaigns, current issues, special events, as well as subscribe to our email list and connect with social media.



# Animal Protection Voters

We change the laws to change their lives.



Judy Prisoc

*“ Animal Protection Voters offers a balanced but forceful voice for our animal friends. Their advocacy in the legislative process is extremely effective and I always welcome their input on all animal related bills. ”*

— Senator Peter Wirth (D-Santa Fe)

Special Lobby Day guest, Taffy, who is blind and was severely neglected, abandoned and found on the side of the road, is proof positive that New Mexico's laws need to better reflect our humane values. No one was ever held responsible for discarding Taffy. New Mexico's communities are not well-served when we have low expectations for how people conduct themselves at the expense of others.