



2015 SCORECARD

"I won't stand for a culture of just *killing*."
–Senator Mark Moores

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Letter from the Director

New Mexico animal shelters face a serious crisis. With more than 135,000 animals in our state's shelters every year, we toiled night and day for House Bill 147, co-sponsored by Representative James Smith (R-Sandia

Park) and Senator Daniel Ivey-Soto (D-Albuquerque). The bill, which would have moved the important Animal Sheltering Board to a new state government department, was just a whisker away from being passed by the Legislature. The shift would have given the board, currently housed in the Regulation & Licensing Department, a better chance of long-term success housed in an agency with broader capacity.

The bill was on a consent calendar in its final Senate committee, so it should have easily passed and become law. But, out of nowhere, the New Mexico Woolgrowers spoke up in opposition during the committee hearing, essentially killing the bill for the session. We were shocked. They hadn't opposed it up until that moment, and the bill had already passed the full House with no opposition. We confirmed our suspicions: the New Mexico Cattlegrowers, whose views are increasingly at the very margins of societal norms, were behind the last-minute blind-side—even though the Animal Sheltering Board actually makes a positive impact on their members (when the board succeeds, all New Mexicans benefit, including farmers and ranchers).

This story from the trenches exemplifies the mean-spirited opposition and nonsensical maneuvers that Animal Protection Voters' lobby team faces throughout the session. The APV team and volunteers work relentlessly to pass important bills for animals and the state's communities. The sad fact is some people and organizations come to Santa Fe determined to destroy the positive efforts of others.

We respond to this kind of ambush with ever more resolve.

Though APV functions in that challenging reality, there are many successes to celebrate in 2015! Of APV's six priorities, two bills passed the Legislature and were approved by Governor Martinez:

- Senate Bill 178, Care for Animals of Domestic Violence Victims, sponsored by Senator Nancy Rodriguez (D-Santa Fe)
- House Bill 415, Spay/Neuter Tax Check-off, sponsored by Representative Carl Trujillo (D-Santa Fe).

APV's other four top bills represented well-fought battles and will continue to be priorities until they are passed and signed into law. Most notable, Senate Bill 253, a bipartisan effort to ban grotesque coyote killing contests, passed New Mexico's full Senate. We're told New Mexico is the first state in the country where a killing contest bill has passed any legislative chamber.

In total, APV's lobby team tracked at least 37 bills collectively requiring extensive research, committee testimony, and time-consuming organizing of public testimony for and against bills. Our grassroots outreach efforts were extraordinary, culminating in many thousands of contacts with advocates over the course of the session. In particular, APV's lobby team joined with allies to prevent the passage of three especially egregious measures:

- A bill to remove the limited protections currently in place for cougars
- Sweeping anti-whistleblower legislation
- So-called "right-to-farm" legislation that would enable farm animal abuse and violate citizens' constitutional rights to complain about it and other factory farm nuisances.

APV once again made sure the animals' voices were effectively represented during the entire 60-day session.

APV's signature Animal Lobby Day succeeded enormously with our highest attendance yet! Almost 200 advocates converged on our state capital to learn, lobby, and participate in our democratic system of governance. The rotunda gathering and press conference featured an unexpected ally, mixed martial arts fighter Carlos Condit, as well as victims of cruel traps, and an especially inspiring youth activist, Juliana Gorena.

In the wake of the session—and as we all prepare for the next—please use this APV Scorecard to redouble your commitment to changing laws to change lives. Remember: your vote is the voice for animals in New Mexico. That's why your direct involvement is key to creating a world where all animals are treated with dignity and respect. Thank you for being an Animal Protection Voter in New Mexico!

Sincerely yours,



Elisabeth Jennings, Executive Director
Animal Protection Voters

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About the Cover Quote

Senator Mark Moores, sponsor of SB 253 to ban coyote killing contests, made this powerful statement during Senate floor debate on the bill. The quote exemplifies the work Animal Protection Voters does: to stop wanton, negligent, and unjustified cruelty to New Mexico’s animals.

While much good can be done in response to such abuse, often the best way to help animals is to prevent cruelty before it happens. Thank you for joining Animal Protection Voters in this effort to change laws to change their lives.



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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 accountable New Mexico’s elected and appointed officials 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 2015 Scorecard.

Sponsors of APV's Priority Legislation



Senator William Burt (R-Alamogordo) has served in the Senate since 2011, and has earned a notable APV lifetime score of 89%. In 2015 he sponsored Senate Amendment to House Bill 2, Spay/Neuter Services Funding, to seek state funding for spay-neuter services for animals in New Mexico's most underserved communities. In 2015 there was tremendous competition for the state's limited general funds, and the amendment failed to garner enough support to advance beyond Senate Finance Committee discussion. Outside the legislature, Senator Burt has been a phenomenal local champion for Animal Protection of New Mexico's efforts to permanently retire to sanctuary the chimps at the Alamogordo Primate Facility.



Representative Roberto "Bobby" Gonzales (D-Taos) has served in the House of Representatives since 1995, and has earned a notable APV lifetime score of 85% over those many years. In 2015, Representative Gonzales sponsored House Bill (HB) 426, the New Mexico Wildlife Protection and Public Safety Act, to ban most traps and poisons on New Mexico's public lands. First introduced in 2013 in response to two of his constituents and their animals getting injured by leg hold traps, Representative 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 a person or their animal getting crushed in a trap or killed by a poison casts a very negative light on our state. HB 426 was tabled in its first House committee, this time the House Agriculture, Water & Wildlife Committee. APV is proud to partner with Representative Gonzales on this beneficial legislation, and will remain steadfast with him until the legislation is passed.



Senator Daniel Ivey-Soto (D-Albuquerque) has served in the Senate since 2013, and has earned an impressive APV lifetime score of 100%. In 2013, the Senator, along with Senator Gay Kernan (R-Hobbs), led the charge to ensure the Legislature's support of the Animal Sheltering Board's vital mission. In 2015, he was the Senate sponsor of House Bill (HB) 147, Animal Sheltering Board (ASB) to Environment Department, a measure that would help the important Board thrive in a department with the capacity to ensure its continued development (for full details, see the paragraph for Representative James Smith). Senator Ivey-Soto has been a staunch champion of APV's legislative priorities since he was elected, providing leadership on animal protection bills when they have needed a strong voice in committees and in floor debates. Senator Ivey-Soto is an informed and persuasive ally, and we look forward to his continued initiative to advance animal-friendly legislation of all kinds.



Senator Mark Moores (R-Albuquerque) has served in the Senate since 2013, the year he passed Senate Bill (SB) 139 to allow state-owned canines to be adopted at the end of their careers. He has earned a laudable APV lifetime score of 96%. In 2015 Senator Moores sponsored SB 253, to prohibit coyote killing contests in New Mexico, taking up the torch from former Representative Nate Cote (D-Organ). Senator Moores effectively lobbied his Senate colleagues to support the killing contest ban, argued passionately for its passage during the Senate floor debate, and watched it pass the Senate chamber on a 27-13 vote with bipartisan support. When the bill reached the House, however, the bill died in the House Agriculture, Water & Wildlife Committee, where the vast majority of the members are hostile to even reasonable and popular wildlife policies. APV is very grateful for Senator Moores' continued dedication to the humane treatment of animals and the establishment of sensible policies that provide additional protection for them.

Sponsors of APV's Priority Legislation



Senator Nancy Rodriguez (D-Santa Fe), winner of Animal Protection of New Mexico's 2015 Lawmaking Advocacy Milagro Award, has served in the Senate since 1996 and has earned a phenomenal 94% APV lifetime score over those many years. During her tenure she has become known for advocating passionately for animal protection issues, and she has earned a 100% score on APV's scorecards every year since 2006. In 2015, Senator Rodriguez worked tirelessly to pass Senate Bill (SB) 178 through competitive Senate Finance committee hearings, after which the measure became part of New Mexico's state budget. This bill with overwhelming support created a recurring \$50,000 appropriation to NM Children, Youth & Families Department for animal protection services for domestic violence victims. Much of that appropriation is used in Animal Protection of New Mexico's lifesaving CARE Program, implemented in conjunction with the NM Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Because of the Senator's strong leadership, and support by Governor Martinez, the CARE Program is now serving more than 100 clients and their animals annually through nearly 100 service providers.



Representative James Smith (R-Sandia Park) has served in the House of Representatives since 2011 and has earned a notable 86% APV lifetime score. In 2015, he sponsored House Bill (HB) 147, ASB to Environment Department, a measure that would help the important Board thrive in a department with the capacity to ensure its continued development. A strong ASB will continue to provide education and enforcement of humane euthanasia, leadership in humane animal sheltering, and implement proven solutions to the crushing and expensive problem of dog and cat overpopulation. The bill won resounding approval in the House, passing on a vote of 59-0. When it reached the Senate, there it also found enthusiastic support. It was on a consent calendar to easily pass the Senate Conservation Committee when livestock interests interfered in its easy passage to the Senate floor, essentially working against the interests of their own constituents in New Mexico's rural communities where stray and homeless animals cause problems for property owners. APV is hopeful a similar bill can be introduced and easily passed in 2017 in the interests of all New Mexicans and our state's companion animals.



Representative Jeff Steinborn (D-Las Cruces) has served in the House of Representatives since 2007, and in that time has earned a very impressive 99% APV lifetime score. In 2015 Representative Steinborn was the House co-sponsor of Senator Mark Moores' Senate Bill (SB) 253 to ban coyote killing contests. Representative Steinborn is a passionate and articulate defender of all animals and is particularly interested in wildlife and wild lands. As an example of his commitment to the legislation, Representative Steinborn was present when SB 253 was being debated in each of its Senate committee hearings, delivering highly effective testimony along with Senator Moores. This level of involvement is unusual. Because the bill died in the House Agriculture, Water & Wildlife Committee, the Representative never got the opportunity to provide House floor debate or testimony. APV looks forward to working with Representative Steinborn on future animal protection legislation.



Representative Carl Trujillo (D- Santa Fe) has served in the House of Representatives since 2013, and in that time he has become known as one of the animals' biggest champions at the state capitol, earning an impressive 100% APV lifetime score. In 2015, Representative Trujillo sponsored House Bill (HB) 415, an APV priority bill that created a mechanism for taxpayers to voluntarily donate their tax refunds to a statewide spay-neuter fund. The bill also directed the ASB to develop a voluntary statewide dog and cat spay and neuter program in conjunction with animal shelters and euthanasia agencies. Advocates are hopeful this mechanism will generate much-needed funds for spay and neuter services in underserved communities throughout New Mexico. Although the bill was a very simple measure, its passage required a significant amount of work to ensure support in all its assigned committees. Representative Trujillo worked tirelessly with APV to address questions raised, and his persistence resulted in the bill passing the Legislature and being signed by the Governor. APV is grateful for Representative Trujillo's long-term commitment to helping stem the costly tide of dog and cat overpopulation in New Mexico.

2015 APV PRIORITY LEGISLATION

SUCCESSFUL (Passed into Law)

SB 178: Companion Animal Rescue Effort (CARE) Funding

Sponsor: Senator Nancy Rodriguez (D-Santa Fe)

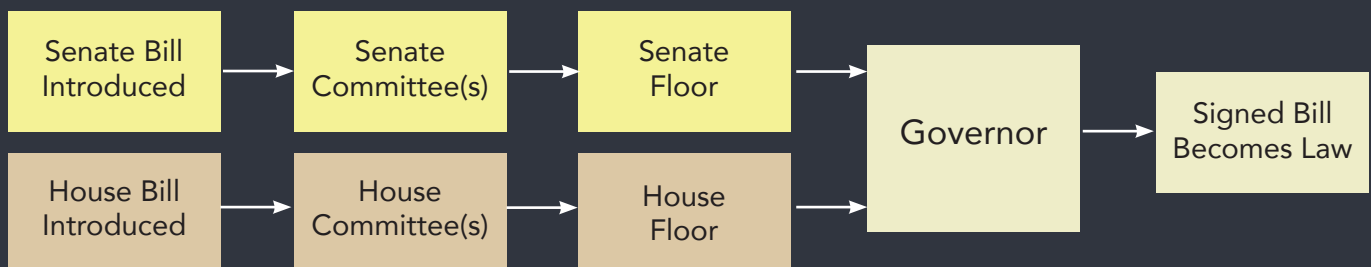
When domestic violence occurs in a home, animals are often victims, too. Batterers frequently threaten, injure or kill companion animals to intimidate, control or punish family members. Consequently, as studies show, many domestic violence victims delay leaving an abusive environment because they don't want to leave their beloved animals in harm's way. Senator Rodriguez not only repeated, but also multiplied, last year's successful one-time appropriation. This year's bill secured a recurring \$50,000 expenditure in the NM Children, Youth and Families Department's annual budget, which will provide funds for Animal Protection of New Mexico's CARE program, so it can continue to offer safe havens and services for animals of domestic violence victims at zero or low cost.

HB 415: Spay/Neuter Tax Check-Off

Sponsor: Representative Carl Trujillo (D-Santa Fe)

More than 135,000 cats and dogs enter our state's animal shelters every year and almost half of them are euthanized simply for lack of adoptive homes. Often, New Mexico's pet overpopulation problem is made worse because spay and neuter services are either unaffordable or inaccessible, or both. Representative Trujillo's bill increased statewide public access to low-cost and no-cost sterilization services by doing three things: creating a voluntary tax refund check-off to support spay/neuter programs; establishing a subaccount in the spay-neuter fund to accept tax refund check-off revenue; and directing the Animal Sheltering Board to develop a voluntary, statewide spay/neuter program.

THE STATE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS IN A NUTSHELL



PROGRESS MADE (Passed in Chamber, Died in Committee)

SB 253: Prohibit Coyote Killing Contests

Sponsors: Senator Mark Moores (R-Albuquerque), Senator Jeff Steinborn (D-Las Cruces)

Wildlife killing contests are cruel and hazardous organized events in which participants compete for prizes by attempting to kill the most animals over a certain time period, and coyotes are the most common targets. These contests are not fair-chase hunting and are opposed by many gun owners and hunters. Besides being cruel and unethical, indiscriminate mass killing is an inefficient and even counter-productive predator management technique. SB 253 would have made it unlawful for any person to organize, sponsor, or participate in coyote-killing contests. The bill passed the Senate with a bipartisan majority of 27-13, but was tabled indefinitely by the House Agriculture, Water & Wildlife Committee.

HB 147: Animal Sheltering Board to Environmental Department

Sponsors: Representative James Smith (R-Sandia Park),
Senator Daniel Ivey-Soto (D-Albuquerque)

Eight years ago, the state legislature and Governor enacted a law that created the Animal Sheltering Board (ASB) within New Mexico's Regulation and Licensing Department. The ASB's mission is to ensure a humane death for every shelter animal requiring euthanasia, define standards for shelter operations and facilities, and develop spay/neuter initiatives. HB 147 would have moved the ASB to the Environment Department, which has a greater capacity to facilitate the ASB's lifesaving mission. This bill passed the House by an astounding 59-0, but anti-animal interests sabotaged the bill, causing it to be tabled in the Senate Conservation Committee.

DIED (in Committee)

HB 426: Restrict Traps and Poisons on Public Lands

Sponsor: Representative Roberto "Bobby" J. Gonzales (D-Taos)

The ongoing cruelty, ecological destruction, risk to public safety, and waste inflicted by steel and other kill traps, snares, and lethal poisons can no longer be justified in New Mexico. More than a dozen local governments in New Mexico have passed resolutions in support of banning traps locally and statewide. HB 426 would have prohibited, with some limited exceptions, cruel 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. HB 426 was referred to the House Agriculture, Water & Wildlife Committee and was tabled indefinitely.



OTHER PRO-ANIMAL LEGISLATION (APV SUPPORTED)

SM 91: Study Wildlife Protection from Drones

Sponsor: Senator Howie Morales (D-Silver City)

Passed into Law

This Senate Memorial—a resolution indicating the intent of the legislative chamber, but not binding law—urged awareness of how the use of drones and other technologies may injure, harass, or disrupt natural behavior of New Mexico's wildlife, and also declared that use of drones in hunting violates fair chase and ethical hunting principles. It also directed the Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department to recommend methods for protecting wildlife from drones.

SB 489/HB 379: Racehorse Drug Testing

Sponsors: Senator Mary Kay Papen (D-Las Cruces), Representative Candy Ezzell (R-Roswell)

Passed into Law (House Bill was vetoed, but Senate version was signed into law)

These bills required the testing for drugs and other foreign substances in racehorses to follow or exceed internationally recognized model rules.



SB 211: Animal Rescue Sterilization Deposit Waiver

Sponsor: Senator Jacob Candelaria (D-Albuquerque)

Passed the Senate, but died in a House committee

This bill defined “animal rescue organization” and would have capped the sterilization deposit fee paid by that nonprofit in order to facilitate transfer and eventual adoption of homeless animals from a municipal animal shelter.

SB 215: Amendments to Landowner Takings Law

Sponsor: Senator Bill Soules (D-Las Cruces)

Died in a Senate committee

This bill would have disallowed the killing of animals on private land for protection of property (limiting justified killings to self-defense).

SB 254: Major Game & Fish Violation Penalties

Sponsor: Senator Clemente Sanchez (D-Grants)

Died in a Senate committee

This bill would have established fourth degree felony penalties for killing certain ungulates, like bighorn sheep and elk, only to remove the head, antlers or horns and leaving the remaining body to waste.

SB 406: Racehorse Testing Fund & Distributions

Sponsor: Senator George Muñoz (D-Gallup)

Passed the Senate, died in a House committee

This bill would have emphasized enforcement of—and distributed a percentage of wagers on simulcast horse races in New Mexico to—the Racehorse Testing Fund, as well as provided additional resources for enforcement of the Horse Racing Act and state Racing Commission rules.

HB 88: Oversight & Discipline of Some Veterinarians

Sponsor: Representative Candy Ezzell (R-Roswell)

Passed the House and two Senate committees, died waiting for a vote on the Senate floor

This bill would have provided the Board of Veterinary Medicine with oversight of veterinarians employed by local governments, giving the Board the ability to impose fines, sanctions, and collect administrative fees in disciplinary actions against violators of the Veterinary Practice Act.

HB 410: No Slaughter or Transfer of Horses for Food

Sponsor: Representative Gail Chasey (D-Albuquerque)

Died awaiting action in a House committee

This bill would have prohibited the slaughter or transport of horses for ultimate slaughter for human consumption. It also would have appropriated \$100,000 to the NM livestock board for enforcement of this prohibition.

2015 ANTI-ANIMAL LEGISLATION (APV OPPOSED)

Anti-Whistleblower “Ag-Gag”

SB 221: Report Livestock Injuries to Law Enforcement

Sponsor: Senator Cliff Pirtle (R-Roswell)

Passed one Senate Committee, but died in another



Photo courtesy of Mercy for Animals

It was only last year that New Mexicans watched in horror as a whistleblower’s undercover video showed stomach-churning animal cruelty on Winchester Farm in Dexter, NM. Rather than take action to reform the industrial agriculture system to prevent abuse and suffering, well-funded corporate lobbyists are pushing anti-whistleblower (or “ag-gag”) legislation meant to silence and hinder investigations on farms. SB 221 would have required anyone who records activity suspected to be livestock cruelty to turn over the recording to law enforcement within 24 hours. While on the surface this sounds like an attempt to prevent animal abuse, the mandate is really meant to thwart serious investigations that can take many weeks, sometimes months, to understand the full extent of a problem. This bill was presented as an animal protection measure, when in reality it was intended to obstruct documentation of patterns of abuse. Without the ability to document patterns, the owner of an agricultural facility can inevitably claim the abuse is an isolated incident, while institutionalized cruelty continues. SB 221 passed the Senate Conservation Committee, but thanks to the hard work of outspoken advocates, the bill died in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Right to “Harm”

HB 564: Right to Farm & Operations as Nuisance

Sponsor: Representative Bob Wooley (R-Roswell)

Passed the House, but died in a Senate Committee



Today’s factory farms keep thousands of animals crowded together in inhumane, concentrated conditions. As a result, the animals—and also neighbors and employees—are forced to endure the noxious ammonia stench of accumulated urine, the perpetual presence of flies, and the odor of manure sprayed into the air onto surrounding land (which often migrates to neighbors’ properties and contaminates groundwater). HB 564 aimed to give operators of animal factory farms the power to silence complaints about these issues by stripping the ability of municipalities and counties to pass ordinances to abate or address environmental and quality-of-life violations from farming operations. Additionally, the bill limited the court-awarded damages that could compensate citizens suffering from pollution from factory farm operations. Although proponents of the bill tried to pass it off as protection for small farmers, the bill actually granted blanket immunities to huge corporate farms whose unsustainable practices create real nuisances for neighboring properties. HB 564 advanced through the full House after approval by the House Agriculture and House Judiciary Committees—but upon its arrival in the Senate, the Senate Conservation Committee voted the bill “without recommendation” and it was never taken up by its next committee, the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Assaults on Wildlife

HB 586: Cougar Hunting and Trapping

Sponsor: Representative Zachary Cook (R-Ruidoso)

Died in a House Committee

This bill aimed to remove the limited protections cougars have in our state by allowing New Mexicans to kill them at any time, any place, for any reason. The bill would re-classify cougars as varmints in New Mexico, removing them from the list of species the NM Department of Game and Fish is charged (since 1971) with managing through its hunting regulations and depredation policies. No current science or data exists to show that cougars should be indiscriminately hunted without limit. The bill passed the House Agriculture, Water & Wildlife Committee and was referred to the House Regulatory & Public Affairs committee. There, after overwhelming public outcry from wildlife advocates and hunters alike, the bill sponsor Rep. Cook asked a fellow committee member to request the bill be tabled indefinitely.

HB 468: State Sovereignty Over State Trust Wildlife Act

Sponsor: Representative Dennis Roch (R-Logan)

Died in a House Committee

This bill attempted to block protection of the lesser prairie chicken under the federal Endangered Species Act by giving free reign to ranchers and the oil and gas industry to destroy vital habitat on state trust lands via court order.

HM 66: Develop Wolf Recovery Program

Sponsor: Representative Alonzo Baldonado (R-Los Lunas)

Passed in a House Committee, died waiting for House floor vote

This memorial (not binding law) requested action by Governor Martinez meant to undermine the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's Mexican wolf recovery efforts.

HM 117: Denounce Mexican Wolf Recovery Program

Sponsor: Representative Andy Nuñez (R-Hatch)

Passed in a House Committee, died waiting for House floor vote

This memorial (not binding law) requested action by Governor Martinez to demand that the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service relinquish management of the Mexican wolf population to the NM Department of Game & Fish and halt the Mexican wolf recovery program.

HM 74: Protect State Land from Chicken Listing

Sponsor: Representative Dennis Roch (R-Logan)

Passed in the House – Not Binding Law

This memorial (not binding law) requested action by the State Land Commissioner to oppose protection of the lesser prairie chicken and its habitat under the Endangered Species Act. It easily passed out of the House Agriculture Committee and then passed the full House 31-22.



LOBBY DAY 2015



Citizen Lobbyists Show Up in Full Force

The sun came out on Friday, February 20, 2015, as hundreds of dedicated animal advocates from across New Mexico took part in Animal Protection Voters' Animal Lobby Day at our State Capitol.

After an exhilarating morning presentation and training on some of the top priority bills affecting animals, our citizen lobbyists headed to the Capitol to deliver their informative, impassioned letters to their legislators and even meet with a few in person.

In the afternoon, we gathered in the Capitol Rotunda and ended the day with the largest ever Animal Protection Voters press conference, featuring legislator champions, mixed martial arts fighter and New Mexico native Carlos Condit, trapping victims, and a call for hope from one of our youngest supporters.

There is no doubt that our presence in the Roundhouse made all the difference. After Animal Lobby Day, two of our priority bills passed, and a third (the coyote killing contest ban) passed the Senate chamber—the first time that legislation of its kind has passed any state legislative chamber in the entire country. That's major progress for animal protection!



“As a sportsman and a lifelong New Mexico resident, I strongly oppose coyote killing contests. I believe these contests send the wrong message—that we don't respect our ecosystem and that killing animals needlessly is acceptable. They don't reflect my values or the values of the majority of New Mexicans.”

—MMA Fighter, Carlos Condit

Photo courtesy of Carlos Condit



Thank You

First, thank you to State of New Mexico staff who arranged the use of the PERA Building for our morning presentation, and to Legislative Building Services for their help in facilitating our event.

We also express our utmost appreciation to our Animal Lobby Day sponsors, including main sponsor the ASPCA® who provided lunch for our participants, Albuquerque's Public Academy for Performing Arts, and La Montañita Coop who provided free sodas.

We are so grateful to all of our dedicated volunteers who provided educational outreach, photography, videography, phone banking, sweat equity, and more. Special thanks to the service animals and their handlers who came to deliver delicious, locally-made vegan cookies and a gorgeous equine calendar to every single legislative office in the morning.

And last, but most importantly, thank you to each and every advocate who took time out of their busy days to join us in-person, in solidarity, to speak up for animals at the State Capitol. Without strong laws, animals are left vulnerable—and strong laws are only possible because of citizens who care and are willing to take action.

Here's What Attendees Had to Say About This Year's Bigger-Than-Ever Event:

"It is powerful to be among so many animal supporters! Great use of time and graciously answering so many questions while keeping things on track. Very well organized!"

"The people I've talked to totally rock – thank you for the great work and for organizing this day!"

"This was a wonderfully planned, informative, and inspiring event! Thank you very much!"

"I really appreciate getting to take part in something I find important and learn about what I can do to take part in changing things that are wrong/immoral."

"It is wonderful to be a participant in such an important movement and to witness the smart, compassionate, and productive people at APV working towards a better world for animals."

Photos by Michael C. Callaway, Ben Mater, and Jason Smith.

Inside the Roundhouse: Testimony Highlights

We are lucky to have effective legislators who engage in vigorous floor debate on behalf of animal protections. Strong advocacy for animals on the Senate or House floor, in front of all legislators, is crucial for establishing the importance of animal issues and for ensuring those issues receive a full and fair debate. APV is grateful for the tremendous leadership shown by several Senators and Representatives in support of important animal protection bills. Here are a few highlights from the 2015 legislative session.

SB 253

SB 253, to ban coyote killing contests, eventually passed the Senate 27-13—but before that outcome, it involved substantial debate, including an unsuccessful vote (16-23) related to attempts to weaken the bill (the voice vote ruling by the chair was challenged and failed).

Senator Michael Padilla, Senate Majority Whip, was a champion for the bill, posing poignant rhetorical questions during debate that illuminated the reasons why killing contests should no longer take place in our state:

“What happens at events? People kill as many as they want and are able. Carcasses are dumped.”

“Do these contests prevent predator control from occurring? No.”

“Sports have ethical rules—is there anything like that with these? No. This is not the image we want to convey.”

“What about tourism? How is New Mexico being perceived? The killing contest flyers don’t paint a great image for our state.”

“Are contests consistent with wildlife management principles? No.”

Senator Mark Moores, the lead sponsor of SB 253, made a powerful statement:

“I won’t stand for a culture of just killing. This bill does not impact people protecting livestock.”

HB 564

HB 564, an anti-animal, anti-environment, and anti-property rights “right to farm” bill, passed the House 35-29 before stalling and dying in the Senate. But the bill did not escape the House of Representatives without vigorous debate by legislators who fearlessly pointed out serious legal and practical problems with the bill.

Leader Brian Egolf:

“This bill removes a whole class of damages that courts have recognized for centuries . . . [It] throws out the window centuries of law.”

“This bill creates dangerous temptation and incentive on the part of operators to commit nuisances.”

Representative Bill McCamley:

“This bill takes away the power of the court to determine a disruption of my quality of life. It also restricts the county government and its ability to sue.”

Representative Jeff Steinborn:

“When you’re dealing with the pollution of someone’s waterway, that is a significant curtailment of people’s right to clean water. The bill rolls back liability.”

“This bill is about the right to pollute.”



During testimony in committee on **SB 253**, the coyote killing contest ban, Senator Benny Shendo shared a timely, poignant story:

“After living away from my family to go to college, I came home, and I decided to plant my own fields. I grew all kinds of crops, like chile, corn, and watermelon. A melon first appeared on the vine early, was doing very well, and ended up being huge. I was proud and protective of that first melon, thinking it’d be the first one my family would eat.

One day in the fall, I went out to the fields and found that a coyote had eaten a giant hole in that first big melon. I was pretty upset and shared the story with my dad, expecting him to share in my anger and frustration. Instead, he was quiet for a few seconds, and then said in our Jemez Language:

‘We’re all hungry.’

Those simple words brought back everything that I had been taught growing up: That we share the world with others, the four legged animals, those with wings that fly in the sky and those that live in our waters, and the importance of taking care of not only ourselves, but others too.”

Certainly, in all the ways the lives of people and animals intersect, there are no guarantees that the most vulnerable beings among us will always be protected. But we can guarantee that groundbreaking, concrete change is possible—that we can put a stop to systematic animal cruelty and neglect—if we, as New Mexicans, work together and take action.

About This Scorecard

2015 Analysis: Companion Animals See Progress, but Wildlife Face New Obstacles

After the 2014 general elections, leadership in the New Mexico House of Representatives changed hands and committees were reorganized such that all wildlife protection bills were referred to and must pass through the House Agriculture, Water & Wildlife Committee. This spelled trouble for measures to restrict cruel traps and poisons on public lands and to prohibit coyote killing contests, as powerful ranching interests have fostered an anti-carnivore culture in the House. Nonetheless, companion animals saw increased resources and protections, thanks to the passage of a new tax form donation option to support spay/neuter services, as well as much-needed recurring funds for the Companion Animal Rescue Effort program that helps human and animal victims of domestic violence.

How to Read this Scorecard

The 2015 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 2015. APV Priority Bills are given double weight, to indicate the importance of votes for and against these bills. Lifetime scores are also listed for each legislator, providing a more 'normalized' snapshot of their overall performance for animal issues throughout his or her time in office. A score key is provided to help you identify pro-animal votes, anti-animal votes, and other actions taken by 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 if you are not sure who your legislators are—a quick search on the Legislator Lookup page using your residential address will easily identify your legislators and their contact information.

If your legislators' scores are 100% or better (many years ago we gave extra points for bill 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 paying attention to their voting record. Never take our champions' support for granted—always let them know that voters appreciate their votes on animal issues.

If your legislators fell short of a 100% score, please also contact them. Take note of the bills on which they voted the wrong way, and meet with your legislators to learn more about their concerns about those issues and to ask them to consider your views. It's important to remember never to write anyone off—animal protection measures come in many forms, enjoy bipartisan support, and have immense public support, so use that to your advantage.

Share this information! Engage with other friends, family, and coworkers to help your community exercise their animal advocacy muscles—and encourage them to support Animal Protection Voters. This entire scorecard can be downloaded from the web at www.apvnm.org/scorecard.






Animal Protection in the Roundhouse Year to Year

Annual Percentage of Legislators Earning Perfect Scores (or better) in Each Chamber

	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%
2014	n/a	n/a
2015	39%	29%

Score Key

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SENATE SCORES

Legislator	2015 Score	Lifetime Average	APV Priority Legislation					Other Pro-Animal Bills								Anti-Animal Bills		
			*HB 147	*SB 178	SB 253	HB 415	SB 211	*SB 215	*SB 254	SB 406	SB 489	*HB 88	HB 379	SM 91	*SB 221	*HB 564		
Sue Wilson Beffort (R-19)	89%	92%			✓	✓	✗			✓	✓		✓	✓				
Craig Brandt (R-40)	45%	69%		✗	✗	✓	A			✓	✓		✓	A				
William Burt (R-40)	67%	89%			✗	✓	✗			✓	✓		✓	✓				
Pete Campos (D-8)	89%	87%			✓	✓	✓			A	✓		✓	✓				
Jacob Candelaria (D-26)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓				
Joseph Cervantes (D-31)	92%	92%			✓	✓	✓		E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	
Carlos R. Cisneros (D-6)	100%	84%			✓	E	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓				
Lee Cotter (R-36)	66%	78%			✗	✓	✗			✓	✓		✓	A				
Phil A. Griego (D-39)	70%	74%			✗	✓	✓			✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✗		
Ron Griggs (R-34)	44%	62%		✗	✗	E	✓			✓	✓	E	✓	A				
Stuart Ingle (R-27)	66%	63%	E		✗	✓	✗			✓	✓		✓	A				
Daniel Ivey-Soto (D-15) ★	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓				
Gay G. Kernan (R-42)	73%	80%		✗	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	A				
Carroll H. Leavell (R-41)	67%	57%			✗	✓	✗			✓	✓		✓	✓				
Linda M. Lopez (D-11)	89%	85%	✓		✓	E	✓			E	✗	✓	✓	✓				
Richard C. Martinez (D-5)	68%	84%			✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	W
Cisco McSorley (D-16)	67%	86%			✓	✓	✓				✗	✗	E	✓	A			
Mark Moores (R-21) ★	91%	96%	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	A				
Howie C. Morales (D-28)	100%	100%			E	E	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓				
George K. Muñoz (D-4)	56%	88%			✗	✓	✗			✓	✓		E	A				
Steven P. Neville (R-2)	100%	88%			✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓				
Bill O'Neill (D-13)	100%	98%		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓				
Gerald Ortiz y Pino (D-12)	100%	99%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓				
Michael Padilla (D-14)	100%	100%			✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓				
Mary Kay Papen (D-38)	90%	94%			✓	✓	✓	✗		✓	✓		✓	✓				
William H. Payne (R-20)	82%	84%			✓	E	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	
John Pinto (D-3)	100%	84%			✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		E	✓				
Cliff Pirtle (R-32) 🗳️	55%	67%	✗		✗	✓	✗			✓	✓		✓	✓				
Nancy Rodriguez (D-24) ★	100%	94%			✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓				
Sander Rue (R-23)	91%	98%	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	A				
John C. Ryan (R-10)	71%	85%			✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✗	✗		
Clemente Sanchez (D-30)	80%	90%	✗		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	E				
Michael S. Sanchez (D-29)	92%	92%	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	✗	✓	✓	✓				
John M. Sapien (D-9)	93%	87%			E	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	A				
William E. Sharer (R-1)	54%	64%			✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	A	✓		✓	✓	✗	✗		
Benny Shendo, Jr. (D-22)	88%	90%			✓	✓	✓	E	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✗		
John Arthur Smith (D-35)	67%	77%			✗	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	A				
William Soules (D-37)	100%	100%			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Mimi Stewart (D-17)	95%	96%		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓	A				
Lisa Torracco (R-18)	94%	94%			✓	✓	✓			E	✓	✓	✓	A				
Peter Wirth (D-25)	100%	105%			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
John "Pat" Woods (R-7)	57%	67%			✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	
Lt. Gov. John Sanchez	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a				n/a	n/a			n/a	n/a				

HOUSE SCORES

Legislator	2015 Score	Lifetime Average	APV Priority Legislation				Other Pro-Animal Bills						Anti-Animal Bills					
			*SB 253	HB 147	HB 415	*HB 426	*SB 211	HB 88	HB 379	*SB 406	*HB 410	SB 489	*HB 468	HB 564	*HB 586	*HM 66	HM 74	*HM 117
David Adkins (R-29)	86%	86%		✓	✓			✓	✓			E		✗			E	
Eliseo Lee Alcon (D-6)	100%	86%		✓	✓			✓	✓			E		✓			E	
Deborah Armstrong (D-17)	89%	89%		✓	✓			✓	✓			✓		✗			✓	
Alonzo Baldonado (R-8)	78%	81%		✓	✓			✓	✓			✓		✗			✗	
Paul C. Bandy (R-3)	28%	57%	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓		✗	✓	E	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Cathrynn N. Brown (R-55)	86%	76%		✓	✓			✓	✓			E		✗			E	
Gail Chasey (D-18)	100%	96%		✓	✓			✓	✓			E		✓			E	
Sharon Clahchischilliaige (R-4)	78%	72%		✓	✓			✓	✓			✓		✗			✗	
Zachary J. Cook (R-56)	75%	82%		E	✓			✓	E			E		✗			E	
Randal S. Crowder (R-64)	33%	33%	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓		✗	E	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Jim Dines (R-20)	86%	86%		✓	✓			✓	✓			E		✗			E	
George Dodge (D-63)	33%	63%	✗	✓	E	✗	✓	E	✓		✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	E
Brian Egolf (D-47)	100%	96%		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓		✓			✓	
Nora Espinoza (R-59)	78%	77%		✓	✓			✓	✓			✓		✗			✗	
Candy Spence Ezzell (R-58)	26%	57%	✗	✓	A	✗	✗	✓	✓		✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Kelly Fajardo (R-7)	78%	79%		✓	✓			✓	✓			✓		✗			✗	
David M. Gallegos (R-61)	70%	68%		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		A		✗			✗	
Doreen Y. Gallegos (D-52)	100%	94%		✓	✓			✓	✓			✓		✓			✓	
Miguel P. Garcia (D-14)	100%	95%		E	✓			✓	E			✓		✓			✓	
Stephanie Garcia Richard (D-43)	100%	100%		✓	✓			✓	✓			✓		✓			✓	
Nate Gentry (R-30)	86%	80%		✓	✓			✓	✓	E		E		✗			E	
Bealquin Bill Gomez (D-34)	59%	59%	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓		✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓
Roberto "Bobby" Gonzales (D-42) ★	82%	85%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		A	✓	E	✓	✓	✗	✗	E
Jimmie C. Hall (R-28)	78%	87%		✓	✓			✓	✓			✓		✗			✗	
Dianne Miller Hamilton (R-38)	33%	72%		E	E			✓	E			A		✗			E	
Jason C. Harper (R-57)	88%	82%		✓	✓			✓	✓			✓		✗			E	
Yvette Herrell (R-51)	78%	77%		✓	✓			✓	✓			✓		✗			✗	
Dona G. Irwin (D-32)	37%	71%	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓		✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Conrad James (R-24)	89%	89%		✓	✓			✓	✓			✓		✓			✗	
D. Wonda Johnson (D-5)	100%	100%		✓	✓			✓	✓			✓		✓			✓	
Larry A. Larrañaga (R-27)	75%	78%		✓	✓			✓	✓			E		✗			✗	
Tim D. Lewis (R-60)	78%	76%		✓	✓			✓	✓			✓		✗			✗	
Rick Little (R-53)	78%	78%		✓	✓			✓	✓			✓		✗			✗	
Georgene Louis (D-26)	100%	92%		E	✓			✓	E			E		✓			E	
Patricia A. Lundstrom (D-9)	100%	88%		E	✓			✓	E			✓		E			✓	
J. Roger Madalena (D-65)	100%	88%		E	✓			E	E			✓		✓			✓	
Antonio "Moe" Maestas (D-16)	100%	97%		✓	E			✓	✓			E		✓			E	
Sarah Maestas Barnes (R-15)	90%	90%		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓		✓			✗	
Stephanie Maez (D-21)	100%	100%		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓		✓			✓	
Javier Martinez (D-11)	100%	100%		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓		✓			✓	
W. Ken Martinez (D-69)	100%	101%		✓	✓			✓	✓			E		✓			E	
Bill McCamley (D-33)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
Terry H. McMillan (R-37)	86%	71%		✓	✓			✓	✓			E		✗			E	
Matthew McQueen (D-50)	100%	100%		✓	✓			✓	✓	E		✓		✓			✓	
Rod Montoya (R-1)	75%	75%		✓	✓			✓	✓			E		✗			✗	

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Andy Nuñez (R-36)	29%	29%		A	✓	✗	✓	✓	A		✗	✓	✗	A	✗	✗	✗	✗
Paul A. Pacheco (R-23)	100%	95%		✓	✓			✓	✓			E		E			E	
Jane E. Powdrell-Culbert (R-44)	33%	73%		E	A			✓	E			✓		✗			✗	
William "Bill" Rehm (R-31)	78%	88%		✓	✓			✓	✓			✓		✗			✗	
Dennis J. Roch (R-67)	78%	74%		✓	✓			✓	✓			✓		A			✗	
Debbie A. Rodella (D-41)	100%	71%		✓	✓			✓	✓			✓		✓			✓	
G. Andrés Romero (D-10)	100%	100%		✓	✓			✓	✓			✓		✓			✓	
Patricia Roybal Caballero (D-13)	100%	93%		✓	✓			✓	✓			✓		✓			✓	
Patricio Ruiloba (D-12)	100%	100%		✓	E			✓	✓			✓		✓			✓	
Nick L. Salazar (D-40)	100%	89%		✓	✓			E	✓			E		✓			E	
Tomas Salazar (D-70)	100%	87%		✓	✓			✓	✓			✓		✓			✓	
Larry Scott (R-62)	80%	80%		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓		✗			✗	
James E. Smith (R-22) ★	88%	86%		✓	✓			✓	✓			✓		E			✗	
Sheryl Williams Stapleton (D-19)	78%	85%		A	✓			✓	✓			✓		✓			✓	
Jeff Steinborn (D-35) ★	100%	99%		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓		✓			✓	
James R.J. Strickler (R-2)	80%	67%		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓		✗			✗	
James Townsend (R-54)	80%	80%		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓		✗			✗	
Don L. Tripp (R-49)	75%	76%		✓	✓			✓	✓			E		✗			✗	
Carl Trujillo (D-46) ★	100%	100%		✓	✓			✓	✓			✓		✓			E	
Christine Trujillo (D-25)	100%	95%		✓	✓			✓	✓			✓		✓			✓	
Jim R. Trujillo (D-45)	100%	94%		✓	✓			✓	✓			✓		✓			✓	
Luciano "Lucky" Varela (D-48)	n/a	85%		E	E			E	E			E		E			E	
Bob Wooley (R-66)	44%	58%	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓		✗	✓	E	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Monica Youngblood (R-68)	75%	69%		✓	✓			✓	✓			E		✗			✗	
John Zimmerman (R-39)	78%	78%		✓	✓			✓	✓			✓		✗			✗	

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- HB 564:** Right to farm
- HB 586:** Cougar hunting and trapping
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- HM 74:** Protect state land from chicken listing
- HM 117:** Denounce Mexican wolf recovery program
- SB 178:** CARE funding
- SB 211:** Animal rescue sterilization deposit waiver
- SB 215:** Narrower landowner taking or killing animals
- SB 221:** Quick report livestock injuries ("ag-gag")
- SB 253:** Coyote killing contest ban
- SB 254:** Major Game & Fish violation penalties
- SB 406:** Racehorse drug testing & fund distribution
- SB 489:** Racehorse drug testing
- SM 91:** Study wildlife protection from drones

LEADERSHIP SCORES

Every member of the New Mexico Legislature has considerable power to affect changes in policies that can make a big difference in the well-being of everyone living in New Mexico, including animals. Every single vote counts. But legislative leaders can have even more influence over bills and whether and how they become law. Leadership comes in a lot of forms for each of the chambers.

For instance, both House and Senate Committee Chairs (selected from the Majority party in each chamber) have considerable power because they have ultimate control over the flow and timing of bills heard in their committees, making their position crucial to the process that struggles to manage thousands of bills. Also in both chambers, the Majority and

Minority party Floor Leaders have enormous influence over the legislative agenda for the entire session, and can influence what bills are heard on the floor of each chamber.

In addition, people in the Whip position for each party heavily influence the other members of their party regarding their position on legislation. Similarly, party caucus chairs can and do influence if and how the caucus as a whole takes a position on legislation, thereby influencing many legislators' votes on a particular bill.

Finally, the House Speaker determines the committees to which bills are assigned, and the Senate Pro Tempore, as chair of the Senate Committees' Committee, wields similar power.

NM House of Representatives	Majority Party	Minority Party
	Republicans	Democrats
Speaker of the House	Don Tripp: 75%	n/a
Floor Leader	Nate Gentry: 86%	Brian Egolf: 100%
Whip	Alonzo Baldonado: 78%	Sheryl Williams Stapleton: 78%
Caucus Chair	Kelly Fajardo: 78%	Patricia Roybal Caballero: 100%

House Committee Chairs Most Relevant to Animal Bills

HAFC	Larry Larrañaga: 75%	HJC	Zachary Cook: 75%
HAWC	Candy Ezzell: 26%	HWMC	Jason Harper: 88%
HGEIC	Jim Smith: 88%	HRPAC	Yvette Herrell: 78%

NM Senate	Majority Party	Minority Party
	Democrats	Republicans
President Pro Tempore	Mary Kay Papan: 90%	n/a
Floor Leader	Michael Sanchez: 92%	Stuart Ingle: 56%
Whip	Michael Padilla: 100%	William Payne: 82%
Caucus Chair	Jacob Candelaria: 100%	Steven Neville: 100%

Senate Committee Chairs Most Relevant to Animal Bills

SCONC	Peter Wirth: 100%	SPAC	Gerald Ortiz y Pino: 100%
SFC	John Arthur Smith: 67%	SRC	Linda Lopez: 89%
SJC	Richard Martinez: 68%		

Committee Abbreviations Key

HAFC	House Appropriations & Finance Committee
HAWC	House Agriculture, Water, & Wildlife Committee
HGEIC	House Government, Elections, & Indian Affairs Committee
HJC	House Judiciary Committee
HRPAC	House Regulatory & Public Affairs Committee
HWMC	House Ways & Means Committee
SCONC	Senate Conservation Committee
SJC	Senate Judiciary Committee
SFC	Senate Finance Committee
SPAC	Senate Public Affairs Committee
SRC	Senate Rules Committee

GOVERNOR'S TRACK RECORD

+ New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez has mostly a positive record with respect to animal protection measures during 2015. Her executive actions following the 2015 session were notably very helpful to animals. She:

- **signed HB 415 to create a spay/neuter fund from voluntary tax refund contributions;**
- **approved \$50,000 appropriated from the general fund for animal protection services related to domestic violence;**
- **approved capital outlay appropriated for four animal shelters: \$90,000 for Albuquerque; \$75,000 for Tularosa; \$150,000 for Truth or Consequences; \$40,000 for Las Cruces.**

- However, advocates had hoped the Governor would intervene in advance of her appointed Game Commission's unanimous passage of ill-conceived regulations on cougar management in August, but that didn't happen. By a margin of more than 3:1, voters oppose the regulations they passed.

Also disappointing was the Commission's unprecedented and unpopular position in September opposing the continued reintroduction of endangered Mexican wolves. Again, by a margin of more than 3:1, New Mexican voters support reintroducing the Mexican gray wolves into the Apache and Gila National Forests.

Please contact the Governor and thank her for her support of so many animal protection measures passed during the 2015 session. Then ask her to please continue to support these vital programs in 2016 and beyond!

http://www.governor.state.nm.us/Contact_the_Governor.aspx



FEDERAL SPOTLIGHT

While many animal protection issues are left to state government, Members of Congress can have a sweeping impact on certain issues subject to federal authority. That means your two U.S. Senators and one U.S. Representative have tremendous power to help or hurt animals in our state and nationwide. APV has

monitored and worked on many federal animal protection issues this year, and while the bills below have not seen final passage at the time of this Scorecard's publication, we want to highlight both legislative and non-legislative situations where our Congressional Delegation "went to bat" for New Mexico's animals.

<p>Safeguard American Food Exports (SAFE) Act of 2015 (S 1214 / HR 1942)</p> <p>New Mexico remains in the national spotlight as the unfortunate battleground for the cruel horse slaughter industry. The SAFE Act bans the slaughter of American horses for human consumption and prohibits the transport of horses to other countries for the purpose of slaughter.</p> <p><i>Cosponsors: Representative Michelle Lujan Grisham (original cosponsor), Senator Tom Udall, Senator Martin Heinrich, Representative Ben Ray Luján</i></p> <p><i>Has Not Cosponsored: Representative Steve Pearce</i></p>	<p>Mexican Gray Wolf Letter to U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service</p> <p>Only a few decades ago, the Mexican gray wolf was on the brink of extinction. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) applied for and was denied permits from the NM Department of Game & Fish for the release of Mexican gray wolf pups as part of the species' recovery program.</p> <p>Senator Tom Udall and Senator Martin Heinrich authored a letter to USFWS Director Dan Ashe urging the federal agency to move forward with the recovery program as required by its responsibility under the Endangered Species Act.</p>
<p>Horse Slaughter Defund Amendment in Annual Appropriations Legislation</p> <p>Every year, Congress must ensure our tax dollars don't fund the slaughter of horses for human consumption to fill a niche overseas market. A tremendous leader on this issue, Senator Tom Udall voted yes on this amendment in the Senate Appropriations Committee in 2014 and sponsored the amendment himself this year, which was included in the final 2016 omnibus spending bill in mid-December. The Senator's strong leadership again protected horses and people all across the country from cruel, dangerous horse slaughter.</p>	<p>Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act of 2015 (S 405)</p> <p>This bill revises a variety of existing programs to expand access to, and opportunities for hunting and fishing.</p> <p>Senator Martin Heinrich is a lead sponsor, and while the bill itself does not protect wildlife, Senator Heinrich successfully led attempts to remove bad language promoting cruel trapping from the bill.</p>
<p>Pet and Women Safety (PAWS) Act of 2015 (S 1559 / HR 1258)</p> <p>Up to 65% of domestic violence victims delay reporting or leaving because they don't want to abandon their beloved animals, and most domestic violence shelters in New Mexico do not allow companion animals. The PAWS Act amends the federal criminal code to prohibit the intentional targeting of a domestic partner's pet; adds veterinary care to the list of costs that victims can recover from their abusers; and establishes a federal grant program to help victims safely house their animals during the transition to a safer home.</p> <p><i>Cosponsors: Representative Michelle Lujan Grisham, Representative Ben Ray Luján</i></p> <p><i>Has Not Cosponsored: Senator Tom Udall, Senator Martin Heinrich, Representative Steve Pearce</i></p>	<p>Prevent All Soring Tactics (PAST) Act (HR 3268 / S 1121)</p> <p>Some corrupt trainers use a cruel practice called "soring," utilizing caustic substances and tortuous devices, to inflict pain on their horses' legs in order to exaggerate the high-stepping ("big lick") gait prized at walking horse competitions. The PAST Act would amend the Horse Protection Act to do the following: ban the use of devices implicated in the practice of soring; and strengthen penalties among other reforms.</p> <p><i>Cosponsors: Representative Ben Ray Luján (original cosponsor), Representative Michelle Lujan Grisham (original cosponsor), Senator Martin Heinrich</i></p> <p><i>Has Not Cosponsored: Senator Tom Udall, Representative Steve Pearce</i></p>
<p>Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act (S 697)</p> <p><i>As the lead sponsor, Senator Tom Udall championed the Senate's end-of-year passage of a landmark chemical safety bill to overhaul the nation's broken Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976. This bill has some of the strongest language ever passed by Congress to protect animals including mice, rabbits, and guinea pigs from testing; this law will reduce if not eliminate the use of animals in chemical toxicity testing.</i></p> <p><i>Cosponsors: Senator Tom Udall (lead sponsor), Senator Martin Heinrich (original cosponsor)</i></p>	<p>Chimpanzee Letter to National Institutes of Health</p> <p>The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has now committed to retire all government-owned chimpanzees held for biomedical research, including 21 chimpanzees from the Alamogordo Primate Facility that were sent to the Texas Biomedical Research Institute. In July 2015, Senator Tom Udall and Senator Martin Heinrich wrote to NIH Director Francis Collins inquiring about the timing and plan for retiring chimpanzees, and both Senators' staff worked with the agency for months leading up to the NIH announcement that the agency will no longer support keeping any chimpanzees in labs.</p>

State and Federal Lobbying Team



Jessica Johnson Jessica Johnson joined Animal Protection Voters as its Chief Legislative Officer in 2015, bringing with her valuable skills and years of experience honed as a Senior Grassroots Advocacy Manager in the ASPCA®'s Government Relations department in Washington, D.C. She has led efforts to organize support for state and federal legislation, ballot measures, voter registration, and get-out-the-vote efforts, engaging many thousands of caring citizens in speaking up for animals. Jessica's expertise includes special event organizing, training, legislative analysis, campaign strategy, social media, and creating order from chaos. She has been a key part of 2015 efforts to stop the expansion of cougar trapping and killing in New Mexico. Jessica earned a J.D. from Lewis & Clark Law School, specializing in environmental and animal law. She lives with her husband Ben and beloved canines, Brody and Polly, with whom she enjoys exploring New Mexico's fabulous landscapes.



Elisabeth Jennings Elisabeth Jennings has served as Animal Protection of New Mexico's/APV's Executive Director since 1993, but began lobbying in New Mexico in 1989 as a volunteer. Since then she has worked to encourage a broader segment of New Mexicans to get actively involved in promoting animal protection legislation and holding legislators accountable for their important votes on bills that impact animals. Elisabeth grew up around all kinds of animals, including dogs, cats, and horses, where she learned to appreciate what animals offer to our lives. Jennings has lived in New Mexico since 1987, and enjoys spending time doing just about anything outdoors with her husband and two dogs, Jake and Katie.



Deborah Torza Condit Deborah Torza has been a lobbyist for Animal Protection Voters since 2007. As a native New Mexican and a staunch animal advocate, she provides keen insights into how to develop stronger support for animal protection measures from all parts of the political spectrum. Deborah graduated from the University of New Mexico with a degree in print journalism. She began working on political campaigns in 2000, worked as a Senate analyst at the New Mexico State Capitol in 2001, and later joined APV, helping to pass stronger laws for animals and prevent damaging legislation from passing. Deborah lives with her husband Brian Condit, former chief of staff to Governor Richardson, her daughter Desiree, and rescued Rhodesian Ridgeback, Gillie, and Labrador, Piper.



Phil Carter Phil Carter is APNM/APV's Equine and Wildlife Campaigns Manager, but is also part of APV's lobbying team. Phil brings to these challenging initiatives his diverse expertise and a keen interest in both wildlife and equines. Phil was born and raised in Missouri, grew up with Arabian horses, and there developed a love for the great outdoors. Phil studied political science at the University of Missouri and environmental science at the University of New Mexico. Phil later used his political science background to work as a campaign field organizer for a variety of candidates for office. Phil is an avid outdoorsman, a capable leader of outdoor expeditions and wilderness education, and an experienced landscaper and gardener. Phil loves exploring New Mexico's fabulous back country with his wife, Kristina, or enjoying the company of their cat, Morgana.



Laura Bonar Laura Bonar is APNM/APV's Chief Program & Policy Officer, and has been a member of APV's lobby team since 2011. After joining the staff in 2007, she helped pass county and municipal ordinances, broadened legislative support for the Animal Sheltering Board and stronger animal cruelty laws, and helped thwart bills that would harm animals. In more recent years Laura has led the program to secure sanctuary for chimpanzees living in New Mexico, and has 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. All her life Laura has felt a strong affinity for animals and the natural world, and her career affirms that passion. Laura is a registered nurse and she maintains her nursing practice while also devoting full time to animal advocacy efforts. She shares her home with Oliver, the cat, and Maeve, an adorable canine from the Albuquerque shelter.



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– House Democratic Leader Brian Egolf



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