

# 2019 Animal Protection Legislative Priorities

## Expand Statewide Spay/Neuter Services Funding



This legislation would establish a \$100 fee to be paid by pet food manufacturing corporations per label sold in the state, to fund the statewide low-cost spay/neuter program. More than 135,000 cats and dogs enter our state's animal shelters annually, and almost half are euthanized simply for lack of adoptive homes. This new funding mechanism, recommended in a study requested by the legislature, could bring in an estimated \$1,200,000 each year.

## Keep Rescued Horses Out of the Slaughterhouse



This legislation is the outcome of work with state agencies and advocates to ensure that homeless equines in the custody of the state are less vulnerable to kill-buyers from the horse slaughter industry. This bill would give NM's nine state-registered equine shelters first right of refusal, before auction, to take in homeless horses to be rehabilitated and adopted into loving homes or humanely euthanized.

## End Horrific Coyote Killing Contests



This bill would enact a ban on the senseless, repulsive practice of competitions to kill coyotes for prizes or entertainment—seen by residents and tourists alike as a black eye to the state. Killing contests cause ecological damage, fail to protect livestock, and violate the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation that guides most hunters. The bill would not prohibit killing a coyote to protect life, property, or livestock.

## Defend Against Anti-Animal Measures



APV continuously lobbies against measures that will harm animals or undo progress made to improve the lives of animals and the people who care about them. One example of anti-animal legislation is any bill that effectively sweeps animal abuse under the rug, or prevents information gathering and sharing regarding cruelty and other violations on farms, via anti-whistleblower type "ag-gag" bills.

## Restrict Cruel Traps and Poisons on Public Lands



This measure would restrict the unfettered use of traps, snares, and lethal poisons on public lands that results in risk to public safety, inflicts cruelty, and causes ecological destruction. Because these devices are indiscriminate, endangered species and family pets often fall victim, resulting in horrific injuries and deaths—and many states and countries have already enacted bans.



Another example is the need to defend the recurring state funding secured in 2015, to support Animal Protection of New Mexico's partnership with the NM Coalition Against Domestic Violence that provides lifesaving services for domestic violence victims and their beloved companion animals.



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