



2019 SCORECARD

CHANGING LAWS TO CHANGE ANIMALS' LIVES IN NEW MEXICO

A WIN FOR THE WILD AND FREE

For years, the resilient coyote seemed doomed to forever suffer in grotesque killing contests in New Mexico. But together, we defied the odds and put a stop to these body-count competitions.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS ISSUE:

- ★ The Power of the People
- ★ Roxy: In Memoriam
- ★ Senator Udall's Animal Protection Legacy



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**Animal Protection Voters’
 Mission is to:**

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

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Letter from the Director



Dear Animal Protection Voter,

The 2019 legislative session marked the beginning of what we hope is a new era of meaningful, fundamental change for domestic and wild animals in our state. The change couldn’t be more welcome.

Indeed, after three previous attempts to pass a ban on coyote killing contests—in 2013, 2015, and 2017—the ban passed in the 2019 session with tremendous public support and was signed by Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham. If anyone needs a reminder about the power and importance of elections—in this case, New Mexico’s 2018 elections, which ushered in numerous new animal-friendly policymakers—then this bill is that stark reminder. New Mexico became only the third state so far to ban coyote killing contests.

Animal Protection Voters’ resilient lobby team and army of volunteers were as engaged as ever in the 2019 session, as we collectively evaluated, tracked, and lobbied on 36 pieces of legislation. When the gavel dropped at the end of the 60-day session, we all exhaled heavily, gave thanks for the progress we made for animals this year, and returned to our homes, families, and companion animals to recuperate from the overwhelming demands of the past several months. We would get some rest and then begin anew to prepare for the 2020 legislative session.

Animal Protection Voters is already implementing plans for success in the 2020 legislative session with our high-priority bill to establish a robust, sustainable funding mechanism for spay/neuter services in New Mexico. This bill is an absolute imperative for the wellbeing of dogs and cats in communities throughout the state, but particularly in low-income and rural communities that struggle to access and afford dog and cat spay/neuter services.

A New Mexico Senate study showed that a modest increase in the registration fee paid for by dog/cat food manufacturers represents the most feasible funding mechanism for spay and neuter services. When passed and fully implemented, this mechanism will generate about \$1.1 million for these services every year. The funding will be distributed by the New Mexico Board of Veterinary Medicine, with advice and input from the Animal Sheltering Committee. Three other states—Maine, Maryland, and West Virginia—have successfully implemented the funding mechanism proposed for New Mexico, and they have seen a dramatic decrease in dog and cat euthanasia, while seeing no noticeable impact on dog and cat food variety and cost.

This pragmatic approach deserves a chance to succeed here, too. With your help, we will work to pass this bill in 2020. Thank you for helping us continue to build momentum for fundamental change that will save tens of thousands of animals’ lives each year, just with that one bill alone.

Sincerely yours,

Elisabeth Jennings
 Executive Director



2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS

An exhausting legislative session ended with a huge victory and positive steps forward...but left many battles unfinished.

The 2019 state legislative session—which spanned from mid-January to mid-March—was one of the most grueling sessions in recent years. The previous year’s elections opened the floodgates for many issues that had languished during prior sessions. The crucial changes in the State House and Governor’s office also set the stage for passage of long-pursued Animal Protection Voters’ legislative priorities.

ALL 1,663 BILLS, MEMORIALS, and RESOLUTIONS introduced in the 2019 legislative session were reviewed by APV with help from our volunteers. Of those measures:

- 36 BILLS** ➡ were monitored for impact on animals
- 22 BILLS** ➡ were actively supported
- 4 BILLS** ➡ were major APV priorities

As committee and floor session schedules quickly became erratic and lasted long into the night, Animal Protection Voters lobbyists were in the midst of it, putting an outrageous number of hours into pushing for humane policies in the Roundhouse.

BY THE END OF THE SESSION: 309 BILLS passed the Legislature and reached the Governor’s desk. The Governor signed into law:

- 1 BILL** ➡ APV priority
- 3 BILLS** ➡ APV supported
- and **0** anti-animal bills

However, many other pro-animal bills stalled in the Legislature—including several that passed just one or two years ago, but were vetoed by the former Governor—meaning these fights will likely continue in the immediate future.

All in all, the 2019 legislative session gave us reason to rejoice—and to celebrate and thank our supporters who make this work possible.

THE 2019 AVERAGE LEGISLATOR SCORE:

HOUSE	SENATE
74%	70%

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2019 STATE LEGISLATION: VICTORIES FOR ANIMALS

★ **Senate Bill 76 (Prohibit Coyote Killing Contests)**

Sponsors: Sen. Mark Moores (R-Albuquerque) & Sen. Jeff Steinborn (D-Las Cruces)

Since legislation was first introduced in 2013 to ban egregious coyote killing competitions, Animal Protection Voters has been on the frontlines working to pass this measure. Under the steadfast leadership of Senators Moores and Steinborn, the hard work paid off and the bill passed the Legislature and was later signed by the Governor.

The bill took effect July 1, 2019, making it unlawful for a person to organize, cause, sponsor, arrange, hold or participate in a coyote killing contest. This is a huge win for coyotes, and is the culmination of a long-fought campaign since Animal Protection Voters first documented a coyote killing contest in 2000 in southwestern New Mexico. For years, at least 20 to 30 contests were held annually in regions throughout New Mexico where participants competed for prizes by attempting to kill the most, largest, and smallest coyotes over a weekend. We all can rejoice that with the passage of this bill, horrific coyote killing contests are now a thing of the past in our state.

Senate Bill 228 (Wildlife Corridors Act)

Sponsor: Sen. Mimi Stewart (D-Albuquerque)

This bill directed the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMDGF) and the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) to develop a Wildlife Corridors Action Plan to include identification of existing highway

crossings and other human barriers that pose a risk to wildlife migration, and development of a list of projects that minimize habitat fragmentation, allow for safe wildlife passage, and increase public safety.

Senate Bill 234 (Pollinator Protection License Plate)

Sponsor: Sen. Sander Rue (R-Albuquerque)

This bill created a new special license plate in support of pollinator protection, and \$15 from the initial registration and from each renewal of these plates will be transferred to the NMDOT for pollinator protection activities, such as roadside vegetation planting, educational signage, and demonstration gardens.

Senate Bill 383 (Game Commission Fair Chase Rulemaking)

Sponsor: Sen. Pete Campos (D-Las Vegas)

This bill amended the State Game Commission's powers to include rulemaking that embodies the principles of fair chase and allows the NMDGF to promulgate rules on use of certain technology data (such as GPS collar locations) acquired from public information requests in order to prevent individuals from unfairly using that data to locate and kill those vulnerable animals.

KEY



Animal Protection Voters Priority Bill



Counts towards legislators' scores



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2019 STATE LEGISLATION: OTHER PRO-ANIMAL BILLS NOT PASSED

House Bill 52 (Harm to Companion Animals as Domestic Abuse)

Sponsor: Rep. Joanne Ferrary (D-Las Cruces)

This bill would have amended the Family Violence Protection Act to include the act or threat of harm to a companion animal as domestic abuse. It passed the House but died without a Senate hearing.

House Bill 53 (Pet Food Fee for Spay & Neuter Programs)

Sponsors: Rep. Joanne Ferrary (D-Las Cruces), Sen. Jacob Candelaria (D-Albuquerque) & Rep. Andrea Romero (D-Santa Fe)

This bill would have authorized an additional \$100 fee paid by large pet food manufacturing companies for each product they sell in the state, to fund affordable spay/neuter services for dogs and cats in needy families across the state. The bill was tabled in its first hearing in the House Commerce & Economic Development Committee.

House Bill 54 (Killing Dogs That Kill Livestock or Poultry)

Sponsor: Rep. Joanne Ferrary (D-Las Cruces)

This bill would have removed the statutory mandate to kill dogs that pursue livestock, but it was tabled by the House Agriculture & Water Resources Committee.

House Bill 206 (Environmental Review Act)

Sponsors: Rep. Gail Chasey (D-Albuquerque) & Sen. Mimi Stewart (D-Albuquerque)

This bill would have established an oversight board and directed state agencies to conduct environmental evaluations for certain proposed projects and regulations. After passing its first committee, this bill died awaiting a rehearing in the House State Government, Elections & Indian Affairs Committee.

House Bill 218 (Equine Facility Purchase of Certain Horses)

Sponsor: Rep. Nathan Small (D-Las Cruces)

This bill would have ensured that state registered equine shelters have the first right to take in estray, relinquished, abandoned, or abused domestic equines who come into the custody of the NM Livestock Board, and avoid risk of sale to slaughter. It passed the House but died without a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing.

House Bill 263 (State Game Commission Changes)

Sponsor: Rep. Matthew McQueen (D-Galisteo)

This bill would have restructured the State Game Commission and its appointment process, to create a more

balanced, diverse, and less politically volatile agency that better reflects the state's wildlife constituency. It passed the House but was tabled in the Senate Rules Committee.

House Bill 366 (Wildlife Protection & Public Safety Act) a.k.a. "Roxy's Law"

Sponsors: Rep. Matthew McQueen (D-Galisteo), Rep. Christine Chandler (D-Los Alamos) & Rep. Roberto "Bobby" Gonzales (D-Ranchos de Taos)

This bill would have prohibited the use of dangerous traps, snares, and poisons on New Mexico's public lands, unless the use met one of several specific exemptions. For the first time, this legislation passed not only one, but two committees—but it died awaiting a vote on the House floor.

House Bill 381 (Pollinator Protection License Plate)

Sponsors: Rep. Elizabeth Thomson (D-Albuquerque), Rep. Anthony Allison (D-Fruitland), Rep. Melanie Stansbury (D-Albuquerque) & Rep. Karen Bash (D-Albuquerque)

This bill would have created a new special license plate in support of pollinator protection. While it died awaiting a vote on the House floor, the Senate version of this bill (SB 234) passed and was signed into law.

House Bill 444 (Wild Horse License Plate)

Sponsor: Rep. Joanne Ferrary (D-Las Cruces)

This bill would have created a new license plate to fund the New Mexico Tourism Department to support tourism related to wild horses. This bill was tabled by the House Transportation, Public Works & Capital Improvements Committee.

House Bill 445 (Wild Horse Protection & Habitat Act)

Sponsor: Rep. Joanne Ferrary (D-Las Cruces)

This bill would have created a new Equine Board, a fund, and new laws regarding management and treatment of horses across New Mexico. It was tabled in its first hearing before the House Energy, Environment & Natural Resources Committee.

House Bill 598 (First Responder Veterinary Services)

Sponsors: Rep. Karen Bash (D-Albuquerque), Rep. Joanne Ferrary (D-Las Cruces) & Rep. Christine Trujillo (D-Albuquerque)

This bill would have explicitly allowed first responders to provide specific emergency medical services to a cat or dog before transferring the animal to a veterinarian. It died awaiting a hearing in the House Judiciary Committee.

 **Senate Bill 38 (Wildlife Trafficking Act)**

Sponsors: Sen. Mimi Stewart (D-Albuquerque) & Rep. Gail Chasey (D-Albuquerque)

This bill would have cracked down on the illegal sale or trade of parts and products of critical wildlife. It passed the Senate, but excessive debate on the House floor resulted in the bill's withdrawal from a final vote.

 **Senate Bill 158 (Wild Horse Definitions & Disposition - substitute bill)**

Sponsor: Sen. Pat Woods (R-Broadview)

This bill, as amended in a substitute bill, would have taken positive steps toward fixing the current broken wild horse statute that has left or created gaps in the law that threaten the safety and welfare of non-federally protected wild horses. It passed the Senate but died awaiting a rehearing in the House State Government, Elections & Indian Affairs Committee.

Senate Bill 203 (Rename Dept. of Game & Fish as Wildlife Dept.)

Sponsor: Sen. Jeff Steinborn (D-Las Cruces)

This bill sought to rename the Department of Game and Fish and State Game Commission to become the "Wildlife Department" and "State Wildlife Commission," respectively. It was never scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Rules Committee.

  **Senate Bill 367 (Pet Food Fee for Neutering & Sheltering)**

Sponsor: Sen. Jacob Candelaria (D-Albuquerque)

After HB 53 died, bill sponsor Sen. Candelaria filed this identical Senate version. This bill would have authorized an additional \$100 fee paid by large pet food manufacturing companies for each product they sell in the state, to fund affordable spay/neuter services. It passed one committee but died awaiting a hearing in the Senate Finance Committee.

 **Senate Bill 417 (State Game Commission Purpose & Species)**

Sponsor: Sen. Jeff Steinborn (D-Las Cruces)

This bill would have updated the State Game Commission's mission, clearly defined New Mexico's wildlife as a public trust resource, and provided authority to the commission to protect all species of wildlife. It was tabled in the Senate Conservation Committee.

 **Senate Bill 541 (Animal Care & Facility Fund)**

Sponsor: Sen. Jacob Candelaria (D-Albuquerque)

This bill would have appropriated \$630,000 to the Animal Care & Facility Fund for the Board of Veterinary Medicine to carry out the purposes of the Animal Sheltering Act. This appropriation was approved by its first committee but not included in the final approved budget.

 **Senate Bill 557 (Equine Care from Horse Rescue Fund)**

Sponsor: Sen. Steven Neville (R-Aztec)

This bill would have appropriated \$500,000 to the Horse Shelter Rescue Fund in order to support equines statewide through humane care and feeding. This appropriation was approved by its first committee but not included in the final approved budget.

 **Senate Memorial 26 (Study Wild Horse Park)**

Sponsor: Sen. Elizabeth Stefanics (D-Cerrillos)

This memorial would have directed the State Parks Division of the New Mexico Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department to study possible locations, land acquisition, and cost of care for a wild horse state park. It passed its first committee but died when the Senate Conservation Committee requested more work on the concept.

2019 STATE LEGISLATION: ANTI-ANIMAL BILL

Senate Joint Resolution 17 (Right to Hunt & Fish, Constitutional Amendment)

Sponsor: Sen. Cliff Pirtle (R-Roswell)

This proposed amendment to Article 2 of the New Mexico Constitution would have declared a constitutional right to hunt and fish, preference for lethal wildlife management, and protection for "traditional methods" even if cruel and ineffective. The sponsor voluntarily withdrew the bill from consideration without any votes.

KEY



Animal Protection Voters Priority Bill



Counts towards legislators' scores

There were many New Mexico state policymakers, both Republican and Democrat, who positively influenced outcomes for animals in the Roundhouse this year. But when it comes to *not only supporting, but actually fighting hard for the passage of animal protection bills in 2019*, these lawmakers truly stand out and deserve to be highlighted.



Senator Mark Moores (R-Albuquerque) has served in the Senate since 2013, earning a 67% Animal Protection Voters lifetime score. In 2019, Sen. Moores once again sponsored the bill to ban coyote killing contests across the state in the form of Senate Bill (SB) 76, using his considerable voice to powerfully dispel myths about the contests and defend respect for life—including wildlife. Having first signed on to sponsor this measure in 2015, we applaud Sen. Moores for his steadfast leadership over the many years to see this bill at last be passed and signed into law.



Representative Matthew McQueen (D-Galisteo) has served in the State House since 2015, earning a 98% Animal Protection Voters lifetime score, and chairs the House Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee. Not only did Rep. McQueen co-sponsor and expertly advocate for HB 366 to ban traps, snares, and poisons on public lands, but also he carried SB 76 (to ban coyote killing contests) on the House floor, and sponsored HB 263 to reform the State Game Commission.



Senator Jeff Steinborn (D-Las Cruces) joined the Senate in 2017 after serving in the House of Representatives since 2007, earning a 98% Animal Protection Voters lifetime score. Sen. Steinborn again joined Sen. Moores in sponsoring SB 76 to ban coyote killing contests, and also sponsored SB 203 and SB 417 to update the name and mission of New Mexico's state wildlife regulatory bodies. We commend Sen. Steinborn's unwavering efforts and his use of science to guide debate on wildlife issues.



Representative Christine Chandler (D-Los Alamos) served her first term in the State House in 2019, earning a 100% Animal Protection Voters lifetime score. Signing on to co-sponsor HB 366 to ban cruel traps, snares, and poisons on public lands, Rep. Chandler advocated superbly for the bill, and she provided compelling remarks on the House floor in support of SB 76 to end egregious coyote killing competitions.



Representative Roberto "Bobby" Gonzales (D-Ranchos De Taos) has served in the State House since 1995, earning an 85% Animal Protection Voters lifetime score. Rep. Gonzales co-sponsored House Bill (HB) 366 to ban cruel and outdated traps, snares, and poisons across public lands. He was the first sponsor of this legislation in 2013, in response to two of his constituents and their animals getting injured by leghold traps, and argued as a proponent of New Mexico's tourism and outdoor economies.



Representative Joanne Ferrary (D-Las Cruces) has served in the State House since 2017, earning a 95% Animal Protection Voters lifetime score. In 2019, Rep. Ferrary sponsored and passionately pushed for HB 53 to fund low-cost spay/neuter services, HB 52 to deem harms or threats to companion animals a type of domestic violence, and HB 54 to change the law mandating killing of dogs that may pursue livestock, along with several other pro-animal measures.



Senator Jacob Candelaria (D-Albuquerque) has served in the State Senate since 2013, earning a 90% Animal Protection Voters lifetime score. Sen. Candelaria lent his powerful voice as a cosponsor of HB 53 and SB 367, both aimed at funding low-cost spay/neuter services across New Mexico. He also sponsored SB 541, which called for an appropriation of \$630,000 to the New Mexico Board of Veterinary Medicine and the state’s spay/neuter fund to provide spay/neuter services and enforce the Animal Sheltering Act.



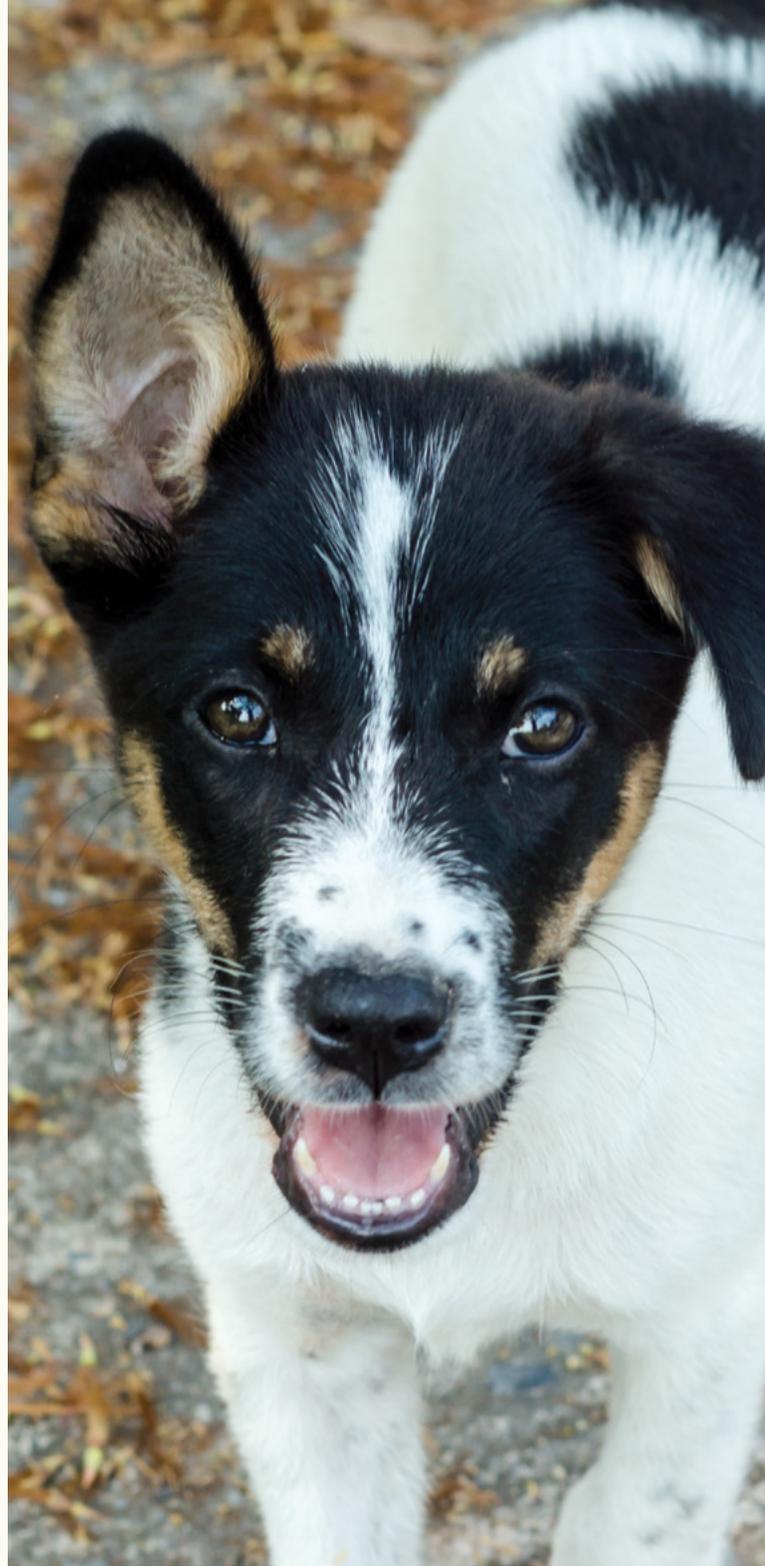
Senator Steven Neville (R-Aztec) has served in the State Senate since 2005, earning an 84% Animal Protection Voters lifetime score. He is the Senate Minority Caucus Chair and the Ranking Member of the powerful Senate Finance Committee. Sen. Neville sponsored SB 557, aiming to make an appropriation of \$500,000 to the Horse Shelter Rescue Fund in order to support the non-profit equine organizations in New Mexico who humanely care for and adopt out the state’s homeless horses.



Senator Mimi Stewart (D-Albuquerque) served in the State House from 1995-2014, has since served in the State Senate beginning in 2015, has earned a 97% Animal Protection Voters lifetime score, and is the Senate Majority Whip. Sen. Stewart expertly achieved passage of SB 228 to identify wildlife corridors and develop an action plan to minimize habitat fragmentation, allow for safe wildlife passage, and increase public safety. She also sponsored SB 38, the Wildlife Trafficking Act, and cosponsored HB 206, the Environmental Review Act.



Representative Nathan Small (D-Las Cruces) has served in the State House since 2017, earning a 97% Animal Protection Voters lifetime score. As an avid horseman, Rep. Small skillfully championed HB 218 to ensure New Mexico’s registered horse rescues have the first right to take in abandoned, relinquished, stray, or abused domestic equines rather than having them be sold at auction and put at risk of entering the slaughter pipeline. He also offered a sportsman’s voice in favor of multiple wildlife conservation bills.



IT IS NOT AN ACT OF KINDESS TO TREAT ANIMALS RESPECTFULLY. IT IS AN ACT OF JUSTICE.

-TOM REGAN, PHILOSOPHER

THE POWER OF THE PEOPLE

2019 Animal Protection Lobby Day

Grassroots Activists and Policymakers Make an Impact for Animals



Animal Protection Lobby Day participants

On January 29, 2019, animal protection advocates gathered at the New Mexico State Capitol to step into their power as constituents and urge lawmakers to support key animal protection legislation. There is no doubt that our presence in the Roundhouse made all the difference and provided momentum for pro-animal bills.

The Animal Protection Lobby Day morning program once again included an in-depth grassroots lobbyist training with a lively Q&A session and a letter-writing workshop to allow attendees to craft compassionate and persuasive letters to legislators. Afterward, everyone marched to the Roundhouse to communicate with their lawmakers.

In the afternoon, our press conference in the Capitol rotunda featured several legislators sponsoring 2019 animal protection legislation, as well as **Lieutenant Governor Howie Morales** and **Commissioner of Public Lands Stephanie Garcia Richard**. Other guest speakers from around the state were: **Dan Flores**, author of New York Times Best Seller, *Coyote America: A Natural and Supernatural History*; three inspiring, passionate students from the **Bosque School** Animal Injustice Prevention Society; **Jane Carson**, President of Pecos People for Animal Welfare Society, who arrived in her organization's state-of-the-art mobile spay/neuter van and offered tours of the vehicle to Roundhouse visitors; and **former State Representative Nathan Cote**.

This year *The Animal Connection* humane education therapy dogs donned impressive vests (customized and handmade by our generous, talented volunteer, Patricia Newman) featuring messages of support for banning coyote killing contests, restricting traps on public lands, and funding spay/neuter. They were a huge hit, and the pups proved to be very effective lobbyists in their own right!



Sen. Jacob Candelaria



Lt. Gov. Howie Morales



Rep. Joanne Ferrary



Rep. Christine Chandler

Here's what attendees had to say about this year's event:

"Wonderful experience! Very well organized + very educational!"
– Rebecca H.

"Meeting other like-minded people at Lobby Day so early in the year creates enough positive energy to last me the rest of the year."
– Raymond W.

"It was a really fun and inspiring experience. I'm so appreciative of the critical work you do for animals! Everything was beautifully organized and the vegan food, perfect and delicious!"
– Tori S.

"Even better than last year and last year was great. Press conference was especially A++++!"
– Susan H.

Thank You

We appreciate the staff of the **PERA Building** and **Legislative Building Services** for providing venues and helping to facilitate our event. We also thank **Whole Foods**, **Trader Joe's**, **La Montañita Co-op**, and **What The Truck** for providing delicious plant-based food and drinks to keep Lobby Day attendees fueled all day. And we are grateful to all of our **dedicated volunteers** who made this event possible. Finally, **thank you to each and every advocate** who took time out of their busy day to join us and speak up for animals. Without strong laws, animals are left vulnerable—and strong laws are only possible because of people who care and are willing to take action.



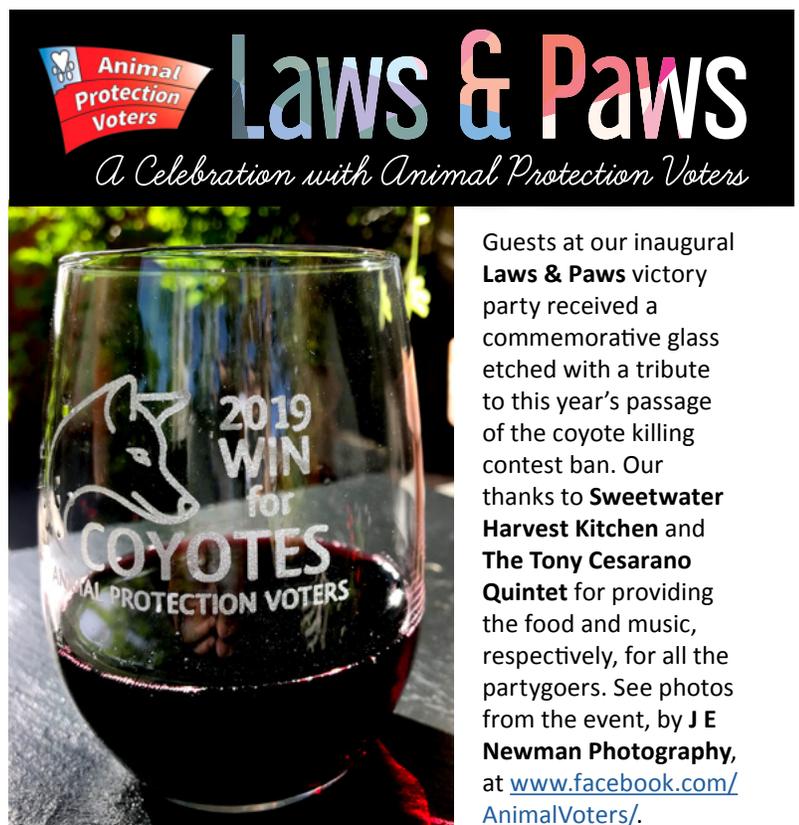
In 2019, Animal Protection Voters kicked off a special part of our volunteer program—the Grassroots Organizing and Action Team (GOAT).

GOAT is a playful acronym that represents a resilient animal: one who faces challenges boldly and nimbly, with a delicate balance of adaptability, determination, and fortitude—all the qualities needed to catalyze a grassroots movement!

This year, GOAT volunteers (or, as we affectionately call them, "GOATs") completed thousands of calls to constituents, encouraging hundreds of New Mexicans to call their legislators and ask for change. They read and submitted daily analyses for over 1,000 bills to ensure every bill relating to animals was reviewed by the Animal Protection Voters team. Our GOATs helped amplify community voices by providing sample letters to the editor and collecting hundreds of petition signatures—making sure people who care about animals around the state are heard, informed, and included in legislative efforts.

Legislators listen to what their constituents say. And this year our GOAT volunteers helped make sure the majority of New Mexicans who want better treatment for animals were heard loud and clear.

Join our volunteers: apvnm.org/GOATapp



Guests at our inaugural **Laws & Paws** victory party received a commemorative glass etched with a tribute to this year's passage of the coyote killing contest ban. Our thanks to **Sweetwater Harvest Kitchen** and **The Tony Cesarano Quintet** for providing the food and music, respectively, for all the partygoers. See photos from the event, by **J E Newman Photography**, at www.facebook.com/AnimalVoters/.

HOW TO READ AND USE THIS SCORECARD

Methodology

- » For each chamber (the Senate or the House of Representatives), New Mexico state legislators are listed in **alphabetical order** by their last name.
- » Next to each legislator’s name is their **2019 Score** based on their voting record during the 2019 legislative session, as well as their **Lifetime Score** that represents the percentage of time they voted to protect animals when given the opportunity since their tenure began in the state legislature.
- » **APV “priority bills” are given double weight**, to indicate the importance of votes for and against these bills.
- » An **“Excused”** mark means they were formally excused by the legislature during the vote and does not count as part of the score.
- » An **“Absent”** mark counts as half a vote “against the animals” on a memorial and a full vote “against the animals” on all other legislation. **However**, if Animal Protection Voters deems the outcome for the bill was unaffected by the legislator’s absence and that legislator cast a good pro-animal vote on the bill at another stage in the legislative process, then only the pro-animal vote on record will count toward the score (e.g., if a legislator is absent for a full chamber floor vote on a bill, and that bill passed, and that legislator previously cast a pro-animal vote in committee, then the pro-animal vote counts toward the legislator’s score).
- » Unless stated otherwise, if a legislator votes multiple times on a bill at different stages and changes his or her position, **the later vote will count**.

All APV Scorecards can be downloaded online:
www.apvnm.org/scorecards/

Actions You Can Take

- ⇒ Find your two legislators on the Scorecard—you have one in the House and one in the Senate. If you aren’t sure who they are, visit apvnm.org/lookup to identify them.
- ⇒ Depending on your legislators’ scores, contact them right away to either **thank them for their positive votes** or to **politely express disappointment in any anti-animal votes**, and ask for a meeting to discuss their concerns. REMEMBER: Lawmakers need to know you are paying attention to their voting record. Never take our champions’ support for granted and never write anyone off. Animal protection measures come in many forms, usually enjoy bipartisan support, and have immense public support—so use that to your advantage.
- ⇒ New Mexicans can only hold lawmakers accountable if they have the information about how those lawmakers voted. **Please share this Scorecard with everyone you know!**

SCORE KEY

NOTE: Scores on APV Priority Bills receive double weight

- ✓ Vote for the animals
- ✗ Vote against the animals
- E Excused from the vote
- A Absent for the vote
- [blank] Did not have opportunity to vote (i.e.: legislator did not sit on the committee that voted)
- ✓* Indicates credit for a vote for the animals despite an absence at the final vote

THE BILLS

HB 52	Harm to Companion Animals as Domestic Abuse
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SM 26	Study Wild Horse Park

SENATE SCORES			APV Priority Bills			Other Pro-Animal Bills									
Legislator	2019 Score	Lifetime Score	HB 218	SB 76	SB 367	HB 263	SB 38	SB 158	SB 228	SB 234	SB 383	SB 417	SB 541	SB 557	SM 26
Baca, Gregory A. (R-29)	33%	30%		✗		✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓				✗
Brandt, Craig W. (R-40)	38%	44%		✗	E		✗	✓	✗	✓	✓		✗		
Burt, William F. (R-33)	43%	79%		✗			✗	✓	✗	✓	✓				
Campos, Pete (D-8)	71%	88%		✗			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Candelaria, Jacob R.(D-26)	50%	90%		A			✓	✓	✓	E	A				
Cervantes, Joseph (D-31)	90%	92%	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✗		✓	
Cisneros, Carlos R. (D-6)	100%	86%		✓			✓	✓	✓	E	✓				
Fulfer, Gregg (R-41)	43%	43%		✗			✗	✓	✗	✓	✓				
Gould, Candace (R-10)	70%	79%		✓	✓		✗	✓	✗	✓	✓		✗		
Griggs, Ron (R-34)	55%	68%	✓	✗			✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗		✓	
Ingle, Stuart (R-27)	27%	53%		✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓		E		✗
Ivey-Soto, Daniel A. (D-15)	89%	98%		✓		A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
Kernan, Gay G. (R-42)	86%	84%		✓			✓	✓	✗	✓	✓				
Lopez, Linda M. (D-11)	89%	87%		✓		✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
Martinez, Richard C. (D-5)	73%	83%	✓	✗			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A		✓	
Moore, Mark (R-21)	44%	67%		✓		✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓				✗
Muñoz, George K. (D-4)	57%	82%		✗			✓	✓	✗	✓	✓				
Neville, Steven P. (R-2)	43%	84%		✗			A	✓	✗	✓	✓				
O'Neill, Bill B. (D-13)	100%	97%		✓			✓	✓	✓	E	✓				
Ortiz y Pino, Gerald (D-12)	100%	99%		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
Padilla, Michael (D-14)	100%	100%		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Papen, Mary Kay (D-38)	57%	92%		✗		A	✓	✓	✓	E	✓				E
Payne, William H. (R-20)	70%	76%	✓	✓			✗	✓	✗	E	✓	✗		✓	
Pinto, John (D-3)	100%	88%		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Pirtle, Cliff R. (R-32)	22%	44%		✗		✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓				✗
Ramos, Gabriel (D-28)	71%	71%		✗			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Rodriguez, Nancy (D-24)	100%	95%		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Rue, Sander (R-23)	60%	94%		E			✗	✓	✗	✓	✓				
Sanchez, Clemente (D-30)	63%	84%		✗		A	✓	✓	✓	E	✓				✓
Sapient, John M. (D-9)	50%	83%		✓			✗	E	✗	✗	✓				
Sedillo Lopez, Antoinette(D-16)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sharer, William E. (R-1)	33%	57%		✗			✗	✓	✗	E	✓				
Shendo Jr., Benny (D-22)	43%	83%		A			✓	A	✓	✓	A				
Smith, John Arthur (D-35)	50%	76%		✗			✓	A	✓	E	✓				
Soules, William P. (D-37)	91%	98%	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗		✓	
Stefanics, Elizabeth "Liz" (D-39)	93%	94%	✓	✓	✓		✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Steinborn, Jeff (D-36)	100%	98%		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
Stewart, Mimi (D-17)	100%	97%		✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Tallman, Bill (D-18)	100%	98%		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
White, James P. (R-19)	71%	84%		✓			✗	✓	✗	✓	✓				
Wirth, Peter (D-25)	100%	104%	E	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Woods, Pat (R-7)	50%	54%	✓	✗			✗	✓	✗	E	✓	✗		✓	
Lt. Gov. Howie Morales	N/A	N/A													

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Legislator	2019 Score	Lifetime Score	HB 53	HB 218	HB 366	SB 76	HB 52	HB 54	HB 206	HB 263	SB 38	SB 228	SB 234	SB 383	
Akhil, Abbas (D-20)	100%	100%		✓	✓	✓	E		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Alcon, Eliseo Lee (D-6)	83%	89%		✓	✗	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Allison, Anthony (D-4)	89%	89%		✓		✓	✓	✗		✓		E	✓	✓	
Anderson, Phelps (R-66)	15%	15%		A	✗	✗	✗		✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	
Armstrong, Deborah A. (D-17)	100%	97%		E	E	E	E			✓	E	E	✓	E	
Armstrong, Gail (R-49)	56%	73%		✓		✗	✓			✗		✗	✓	✓	
Baldonado, Alonzo (R-8)	45%	58%	✗	✓		✗	✗			✗		✓	✓	✓	
Bandy, Paul C. (R-3)	56%	48%		✓		✗	E	✗		✓		✓	A	✓	
Bash, Karen C. (D-68)	78%	78%		✗		✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	
Black, Rachel A. (R-51)	44%	44%		✓		✗	✗			✗		✗	✓	✓	
Brown, Cathrynn N. (R-55)	56%	62%		✓		✗	✓			✗		✗	✓	✓	
Cadena, Micaela Lara (D-33)	77%	77%		✓	✗	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	A	✓	
Chandler, Christine (D-43)	100%	100%		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Chasey, Gail (D-18)	83%	95%		A	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Chatfield, Jack (R-67)	44%	44%		✓		✗	✗			✗		✗	✓	✓	
Cook, Zachary J. (R-56)	67%	67%		✓	E	✗	✓			A	E	✓	✓	✓	
Crowder, Randal S. (R-64)	14%	22%		E		✗	✗			✗		✗	✗	✓	
Dow, Rebecca L. (R-38)	36%	58%	✗	A		✗	✓			✓		✗	✓	✓	
Egolf, Brian (D-47)	100%	97%		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	E	✓	✓	✓	
Ely, Daymon (D-23)	100%	100%		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Ezell, Candy Spence (R-58)	30%	47%		✓		✗	✗	✗		✗		✗	A	✓	
Fajardo, Kelly K. (R-7)	55%	74%	✗	✓		✗	✓			✗		✓	✓	✓	
Ferrary, Joanne J. (D-37)	85%	95%		✗	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Figueroa, Natalie (D-30)	100%	100%	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	
Gallegos, David M. (R-61)	44%	44%		✓		✗	✗			✗		✗	✓	✓	
Gallegos, Doreen Y. (D-52)	100%	97%		✓		✓	✓			E		✓	✓	✓	
Garcia, Harry (D-69)	78%	93%		✓		✗	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	
Garcia, Miguel P. (D-14)	89%	95%		✓		✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	A	
Garratt, Joy (D-29)	78%	78%		A		✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	
Gonzales, Roberto "Bobby" J. (D-42)	71%	85%		✓		✓	E			✓		A	A	E	
Harper, Jason C. (R-57)	56%	80%		✓		✗	✓			✗		✗	✓	✓	
Herrera, Susan K. (D-41)	100%	100%		✓		✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	
Hochman-Vigil, Dayan (D-15)	100%	100%		✓	✓	✓*	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Johnson, D. Wonda (D-5)	100%	100%	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	
Lara, Raymundo (D-34)	80%	80%		✓		✗	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	
Lente, Derrick J. (D-65)	90%	93%		✓		✓	✓	✗		✓		✓	✓	✓	
Lewis, Tim D. (R-60)	44%	64%		✓		✗	✗			✗		✓	A	✓	
Louis, Georgene (D-26)	100%	97%		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓*	E	✓	✓	E	
Lundstrom, Patricia A. (D-9)	75%	89%		E		✓	E			E		A	✓	E	
Madrid, Willie D. (D-53)	67%	67%		✓		✗	✓			✓		✓	A	✓	
Maestas, Antonio (D-16)	100%	98%	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	
Martinez, "Rudy" S. (D-39)	89%	95%		✓		✓	✓			✓		✓	A	✓	
Martínez, Javier (D-11)	100%	100%		✓		✓	E			✓		✓	E	✓	
McQueen, Matthew (D-50)	92%	98%		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	

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Montoya, Rod (R-1)	31%	37%		✓	A	✗	✗		✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	A
Nibert, Greg (R-59)	42%	23%		✓	✗	✗	✓			✗	✗	✓	✓	A
Powdrell-Culbert, Jane E. (R-44)	45%	64%	✗	✓		✗	✓			✗		✓	A	✓
Pratt, William B. (D-27)	100%	100%		✓		✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓
Rehm, William "Bill" R. (R-31)	42%	69%		✓	✗	✗	A			✗	✗	✓	✓	✓
Romero, Andrea (D-46)	100%	100%		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Romero, G. Andrés (D-10)	100%	100%		E		✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓
Roybal Caballero, Patricia (D-13)	100%	96%	✓	E		E	✓			✓		E	✓	✓
Rubio, Angelica (D-35)	100%	100%		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ruiloba, Patricia (D-12)	64%	88%	✗	✓		✗	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓
Salazar, Tomás E. (D-70)	67%	88%		✓		✗	✓			✓		✓	A	✓
Sanchez, Joseph L. (D-40)	67%	67%		✓		✗	✓			A		✓	✓	✓
Sariñana, Debra M. (D-21)	100%	100%		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Schmedes, Gregg (R-22)	100%	100%		✓		✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓
Scott, Larry R. (R-62)	31%	37%		✓	✗	✗	✗		✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓
Small, Nathan P. (D-36)	92%	97%		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓
Stansbury, Melanie A. (D-28)	100%	100%		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Stapleton, Sheryl Williams (D-19)	89%	87%		✓		✓	✓			✓		A	✓	✓
Strickler, James R.J. (R-2)	31%	51%		✓	✗	✗	✗		✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓
Sweetster, Candie G. (D-32)	70%	90%		✓		✗	✓	✗		✓		✓	✓	✓
Thomson, Elizabeth "Liz" (D-24)	100%	100%		✓		✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓
Townsend, James G. (R-54)	25%	36%		A	✗	✗	✗		✗	✗	E	✓	✓	✓
Trujillo, Christine (D-25)	86%	94%		E		✓	✓			✓		✓	A	✓
Trujillo, Jim R. (D-45)	73%	93%	✗	✓		✓	✓			✓		A	✓	✓
Trujillo, Linda M. (D-48)	100%	100%		✓		✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	✓
Zamora, Martin R. (R-63)	50%	50%		✓		✗	✗	✗		✗		✓	✓	✓



GOVERNOR MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM'S 2019 RECORD



- ★ Signed Senate Bill 76, banning coyote killing contests statewide and enacting criminal penalties for participating in, sponsoring, hosting, or organizing one of these gruesome competitions.
- ★ Signed Senate Bill 228, directing the New Mexico Department of Game & Fish (NMDGF) and Department of Transportation (NMDOT) to develop a wildlife corridors action plan to minimize habitat fragmentation, allow for safe wildlife passage, and increase public safety.
- ★ Signed Senate Bill 234, creating a new special pollinator protection license plate, to raise funds for the NMDOT to conduct pollinator protection activities, such as roadside vegetation planting, educational signage, and demonstration gardens.
- ★ Signed Senate Bill 383, allowing the NMDGF to promulgate rules on use of certain technology data (like GPS collar locations) acquired from public information requests in order to prevent individuals from unfairly using that data to locate and kill vulnerable animals.
- ★ Approved \$1.14 million in funding for important infrastructure projects for various New Mexico animal shelters.



Please contact the Governor and thank her for her positive actions on animal protection legislation:
www.governor.state.nm.us/contact-the-governor/

LEGISLATURE DEDICATES DOLLARS FOR ANIMALS

Animal Protection Voters saw the 2019 legislative session conclude on several bright notes for New Mexico's animal shelters. The Legislature passed its annual capital outlay bill (Senate Bill 280) as well as a couple of supplemental funding bills (House Bill 548 and Senate Bill 536) that invest dollars into important infrastructure projects across our state.

Each of the following projects, funded across Fiscal Years 2019 and 2020, will help to improve the quality of life for many homeless animals and residents of several communities.

- 🐾 **Valencia County:** \$595,000 total to equip and operate a spay and neuter program at the Valencia County Animal Shelter
- 🐾 **Gallup:** \$400,000 to construct a Gallup regional animal shelter
- 🐾 **Rio Arriba County:** \$70,000 to purchase a county animal control vehicle
- 🐾 **Socorro:** \$75,000 for the City of Socorro Animal Shelter & Adoption Center to construct a portable building

Congratulations to the communities that will receive these dollars and use them to save animals' lives.

Photo of Governor Courtesy of New Mexicans for Michelle

NEW LAND COMMISSIONER LEADS THE WAY FOR ANIMALS



Photo: Cindy Wacek/Animal Protection Voters

New Mexico's new **Commissioner of Public Lands, Stephanie Garcia Richard**, stepped into the State Land Office with a long history of advocacy and leadership on important animal protection and conservation issues—and she started 2019 off with a bang.

At every opportunity to be a proud voice of the humane treatment of animals and sound ecosystem management, she has risen to the occasion. As a State Representative she voted the right way on animal protection issues 100% of the time—including supporting statewide spay/neuter services, voting to improve New Mexico's animal cruelty statute, and sponsoring legislation to bring more nuance and humane considerations into state agency decisions to kill wildlife. And in her first term in the Legislature, she voted in support of legislation to ban gruesome, wasteful coyote killing contests.

It was clear from the outset that Commissioner Garcia Richard understands that healthy ecosystems and sustainable land use depend on robust, interconnected wildlife populations. And on the 2018 campaign trail, she pledged to outlaw horrific coyote killing contests on state trust lands once elected to the State Land Office.

Just days into her tenure as Commissioner of Public Lands, she followed through with her promise.

Animal Protection Voters was honored to provide the introductory remarks at a press conference on January 10, 2019, where Commissioner Garcia Richard announced and signed a monumental Executive Order banning killing contests targeting unprotected species—like coyotes—for prizes or entertainment on 9 million acres of state trust land. We stood by her side as she declared these contests as cruel and needless “blood sport[s] where participants kill dozens of animals without sound justification and play for cash and prizes” that have no place on our public lands.

By making this her first Executive Order, Commissioner Garcia Richard affirmed her strong vision for the State Land Office and the long-term health of our state trust lands, and her embodiment of New Mexico's humane values. Her bold actions provided enormous momentum going into the 2019 state legislative session, where the State Legislature and the Governor would later approve Senate Bill 76 to extend the Commissioner's ban on coyote killing contests to the rest of the state.



Join us in thanking Commissioner Garcia Richard for her leadership: www.nmstatelands.org/State_Land_Office_Location.aspx

SENATOR TOM UDALL: A CHAMPION FOR ANIMALS



We will cherish the progress and compassion that Senator Udall cultivated during his career in Congress, and we are eager to see all the ways that he will continue to advocate for animals and serve New Mexicans in the future.

Best wishes, Senator!

On March 25, 2019, New Mexico's senior U.S. Senator, Tom Udall, announced that he would retire from the Senate at the end of his third term in 2020 and after five previous terms in the U.S. House of Representatives. Senator Udall will leave behind ***a tremendous legacy of treating animal issues seriously and leading with courageous vision and fearless dedication to real positive impact.***

Animal Protection Voters will forever celebrate his remarkable achievements for animals in New Mexico and across the country while serving in Congress, including:

- ★ Trailblazing the protection of chimpanzees used in invasive research: cosponsoring successful legislation to provide lifetime care in sanctuary for laboratory chimps; requesting an independent scientific study that led to the National Institutes of Health's decision to end chimpanzee research; and fighting to ensure every one of New Mexico's chimpanzees formerly subjected to painful experiments is retired to sanctuary.
- ★ Pushing the strongest federal legislation to end unacceptable exploitation and corruption in horseracing, and putting pressure on the horseracing industry for uniform federal standards for horses used in racing.
- ★ Passing groundbreaking legislation to reduce and replace animals used for chemical toxicity testing.
- ★ Playing a key role in the battle against horse slaughter, including securing votes for his annual appropriations bill amendment to stop the U.S. from opening another horse slaughter plant, cosponsoring legislation to prohibit the transport and export of horses for slaughter, and working effectively to protect wild horses from being sold for slaughter.
- ★ Defending against repeated attempts to weaken or repeal the Endangered Species Act that protects critical wildlife species.
- ★ Leading efforts to combat and reverse the tide of habitat destruction and fragmentation to help protect native fish, wildlife, and plant species facing decline and extinction because of human activity.

Photo courtesy of Senator Tom Udall



Roxy *In Memoriam*

Dave and Kathrina Clark adopted Roxy about eight years ago. Almost every day since then, Dave and Roxy walked several miles together on the public land near their home in northern New Mexico, and Dave credits these walks for improving his health after he retired.

Tragically, on one of those walks on November 25, 2018, Roxy was strangled in a neck snare. Dave was unable to loosen the snare before Roxy died. As he carried Roxy's lifeless body back to his vehicle, Dave was attacked (though unhurt) by a bobcat who was caught in a leghold trap chained to a tree—and the bobcat was so deteriorated that a law enforcement officer euthanized the animal.

The shocking death of this spry senior pup was a chilling reminder of the pain and horror suffered

by thousands of animals—domestic dogs and wild animals alike—who encounter traps, snares, and poisons on public lands every year.

2019 state legislation to restrict traps, snares, and poisons on public lands was dubbed “Roxy’s Law” in honor of Dave and Kathrina’s beloved companion, Roxy. Her tragic story moved hearts and brought momentum to our efforts, leading to the legislation advancing further than ever before during the 2019 session. Animal Protection Voters is indebted to Roxy’s family for publicly sharing their painful story, and joining the fight to restrict traps, snares, and poisons from the public land we share, despite the trauma of losing their canine family member.

We and so many others will always remember Roxy.

Photo courtesy of Dave and Kathrina Clark



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Tens of thousands of dogs and cats are euthanized in New Mexico's shelters every year.

New Mexico's rural communities are most in need of low-cost, accessible spay/neuter services. The New Mexico Association of Counties, with representatives in every county, recognized this fact, and lent its powerful voice in 2019 to our legislation to sustainably fund spay/neuter services.

But residents in rural areas are sometimes the hardest to reach with information about legislation that can provide solutions to chronic problems, like the tragic and costly euthanasia of shelter animals.

Animal Protection Voters volunteers have been vital in driving change for animals over many years and continue to be foundational to our legislative efforts. We are calling on you now.

If you are willing to volunteer your time to travel to these communities in need and galvanize support for spay/neuter funding legislation, contact us at info@apvnm.org