



2020 SCORECARD

PREVIEW

CHANGING LAWS TO CHANGE ANIMALS' LIVES IN NEW MEXICO

APV's full 2020 Scorecard issue will be released in November this year to allow us to include and share with you our post-Election Day outlook for 2021 animal protection bills. In the meantime, it is important that you know **today** how your current state legislators voted on animal protection bills in 2020. Read on for information on the bills, the votes, and preparation for the 2021 legislative session.



Getting Ready for 2021: What You Can Do Now

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 legislative session—arguably one of the most consequential for animals—seems like a distant memory, even though it concluded little more than six months ago. And while so much in our lives and communities has stalled, our work for animals continues on unabated.

The past several months, Animal Protection Voters and allies have been working diligently to set the stage for the next legislative session—a 60-day session, beginning in January 2021—where state legislators will have a chance to pass even more humane bills: like Roxy’s Law, to ban traps, snares, and poisons on public lands.

At this point, the 2021 session looks likely

to be held remotely and virtually—meaning in-person lobbying during the session will be practically impossible.

That makes your action right now, as a grassroots advocate for animal protection, more important and urgent than ever:

➡ Reach out to the state legislators who represent you and any other candidates running in your state House and Senate districts.

➡ Reach out to them again after Election Day. Engage in dialogue around their voting records on past issues and their positions on the animal protection issues that lie ahead.

Making your voice heard (even via phone calls or Zoom meetings) is critical as we move forward.

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Major Animal Protection Bills Heard During the 2020 Legislative Session

★ **Senate Bill 57 (Pet Food Fee for Neutering & Sheltering) PASSED!**

Sponsors: Sen. Jacob Candelaria (D-Albuquerque) & Rep. Joanne Ferrary (D-Las Cruces)

This bill created a sustainable funding mechanism for affordable and accessible statewide dog and cat spay/neuter services by authorizing an additional fee paid by large pet food manufacturing companies for each product they sell in the state. The bill was approved by the Senate by a 27-14 vote and the House of Representatives by a 39-22 vote. On March 6, it was signed into law by Governor Lujan Grisham.

★ **Senate Bill 125 (Horse Shelter Rescue Fund)**

Sponsor: Rep. Nancy Rodriguez (D-Santa Fe)

This bill would have appropriated \$500,000 to the Horse Shelter Rescue Fund in order to support equines statewide through humane care and feeding. The bill passed the Senate Conservation Committee unanimously (8-0 vote), but died awaiting a hearing in the Senate Finance Committee.

★ = Animal Protection Voters priority bill

Senate Bill 75 (Wildlife Trafficking Act) PASSED!

Sponsor: Sen. Mimi Stewart (D-Albuquerque)

This bill cracked down on the illegal trade of exotic and endangered wildlife parts and products—such as elephant ivory, rhinoceros horns, and shark fins—to bolster enforcement against these crimes. The bill was approved by the Senate by a 22-9 vote and the House of Representatives by a 42-22 vote. On March 9, it was signed into law by Governor Lujan Grisham.

Senate Bill 33 (Study Funding of Nongame Species Conservation)

Sponsor: Sen. William P. Soules (D-Las Cruces)

This bill would have appropriated \$200,000 to the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (NMDGF) to conduct a study to identify funding needs and potential funding sources for NMDGF to expand its authority to include the conservation of nongame wildlife species, state threatened and endangered species, and species of greatest conservation need. The bill passed the Senate Conservation Committee by a 6-3 vote, but died awaiting a hearing in the Senate Finance Committee.

Methodology for Scoring

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 2020 Score based on their voting record during the 2020 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 (E)** means they were formally excused by the legislature during the vote and does not count as part of the score.

An **Absent mark (A)** counts as a full vote “against the animals” on 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 that year, then only the pro-animal vote on record will count toward the score.

SENATE SCORES			APV Priority Bills		Other Pro-Animal Bills	
Legislator	2020 Score	Lifetime Score	SB 57: Pet Food Fee for Neutering and Sheltering	SB 125: Horse Shelter Rescue Fund	SB 33: Study Funding of Nongame Species Conservation	SB 75: Wildlife Trafficking Act
Baca, Gregory A. (R-29)	0%	22%	✗			✗
Brandt, Craig W. (R-40)	0%	37%	✗			✗
Burt, William F. (R-33)	0%	68%	✗			✗
Campos, Pete (D-8)	100%	88%	✓			✓
Candelaria, Jacob R. (D-26)	100%	92%	✓			E
Cervantes, Joseph (D-31)	100%	93%	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fulfer, Gregg (R-41)	0%	22%	✗			✗
Gonzales, Roberto "Bobby" J. (D-6)	100%	87%	✓			✓
Gould, Candace (R-10)	100%	84%	✓			✓
Griggs, Ron (R-34)	33%	62%	✗	✓	✗	✗
Ingle, Stuart (R-27)	0%	49%	✗			✗
Ivey-Soto, Daniel A. (D-15)	100%	98%	✓			E
Kernan, Gay G. (R-42)	67%	83%	✓			✗
Lopez, Linda M. (D-11)	100%	88%	✓			E
Martinez, Richard C. (D-5)	100%	85%	✓	✓	✓	✓
Moore, Mark (R-21)	0%	56%	✗			E
Muñoz, George K. (D-4)	100%	84%	✓			E
Neville, Steven P. (R-2)	100%	85%	✓			✓
O'Neill, Bill B. (D-13)	N/A	97%	E			E
Ortiz y Pino, Gerald (D-12)	100%	99%	✓			✓
Padilla, Michael (D-14)	100%	100%	✓			✓
Papen, Mary Kay (D-38)	100%	93%	✓			✓
Payne, William H. (R-20)	0%	71%	✗	E	✗	E
Pinto, Shannon D. (D-3)	100%	100%	✓			E
Pirtle, Cliff R. (R-32)	0%	37%	✗			E
Ramos, Gabriel (D-28)	100%	86%	✓			✓
Rodriguez, Nancy (D-24)	100%	96%	✓			✓
Rue, Sander (R-23)	33%	87%	✗			✓
Sanchez, Clemente Memé (D-30)	100%	86%	✓			✓
Sapient, John M. (D-9)	0%	72%	✗			E
Sedillo Lopez, Antoinette (D-16)	100%	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sharer, William E. (R-1)	0%	53%	✗			✗
Shendo Jr., Benny (D-22)	100%	86%	✓			✓
Smith, John Arthur (D-35)	100%	78%	✓			E
Soules, William P. (D-37)	100%	99%	✓	✓	✓	✓
Stefanics, Elizabeth "Liz" (D-39)	100%	96%	✓	✓	✓	✓
Steinborn, Jeff (D-36)	100%	99%	✓			✓
Stewart, Mimi (D-17)	100%	97%	✓			✓
Tallman, Bill (D-18)	100%	99%	✓			✓
White, James P. (R-19)	33%	71%	✗			✓
Wirth, Peter (D-25)	100%	103%	✓	✓	✓	✓
Woods, Pat (R-7)	33%	51%	✗	✓	✗	✗
Lt. Gov. Howie Morales	N/A	N/A				

HOUSE SCORES			APV Priority Bill	Other Pro-Animal Bill
Legislator	2020 Score	Lifetime Score	SB 57: Pet Food Fee for Neutering and Sheltering	SB 75: Wildlife Trafficking Act
Akhil, Abbas (D-20)	100%	100%	✓	✓
Alcon, Eliseo Lee (D-6)	33%	83%	A	✓
Allison, Anthony (D-4)	33%	61%	A	✓
Anderson, Phelps (R-66)	67%	41%	✓	✗
Armstrong, Deborah A. (D-17)	100%	98%	✓	✓*
Armstrong, Gail (R-49)	0%	55%	A	✗
Baldonado, Alonzo (R-8)	0%	50%	✗	✗
Bandy, Paul C. (R-3)	33%	47%	✗	✓
Barrone, Daniel R. (D-42)	100%	100%	✓	E
Bash, Karen C. (D-68)	100%	89%	✓	✓
Black, Rachel A. (R-51)	0%	22%	✗	✗
Brown, Cathrynn N. (R-55)	0%	53%	✗	✗
Cadena, Micaela Lara (D-33)	100%	89%	✓	✓
Chandler, Christine (D-43)	100%	100%	✓	✓
Chasey, Gail (D-18)	100%	96%	✓	✓
Chatfield, Jack (R-67)	0%	22%	✗	✗
Cook, Zachary J. (R-56)	0%	60%	✗	✗
Crowder, Randal S. (R-64)	0%	18%	✗	✗
Dow, Rebecca L. (R-38)	0%	43%	✗	✗
Egolf, Brian (D-47)	100%	98%	✓	✓
Ely, Daymon (D-23)	100%	100%	✓	✓
Ezell, Candy Spence (R-58)	0%	43%	✗	✗
Fajardo, Kelly K. (R-7)	100%	78%	✓	✓
Ferrary, Joanne J. (D-37)	100%	96%	✓	✓
Figueroa, Natalie (D-30)	100%	100%	✓	✓
Gallegos, David M. (R-61)	0%	37%	✗	✗
Gallegos, Doreen Y. (D-52)	33%	87%	A	✓
Garcia, Harry (D-69)	100%	95%	✓	E
Garcia, Miguel P. (D-14)	100%	96%	✓	✓
Garratt, Joy (D-29)	100%	89%	✓	✓
Harper, Jason C. (R-57)	100%	84%	✓	✓
Herrera, Susan K. (D-41)	67%	84%	✓	✗
Hochman-Vigil, Dayan (D-15)	100%	100%	✓	✓
Johnson, D. Wonda (D-5)	100%	100%	✓	✓
Lara, Raymundo (D-34)	33%	57%	✗	✓
Lente, Derrick J. (D-65)	67%	87%	✓	✗
Lewis, Tim D. (R-60)	0%	55%	✗	✗
Louis, Georgene (D-26)	100%	97%	✓	✓
Lundstrom, Patricia A. (D-9)	100%	89%	E	✓
Madrid, Willie D. (D-53)	0%	34%	✗	✗
Maestas, Antonio (D-16)	33%	92%	✗	✓
Martinez, Javier (D-11)	33%	87%	A	✓
Martinez, "Rudy" S. (D-39)	100%	96%	✓	✓
Matthews, Marian (D-27)	100%	100%	✓	✓

HOUSE SCORES (continued)			APV	Other
Legislator	2020 Score	Lifetime Score	SB 57	SB 75
McQueen, Matthew (D-50)	100%	98%	✓	✓
Montoya, Rod (R-1)	0%	29%	✗	✗
Nibert, Greg (R-59)	0%	17%	✗	✗
Powdrell-Culbert, Jane E. (R-44)	0%	60%	✗	✗
Rehm, William "Bill" R. (R-31)	33%	65%	✗	✓*
Romero, Andrea (D-46)	100%	100%	✓	✓
Romero, G. Andrés (D-10)	100%	100%	✓	✓
Roybal Caballero, Patricia (D-13)	100%	97%	✓	✓
Rubio, Angelica (D-35)	100%	100%	✓	✓
Ruiloba, Patricio (D-12)	100%	90%	✓	✓
Salazar, Tomás E. (D-70)	100%	90%	✓	✓
Sanchez, Joseph L. (D-40)	100%	84%	E	✓
Sariñana, Debra M. (D-21)	100%	100%	✓	✓
Schmedes, Gregg (R-22)	100%	100%	✓	✓
Scott, Larry R. (R-62)	0%	30%	✗	✗
Small, Nathan P. (D-36)	100%	98%	✓	E
Stansbury, Melanie A. (D-28)	33%	67%	A	✓
Stapleton, Sheryl Williams (D-19)	100%	88%	✓	✓
Strickler, James R.J. (R-2)	0%	46%	✗	✗
Sweetser, Candie G. (D-32)	100%	93%	✓	✓
Thomson, Elizabeth "Liz" (D-24)	100%	100%	✓*	✓
Townsend, James G. (R-54)	0%	29%	✗	✗
Trujillo, Christine (D-25)	100%	95%	✓	✓
Trujillo, Jim R. (D-45)	33%	88%	✗	✓
Trujillo, Linda M. (D-48)	100%	100%	✓	E
Zamora, Martin R. (R-63)	67%	59%	✓	✗

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

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