



# 2020 SCORECARD

CHANGING LAWS TO CHANGE ANIMALS' LIVES IN NEW MEXICO

## DOG AND CAT OVERPOPULATION *Has Felt Unbeatable...* **UNTIL NOW**

For decades, New Mexico's rural communities and low-income families have struggled to access spay/neuter services for their beloved dogs and cats—and our local shelters have shouldered the expensive, heartbreaking burden of companion animal overpopulation. *But an earthshattering victory in 2020 will change everything.*



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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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## From the Executive Director

Dear Animal Protection Voter,

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 legislative session—arguably one of the most consequential for animals—seems like a really distant memory. The nine months since then seem like ages ago. The session adjourned with animal protection advocates celebrating a monumental achievement: the creation of a sustainable funding mechanism for dog and cat spay/neuter services for New Mexicans through Senate Bill (SB) 57. This hard-fought win came after four long years of grueling efforts to persuade lawmakers that this legislation would save lives and money, as well as make our communities safer for everyone.

As we now navigate a COVID-19 world and New Mexico's state budget is facing unprecedented strain, it is more obvious than ever that creating a robust funding stream independent of the state's general fund was absolutely the right path. Indeed, the boom and bust cycle of recent budget years underscores what APV advocates have been saying all along: No matter how much state funding there is, there would never be enough to make robust spay/neuter services a priority for state budget spending. APV realized this, understood this, and developed an alternate path to get animals and their caretakers the support they need. We are so grateful legislators supported our vision to implement what is already tried and true in other states.

APV's efforts were supported all along the way by Animal Protection of New Mexico (APNM). For years, APNM has been gathering statewide data on animal shelter intake and euthanasia, providing irrefutable proof of the tremendous cost of not addressing dog and cat overpopulation. APNM's 2018 Survey—reporting the most comprehensive data yet—reveals where problems are the most concentrated; with a funding mechanism now



in place, this information can guide decisions on where resources should be applied for the best outcomes for animals. APNM and APV will continue to provide input to the state as it develops a roadmap to drive down euthanasia rates, save lives and money, and make animal sheltering safer, more humane, and more sustainable for those who work in that difficult field.

APNM/APV's years of strategic research, determined advocacy, and first-ever television ads promoting SB 57 were combined with an army of grassroots lobbyists from all over the state who organized in their regions, wrote letters to the editor, visited legislators, staffed outreach booths, gathered signatures, testified at hearings, called other advocates, and spoke out at every turn about the need for this legislation. These synchronized efforts secured legislators' support of the bill.

As funding is generated starting in January 2021, the New Mexico Board of Veterinary Medicine, with input from its Animal Sheltering Committee, will determine where funds should be distributed for the highest impact. We and others are anxious to see the positive outcomes this new law will produce. Thank you for all you do as animal protection voters, and for activating for our next big goal: pass Roxy's Law and ban traps, poisons, and snares on our public lands!

Sincerely yours,

Elisabeth Jennings  
Executive Director

# 2020 LEGISLATIVE SESSION SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS

## *After Persistence and Perseverance—Struggling New Mexico Families, Homeless Dogs and Cats, and Endangered Wildlife Win Big*

The 2020 state legislative session, which spanned from mid-January to mid-February this year, was as fast and furious as most 30-day sessions of the New Mexico State Legislature. Interestingly, the most prominent legislation impacting animals were two bills that had already been passed by the legislature in a prior year—and then disappointingly vetoed by the previous Governor. So, in many ways the session felt familiar, as we lobbied on the same issues and faced similar obstacles as before.

During a short 30-day session, a bill’s only hope is if it moves quickly. APV’s top priority was Senate Bill 57, the affordable spay/neuter bill, which had only five days to cross the finish line after being heard in—and passing!—the crucial Senate Finance Committee. And thanks to the amazing energy, determination, stamina, and skill of the bill’s sponsors—as well as House and Senate leadership—the bill passed the Legislature with bipartisan support...and with just 17 hours left before the session ended. Phew!

Also passed, at long last, was the Wildlife Trafficking Act, to ban illegal trade of exotic and endangered wildlife parts and products, bolstering enforcement against these federal crimes.

But because New Mexico’s short legislative sessions are largely limited to fiscal matters, the question of whether (and how much) state funds should be developed or spent on issues related to animal protection and conservation loomed large. And other key measures—to appropriate funds to support shelter organizations rescuing and rehabilitating horses, or to research funding sources for endangered and non-game wildlife species preservation—stalled before the session’s end. Therefore, we must continue to work creatively, strategically, and persistently to build and strengthen New Mexico’s humane infrastructure for all animals.

Nonetheless, we have a lot to celebrate as we reflect on the past year. As you know, “Animal Protection Voters” is not just our organization. It is you! It is the movement in which we march together. Thank you for being part of this monumental win for the animals!

| 2020 AVERAGE LEGISLATOR SCORE |               |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>HOUSE</b>                  | <b>SENATE</b> |
| 63%                           | 69%           |

| PERFECT SCORES FOR ANIMALS THROUGHOUT THE DECADES<br>Annual Percentage of Legislators Earning 100% in Each Chamber |              |               |
|--|--------------|---------------|
|  | <b>HOUSE</b> | <b>SENATE</b> |
| 2010   | 71%          | 94%           |
| 2011   | 6%           | 71%           |
| 2012   | –            | –             |
| 2013   | 10%          | 64%           |
| 2014   | –            | –             |
| 2015   | 39%          | 29%           |
| 2016   | –            | –             |
| 2017   | 41%          | 36%           |
| 2018   | 69%          | 79%           |
| 2019   | 33%          | 26%           |
| 2020   | 54%          | 62%           |

(No scores given in 2012, 2014, and 2016)

**VICTORY!**

## Senate Bill 57—the Affordable Spay/Neuter Bill—Passed NM Legislature, Signed Into Law by Governor Lujan Grisham



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

*Sponsors:* Sen. Jacob Candelaria (D-Albuquerque), Rep. Joanne J. Ferrary (D-Las Cruces), Rep. Dayan Hochman-Vigil (D-Albuquerque), Sen. Peter Wirth (D-Santa Fe)

Senate Bill (SB) 57, the affordable spay/neuter bill, created a sustainable funding mechanism for affordable and accessible statewide dog and cat spay/neuter services by authorizing an additional \$100 fee (phased in over three years) 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. (During the late night vote on SB 57, several State Representatives who have long-standing records of being staunch supporters of pro-animal legislation were not able to make it back to their desks on the House floor in time to vote for the bill, resulting in unusually low scores for those legislators in 2020.) On March 6, 2020, it was signed into law by Governor Lujan Grisham.

*A long-time APV supporter and expert in animal sheltering and spay/neuter had this to say about Senate Bill 57's passage:*

“This is a breathtaking milestone. It signifies New Mexico’s transformation to a primarily proactive approach to dog and cat overpopulation—based on science, rational professionalism, and a humane vision. Animal Protection Voters did this.”

# AT LONG LAST...THE ROAD TO VICTORY FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEW MEXICO

**Too many of us have driven around our state and seen starving animals along highways, congregating at gas stations, hoping passers-by will offer a morsel to eat—or worse, the carcasses of those animals lying on the side of the road. We have opened the newspaper to read a report that someone in our community was mauled by a pack of feral dogs. We've noticed stray cats skittering around our neighborhoods, suffering from disease, and multiplying with every litter of kittens.**

For years, Animal Protection Voters has fought for the right answer to this problem—conducting vigorous research and advocating for a data-driven, equitable, and sustainable approach to a long-term solution: affordable statewide spay/ neuter services. A formal Senate-requested study of the most feasible way to fund low-cost spay/neuter services across New Mexico identified a spay/neuter funding mechanism proven to work in Maine, Maryland, and West Virginia: a modest fee on large pet food manufacturers.

During the 2020 state legislative session, Animal Protection Voters redoubled efforts to enact this optimal funding mechanism and pass SB 57. We launched a powerful campaign, SaveNMPets, with a brand-new dedicated website for grassroots advocates ([saveNMPets.org](http://saveNMPets.org)) that included the bill's details and helped set the record straight on false opposing arguments. The campaign also featured a hard-hitting, statewide, multi-channel TV commercial that emphasized the life-saving and cost-saving impacts of SB 57, and urged advocates to fight back against corporate lobbyists who represented giant out-of-state companies trying to kill the bill.

The years of hard work and intensified focus in 2020 paid off, and SB 57 is now law. Its passage is a groundbreaking step forward, giving our state the best tools yet to aggressively curb pet overpopulation—including improving public health and safety, and dramatically reducing shelter animal euthanasia—by helping struggling New Mexico families afford and access vital spay/neuter services for their animals.

What's more, by sustainably funding low-cost spay/neuter services, New Mexico will also begin to gradually decrease the tens of millions of taxpayer dollars that our county and city governments are forced to spend annually to deal with dog and cat overpopulation. Animal Protection of New Mexico's 2018 statewide shelter survey showed that while shelter intake and euthanasia rates are beginning to decrease, the cost of animal control and sheltering in our state has skyrocketed to more than \$51 million annually (three-quarters of which come from taxpayer dollars).

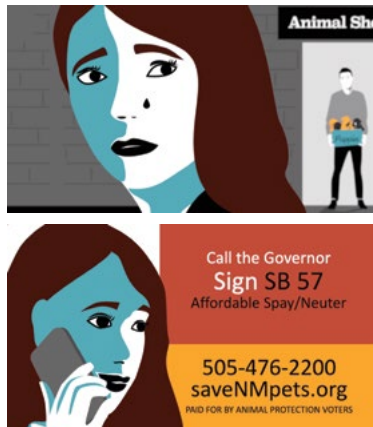
The law took effect July 1, 2020, and beginning in January 2021, the New Mexico Department of Agriculture will begin collecting the additional \$100 registration fee for each product pet food manufacturers register to sell in our state. The vast majority of those fees will be transferred to the New Mexico Board of Veterinary Medicine to be used for the statewide spay/neuter program, and available funds will be distributed to spay/neuter service providers according to the need-based recommendations of the Board's Animal Sheltering Committee. Animal Protection Voters continues to be proactive to make sure the spay/neuter funding is successful at driving down euthanasia rates, including monitoring outcomes through future animal shelter surveys and staying engaged with the state agencies tasked with carrying out duties around this program.

Once fully implemented after a three year phase-in, SB 57 will generate over \$1.3 million for low-cost spay/neuter services for communities in the state, especially benefitting rural and low-income areas. Other states with this program have shown dramatic reductions in euthanasia, saving tax dollars spent on the tragic cycle of euthanasia and with no apparent impact on consumers, retail pet food shops, or pet food availability or prices.

Addressing this critical issue is not just about animal welfare, but about the wellbeing of New Mexico's families and entire communities. This is our chance to fund substantial numbers of spay/neuter surgeries in strategic and concentrated areas, reduce animal shelter intake and euthanasia rates, improve public health and safety, save taxpayer dollars, and help struggling families.

The successful SaveNMPets campaign was only possible because of donors and supporters like you who fuel Animal Protection Voters' work. Thank you to each and every one of the advocates and allies who have lent their voices, hands, time, and resources to achieve this breathtaking milestone. This is a huge win for a humane and more compassionate New Mexico.

Learn more about SB 57's implementation at [apvnm.org/SB57webinar](http://apvnm.org/SB57webinar)



*Stills from our SB 57 TV ad*

# 2020 STATE LEGISLATION: OTHER PRO-ANIMAL BILLS

## ★ **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 licensed equine shelters 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.



## **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.



★ Animal Protection Voters Priority/Lead Legislation

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 showing leadership or fighting for the passage of animal protection bills in 2020*, these lawmakers stand out and deserve to be highlighted.



**Senator Jacob R. Candelaria (D-Albuquerque)** has served in the State Senate since 2013, earning a 92% Animal Protection Voters lifetime score. Yet again, Sen. Candelaria lent his powerful voice as a cosponsor of SB 57, aimed at funding low-cost spay/neuter services across New Mexico. We applaud Sen. Candelaria's steadfast efforts in fighting diligently to get this lifesaving and cost-saving measure approved by the NM Legislature.



**Representative Joanne J. Ferrary (D-Las Cruces)** has served in the State House since 2017, earning a 96% Animal Protection Voters lifetime score. In 2020, Rep. Ferrary once again cosponsored legislation to fund low-cost spay/neuter services across New Mexico—SB 57. We appreciate Rep. Ferrary's unwavering dedication to seeing this important measure pass the NM Legislature, and for advocating for the bill on the House floor.



**Representative Dayan Hochman-Vigil (D-Albuquerque)** has served in the State House since 2019, earning a 100% Animal Protection Voters lifetime score. Rep. Hochman-Vigil was a cosponsor of SB 57—to fund low-cost spay/neuter services—and expertly advocated for the bill during Animal Protection Voters' 2020 Animal Protection Day in the Roundhouse. We are grateful for Rep. Hochman-Vigil's support for SB 57, and for her numerous times speaking out in support of the bill.

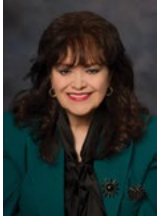


**Majority Floor Leader, Senator Peter Wirth (D-Santa Fe)** has served in the State Senate since 2008. Prior to his time in the Senate, he served in the State House from 2004-2008. Sen. Wirth's legacy of support for pro-animal legislation is outstanding, earning an astounding cumulative 103% Animal Protection Voters lifetime score. Our utmost appreciation goes to Sen. Wirth for helping to shepherd SB 57, to fund low-cost spay/neuter services, to passage during the 2020 state legislative session.



**Senator John Arthur Smith (D-Deming)** has served in the State Senate since 1989, earning a 78% Animal Protection Voters (APV) lifetime score, and a 100% APV score for the 2020 legislative session. We are indebted to Sen. Smith for not only scheduling SB 57 to be heard in the Senate Finance Committee, but also for voting YES to pass the bill both in committee and on the Senate floor. Without passing through Senate Finance, the bill could not have moved through the legislative process to become law.





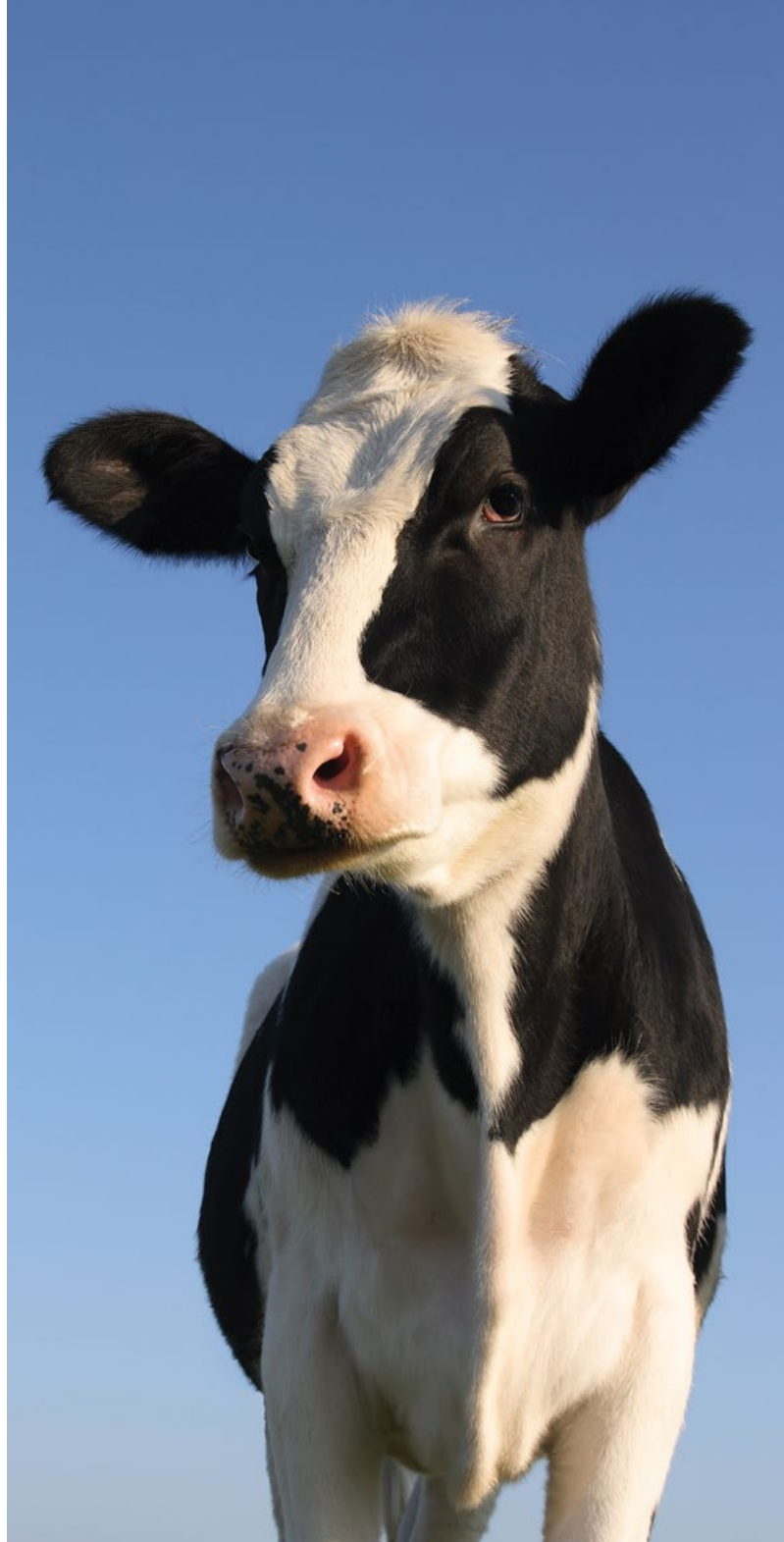
**Senator Nancy Rodriguez (D-Santa Fe)** has served in the State Senate since 1996, earning a 96% Animal Protection Voters lifetime score. Sen. Rodriguez sponsored SB 125, aimed at appropriating \$500,000 to the Horse Shelter Rescue Fund for the humane care of horses throughout New Mexico. We thank Sen. Rodriguez for her steadfast leadership in advocating for this important, compassionate funding measure.



**Majority Whip, Senator Mimi Stewart (D-Albuquerque)** served in the State House from 1995-2014 and has since served in the State Senate beginning in 2015, earning a cumulative 97% Animal Protection Voters lifetime score. Sen. Stewart skillfully fought for passage of SB 75—Wildlife Trafficking Act—making it easier for local officers to crack down on illegal wildlife trafficking in New Mexico, making our state the 11th in the country to pass a ban on illegal wildlife trade. We sincerely thank Sen. Stewart for advocating strongly for this bill over several years.



**Senator William P. Soules (D-Las Cruces)** has served in the State Senate since 2013, earning a 99% Animal Protection Voters lifetime score. Sen. Soules sponsored SB 33 which would have appropriated \$200,000 to the NM Department of Game and Fish to conduct a study quantifying funding needs and potential funding sources for an expansion of the department's authority to include the conservation of nongame wildlife species. We commend Sen. Soules for his passion for wildlife in New Mexico.



Those who protect and save other animals lead the way in protecting and saving humanity and earth.

—Anthony Douglas Williams, author

*Photo: Deposit Photos*

# TOGETHER FOR AFFORDABLE, ACCESSIBLE SPAY/NEUTER

2020 Animal Protection Day  
Grassroots Activists, Policymakers, and  
Animal Sheltering Professionals Pushed  
for Affordable Spay/Neuter Funding

On February 13, 2020, Animal Protection Voters hosted “Animal Protection Day”—in our Santa Fe office for the first time! Animal protection advocates from around the state gathered at our “home base” in our state’s capital, a short walk from the New Mexico State Capitol. Our collective goal: to urge lawmakers to support the passage of Senate Bill (SB) 57—the affordable spay/neuter bill—to establish a sustainable funding source for desperately needed low-cost spay/neuter services.

We gathered in solidarity, APV’s chief legislative officer Jessica Johnson updated attendees on the status of SB 57, and advocates delivered persuasive and compassionate letters to their legislators at the Roundhouse to urge their support for the bill’s passage. There’s no doubt our presence made all the difference and provided tremendous momentum for the bill—because that very afternoon, we learned SB 57 was scheduled for a key committee hearing later that evening!

View photos and learn more about Animal Protection Day 2020 at [apvnm.org/apd2020](https://apvnm.org/apd2020)



## Animal Shelters Tabled at the Capitol in Support of Senate Bill 57

Many who have visited the Roundhouse know that community organizations are able to feature their work at outreach tables in the first-floor hallways—and this year, for the first time, New Mexico animal shelters joined us! Our utmost appreciation goes to each and every representative who took time out of their busy schedules to spend the day at the Roundhouse alongside Animal Protection Voters, and for their unwavering support for Senate Bill 57. Shelters in attendance included:

- ♥ Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley
- ♥ Bernalillo County Animal Care Services
- ♥ Deming Animal Guardians
- ♥ McKinley County Humane Society
- ♥ The City of Albuquerque Animal Welfare Department

**A show of force in the Capitol rotunda, the Animal Protection Day press conference featured powerful speakers including:**

- ♥ SB 57 co-sponsors Rep. Dayan Hochman-Vigil and Rep. Joanne Ferrary
- ♥ Martha Garcia, District 5 Cibola County Commissioner and esteemed Ramah Navajo community leader
- ♥ Jane Carson, President of Pecos People for Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) New Mexico
- ♥ Diana Bell, Board Member of Deming Animal Guardians
- ♥ Candace Sanchez, Outreach Manager for Bernalillo County Animal Care Services
- ♥ Clint Thacker, Executive Director of Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley

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

- "Well organized, clear directions, felt very welcomed."  
– Eileen B.
- "I learned a lot today. Thank you so much for all of your hard work! I appreciate you!"  
– Devon B.
- "As usual, you guys did a great job! Jessica's overview was very informative."  
– Michael D. & Kate M.
- "It feels like we're helping!"  
– Larry H.
- "The event was focused and well organized, as always."  
– Leslie H.
- "Great experience. Food was great. Thanks for making it easy to be involved."  
– Mike Z.

**Our sincerest thanks go to:**

- ♥ Joseph E. Newman for documenting the day with his outstanding, captivating photography
- ♥ Jane Carson for arriving with her organization's state-of-the-art mobile spay/neuter van, offering tours of the vehicle to Roundhouse visitors
- ♥ Sweetwater Harvest Kitchen for providing a fabulous plant-based brunch to keep Animal Protection Day attendees fueled all day
- ♥ The Animal Connection humane education therapy dogs for being effective (and adorable!) lobbyists in their own right
- ♥ Our dedicated volunteers who made this event possible
- ♥ Each and every advocate who joined us to speak up for Senate Bill 57

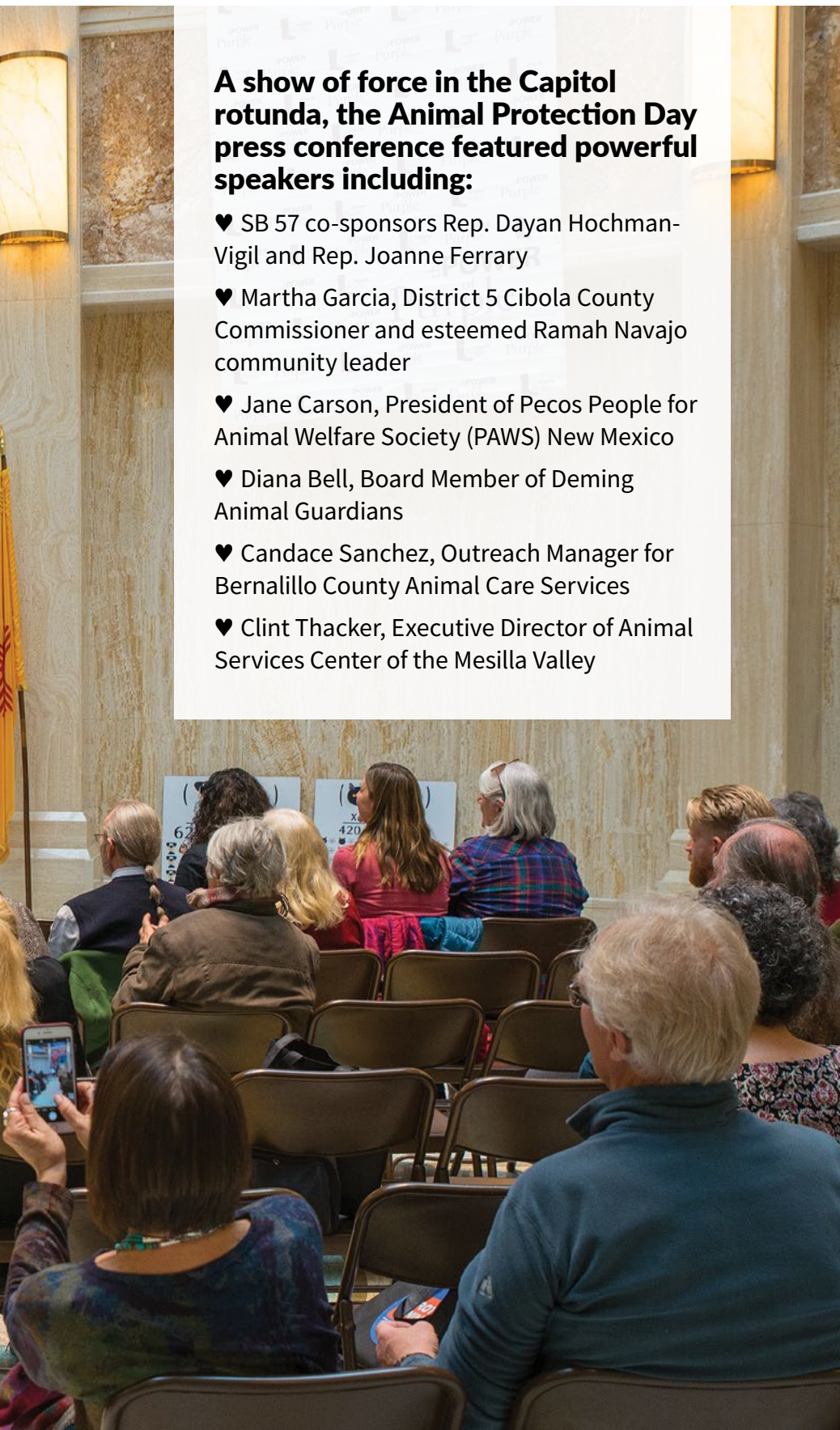


Photo: J E Newman Photography

# HOW TO READ AND USE THIS SCORECARD

## 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 during their tenure 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 or excusal during a floor vote—and that legislator cast a good pro-animal vote on the bill at a previous stage in the legislative process that year—then only the pro-animal vote on record will count toward the 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**.

## THE BILLS

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| <b>SB 33</b>  | Study Funding of Nongame Species Conservation |
| <b>SB 57</b>  | Pet Food Fee for Neutering & Sheltering       |
| <b>SB 75</b>  | Wildlife Trafficking Act                      |
| <b>SB 125</b> | Horse Shelter Rescue Fund                     |

### 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 or excusal at the final vote

All APV Scorecards can be downloaded online at:

[apvnm.org/scorecards](https://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. Please visit [apvnm.org/lookup](https://apvnm.org/lookup) if you aren't sure who your legislators are.



**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 for bad votes. Animal protection measures come in many forms, usually enjoy bipartisan support, and have immense public support—so use that to your advantage.



**Please share this Scorecard with everyone you know!** New Mexicans can only hold lawmakers accountable if they have the information about how those lawmakers voted.

| 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)                 | 50%        | 65%            | ✗  | ✓                                 | ✗  | ✓*                              |
| Ingle, Stuart (R-27)               | 0%         | 49%            | ✗  |                                   |  | ✗                               |
| Ivey-Soto, Daniel A. (D-15)        | 100%       | 98%            | ✓  |                                   |  | ✓*                              |
| Kernan, Gay G. (R-42)              | 67%        | 83%            | ✓  |                                   |  | ✗                               |
| Lopez, Linda M. (D-11)             | 100%       | 88%            | ✓  |                                   |  | E                               |
| Martinez, Richard C. (D-5)         | 100%       | 85%            | ✓  | ✓                                 | ✓  | ✓                               |
| Moores, Mark (R-21)                | 33%        | 61%            | ✗  |                                   |  | ✓*                              |
| 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, Cathryn 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%            | ✗  | ✓                               |
| Martínez, Javier (D-11)      | 33%        | 87%            | A  | ✓                               |
| Martínez, "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 or excusal at the final vote

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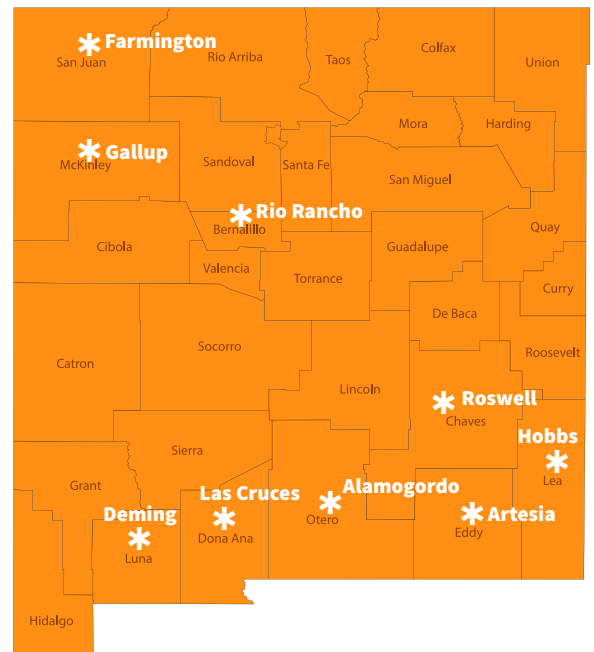
# Statewide Grassroots Advocacy in Action

In late 2019, Animal Protection Voters partnered with Animal Protection of New Mexico (APNM) to embark on a four-month tour across New Mexico, called **Show Up for Animals...** and it was a huge success in setting the stage for successful lobbying during the 2020 state legislative session.

The goal of the tour was to provide crucial updates on community programs and help folks understand the legislative process here in New Mexico so they could be effective advocates for animal-friendly legislation in the 2020 state legislative session and beyond—with an emphasis on the affordable spay/neuter bill (SB 57).



We visited a total of nine cities—throughout multiple counties—where we delivered informative materials to community hubs, tabled at local events (with our volunteer help, we gathered **over 500** petition signatures), and provided training sessions for activists eager to get involved in grassroots advocacy. It was clear that people across the state truly care about finding humane solutions and taking responsibility for the issues their own communities face. There's no doubt that this tour—and the meaningful connections we created with hundreds of community members—truly aided in the passage of SB 57 and will continue to support efforts towards a more humane New Mexico.



We are grateful for each and every person we had the pleasure of interacting with on our tour, and thank those who helped go the extra mile to advocate for New Mexico's companion animals and affordable spay/neuter funding:

**\*Hobbs:** Melissa Funk and The City of Hobbs Animal Adoption Center for facilitating our presentation and pulling from their local community ties.

**\*Gallup:** Sena Fitzpatrick for her incredible work organizing and collecting hundreds of petition signatures, and the helpful and attentive crew at our La Montaña Co-op tabling.

**\*Alamogordo:** Buddy Gurnari, who not only does amazing volunteer work for the Otero County shelter, but also assisted our staff tabling at the Olde Fashioned Christmas event by Alamogordo MainStreet.

**\*Deming:** Deming Animal Guardians have been incredible allies in advocating for affordable spay/neuter through their 501(c)(3) organization and thrift store, Silver Whiskers, participating in many APNM/APV events including Animal Protection Day 2019. Huge thanks to Copper Kettle Coffee for giving us the chance to interact and form meaningful connections with dozens of locals.

**\*Las Cruces:** Ernest Jasso, City of Deming Code Enforcement and Animal Control Officer, who volunteered to assist us with tabling for Check the Chip—an annual event run by the fabulous Frank Bryce with Uncaged Paws and the Coalition 4 Pets and People, all of whom are doing amazing work advocating for companion animals.



Upper left: APNM's Isabel Slator in Hobbs; upper right: APV's Alex Tarantino in Roswell; lower left: APNM's Marisa Sleeter with volunteer Buddy Gurnari in Alamogordo *Photos APV*

# GRASSROOTS ADVOCATE SPOTLIGHT

The work of Animal Protection Voters is made possible by you: the individual animal advocates who are willing to do what it takes to change government policies to improve animals' lives. That work can be driven by your generous donations or volunteer time to support our initiatives, or by direct action at the local level—leading the charge as citizen lobbyists while APV has your back.

We'd like to take a moment to acknowledge a few folks who have gone above and beyond and demonstrated their resilience and fortitude, time and again, for advocating for affordable spay/neuter.



Jean Gilbert: “As a representative of UUCLC Social Justice Committee of Animal Advocates, Humane Society of Southern NM, and the Coalition 4 Pets & People—I pressed for passage of SB 57 to help make statewide spay-neuter more accessible and affordable to pet owners with outcomes to lower intake and euthanasia rates at animal shelters.”

**Jean Gilbert and David and Ilene Steele** and are no strangers to the often long and frustrating process of passing pro-animal policies. For years, they've devoted themselves to speaking out in support of affordable spay/neuter, and mustering support within their local community.

Leading up to the 2020 state legislative session, David, Ilene, and Jean assisted APNM and APV in facilitating an informative presentation as part of our grassroots tour at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces. This provided a wonderful venue for other important voices to attend and speak in support of affordable spay/neuter funding, including Las Cruces-area State Representative Joanne Ferrary, Las Cruces Mayor Ken Miyagishima, and Animal Services Center of the Mesilla Valley Executive Director Clint Thacker.

David, Ilene, and Jean also mounted a “Thank You” letter campaign aimed at expressing gratitude to the several State Senators and Representatives in their community who have supported pro-animal policies. The campaign was a wonderful success, and David and Ilene personally hand-delivered over 100 letters to policymakers at the 2020 Animal Protection Day.

We are thankful to David, Ilene, and Jean for their effective advocacy for New Mexico's companion animals—their dedicated efforts no doubt provided immense traction for the passage of the affordable spay/neuter bill in 2020.



David and Ilene Steele: “We love animals and have always shared our home and lives with dogs. When we retired to Las Cruces we were saddened and angry that the local shelter seemed to always be full to overflowing with unwanted cats, dogs, kittens, and puppies. Supporting APNM/APVNM provides us a way to make a difference—SB 57 saves precious lives by helping families spay and neuter their companion animals.”

*Photos courtesy of Jean Gilbert and David and Ilene Steele*





2020 marked the second year of Animal Protection Voters' volunteer Grassroots Organizing and Action Team (affectionately called "GOATs," an acronym that honors the team's resiliency and adaptability, like their animal namesake).

GOAT volunteers provide invaluable support, assisting and organizing our statewide community to get involved and take easy, direct actions that get results for animals! This year, GOAT volunteers completed over 1,000 calls to supporters like you, delivering breaking news on bill progress and encouraging New Mexicans to lobby their legislators in support of SB 57—the affordable spay/

neuter bill. They delivered informational materials to local businesses to be placed on countertops and bulletin boards, and they reached out to friends and family to expand support for the bill. As a team, they read and submitted daily analyses of over 900 bills to ensure every bill related to animals was reviewed by the APV team. Our GOATs helped amplify community voices by writing draft letters-to-the-editor of local publications, testified at numerous hearings to bolster support for SB 57, and helped us execute a successful Animal Protection Day.

We are incredibly grateful for the contributions of our GOAT volunteers who have again proven to be an unstoppable force, ensuring the majority of New Mexicans who want better treatment for animals know how to speak up and are heard loud and clear.

To join our GOAT team, visit [apvnm.org/GOATapp](http://apvnm.org/GOATapp)



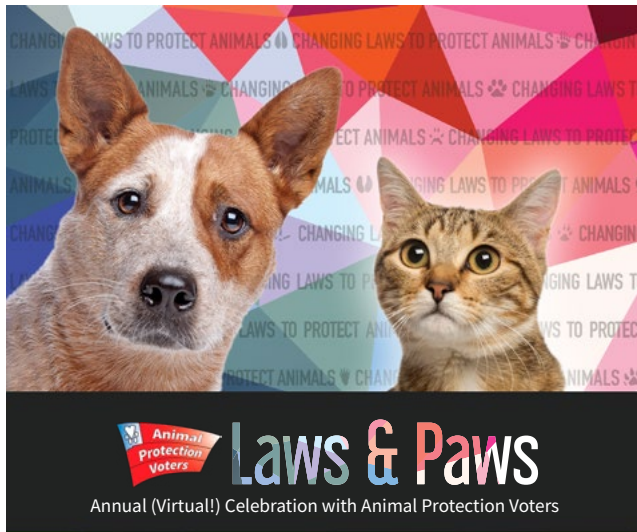
**GOAT team member Marilyn Erickson (above):** "I know that animal abuse knows no borders, so when I began to spend winters in New Mexico I volunteered my services to APVNM during the legislative session and discovered a dedicated group of wonderful folks who hold the same values and are attempting to make lives better for the animals who live here. What a double treat! Being able to make a difference along with making new friends who also care about making a difference." *Photo APV*



**GOAT team member Kathe MacLaren (with her horse, Clifford):** "It is hard to express the pure joy that comes from knowing that my efforts as an APV volunteer made a difference in the positive outcome of the spay/neuter legislation. Honestly, I tear up almost every time I think of this major accomplishment for our companion pets. There's more legislation to be passed but this is an exciting achievement!" *Photo courtesy of Kathe*



**GOAT team member Jaclyn Sinclair:** "When I review proposed legislation and write letters to the editor, I know that I am helping APV to secure or defeat passage of legislation that can affect all the animals and people of New Mexico. I delight in being part of something which can have such enormous impact." *Photo courtesy of Jaclyn*



## Laws & Paws 2020: An Online Success

When the COVID-19 pandemic forced large in-person events to cancel, Animal Protection Voters pivoted and reformatted our annual Laws & Paws fundraiser for a “socially distanced,” online experience! The APV community jumped right in, with so many cherished supporters contributing to our cause.

We want to thank our event sponsors: The Liquid Muse (run by Natalie Bovis, our event’s guest mixologist and inventor of the signature Laws & Paws cocktail “Victory 57” in honor of SB 57’s passage), Sport Systems, 505 Cycling, U.S. Bank, and La Fonda on the Plaza Hotel.

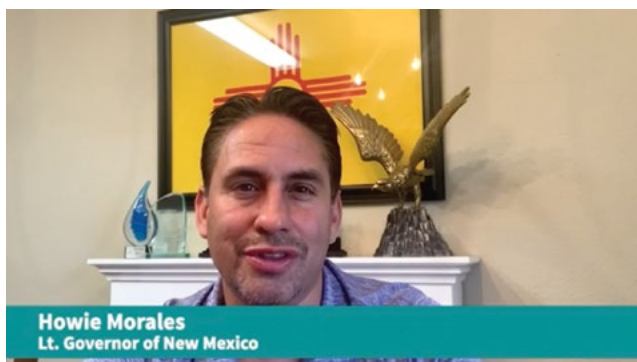
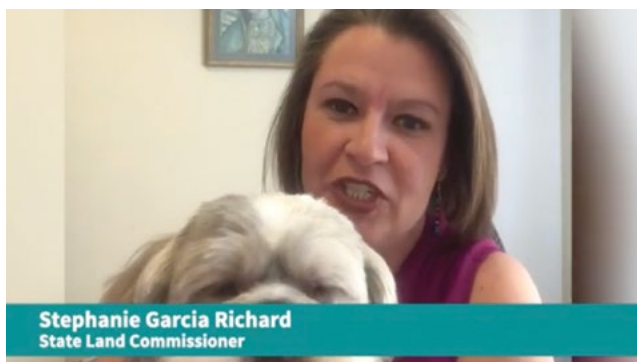
Adding strength to the event, several important elected officials gave video “toasts” to Animal Protection Voters, adding their considerable voices to the mix, and emphasizing the importance of APV’s work:

- Lieutenant Governor* **Howie Morales**
- State Land Commissioner* **Stephanie Garcia Richard**
- Senate Majority Leader* **Peter Wirth**
- Speaker of the House* **Brian Egolf**
- State Senator* **Mark Moores**
- State Senator* **Nancy Rodriguez**

If you missed their inspiring words, you can still watch their videos at our Laws & Paws website:

[apvnm.org/lawspaws20](http://apvnm.org/lawspaws20)

Thank you, animal protection community, for supporting our event and our work—you made it all possible!



## 2021 PRIORITIES AND STRATEGIES

It is hard to fathom that mere days after the affordable spay/neuter bill, Senate Bill 57, was signed into law by Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham—as we prepared for a celebratory reception in our capital office—the Governor was giving her first press briefing to update New Mexicans on a new pandemic and advising that large gatherings should cease. We canceled our event in an abundance of caution, perhaps thinking (or hoping) this would be a brief pause before we returned to our plans and regular work.

Months later, COVID-19 still has a stranglehold on our lives. With good reason, we have altered the way we interact with each other—moving to masked, long-distance hellos, handwritten letters, and video calls. 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, currently scheduled to kick off 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.

As of press time, it is still yet unclear what form the 2021 state legislative session will take, but it looks likely to be held remotely and virtually—meaning in-person lobbying during the session will be limited or impossible. **That makes your action now, as a grassroots advocate for animal protection, more important and urgent than ever.**

Right now, please reach out to the state legislators who represent you. Let them know that, as a voter, you deeply care about animals. 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 if only via phone calls or Zoom meetings) is critical as we move forward.

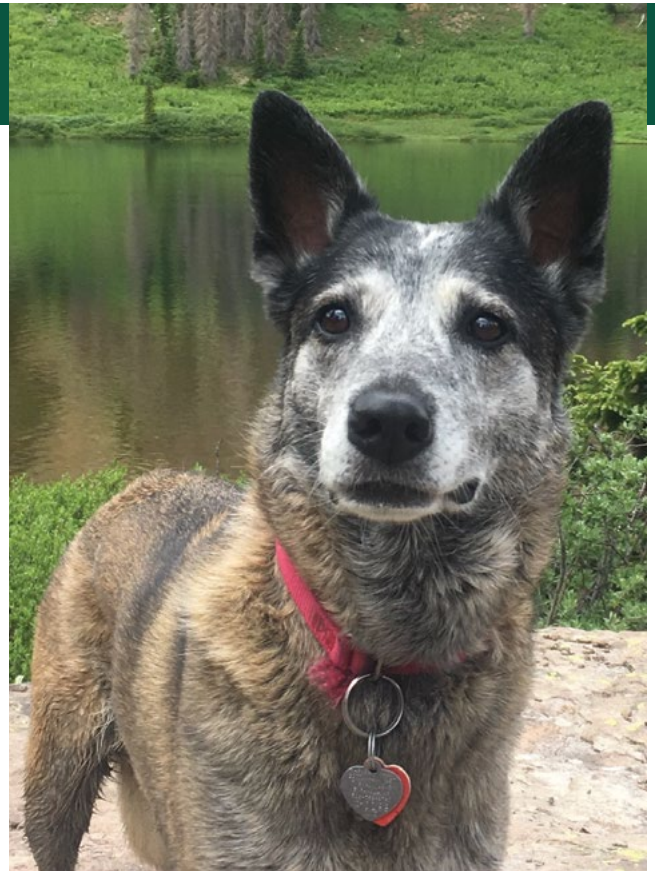
## 2021 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

APV’s 2021 legislative agenda will continue to develop now through the start of the legislative session, and we stand ready to support every effort to improve the lives of animals.

The longest-standing top priority where we will maximize our focus and energy is Roxy’s Law, the bill banning traps, snares and poisons on New Mexico’s public lands.

The start of the 2020-2021 trapping season has been one of the most gruesome in recent memory. In just the first few weeks of November, three dogs were caught in the jaws of a leg-hold trap—a beloved family husky, a trained search-and-rescue shepherd, and a lost mixed breed dog found by hikers. And a simple walk in New Mexico’s beautiful outdoors led another man to stumble upon piles of skinned, dead coyotes dumped by a trapper.

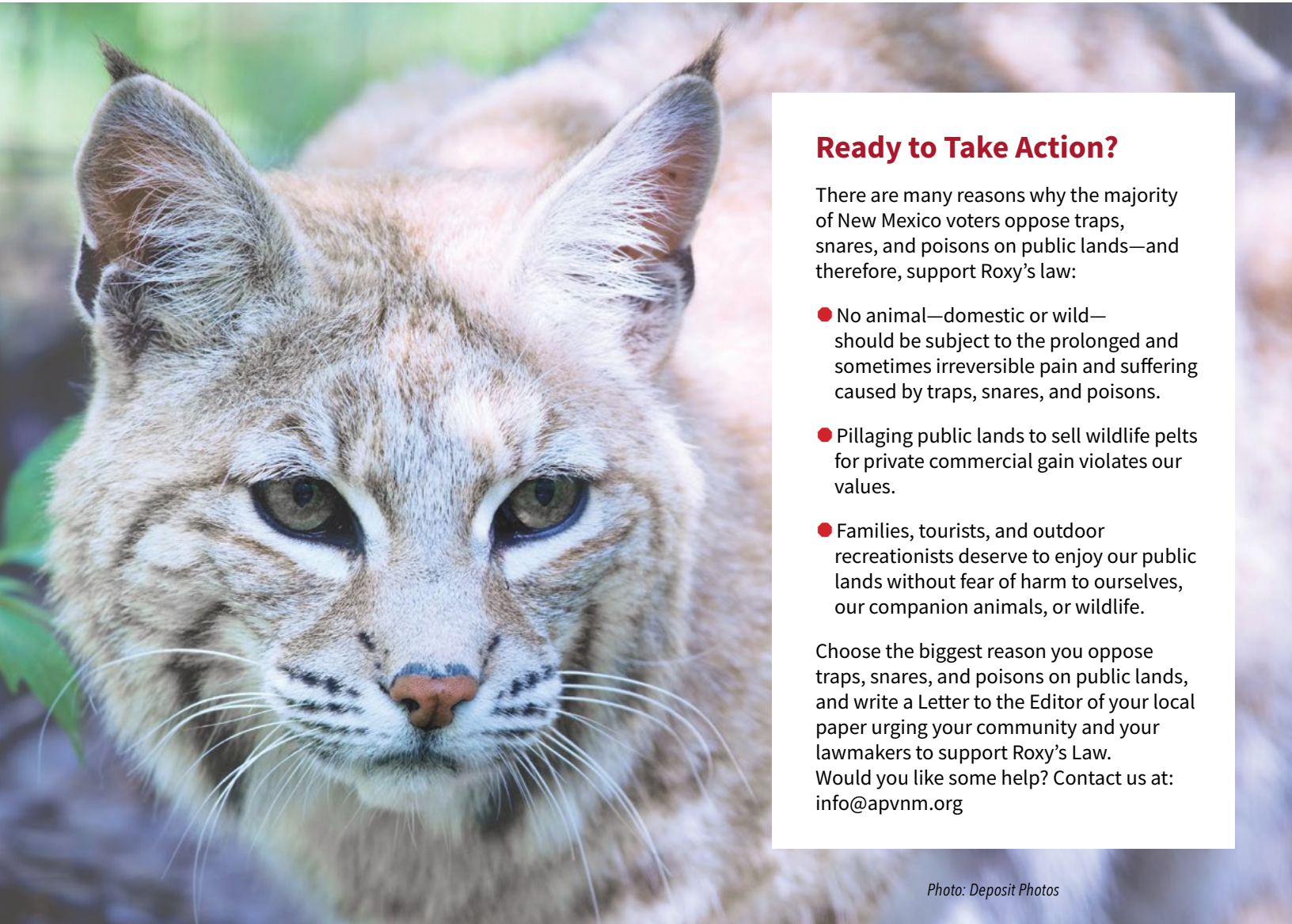
Roxy’s Law is so important to stop the plundering of wildlife for commercial gain, protect the public, and reduce animal suffering—and it is long overdue.



**Roxy, the beloved dog who lost her life due to a snare on public lands. Roxy’s Law was named after her.**  
*Photo courtesy of Roxy’s family.*



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## Ready to Take Action?

There are many reasons why the majority of New Mexico voters oppose traps, snares, and poisons on public lands—and therefore, support Roxy's law:

- No animal—domestic or wild—should be subject to the prolonged and sometimes irreversible pain and suffering caused by traps, snares, and poisons.
- Pillaging public lands to sell wildlife pelts for private commercial gain violates our values.
- Families, tourists, and outdoor recreationists deserve to enjoy our public lands without fear of harm to ourselves, our companion animals, or wildlife.

Choose the biggest reason you oppose traps, snares, and poisons on public lands, and write a Letter to the Editor of your local paper urging your community and your lawmakers to support Roxy's Law. Would you like some help? Contact us at: [info@apvnm.org](mailto:info@apvnm.org)