

# SAVE AFFORDABLE SPAY/NEUTER IN NEW MEXICO

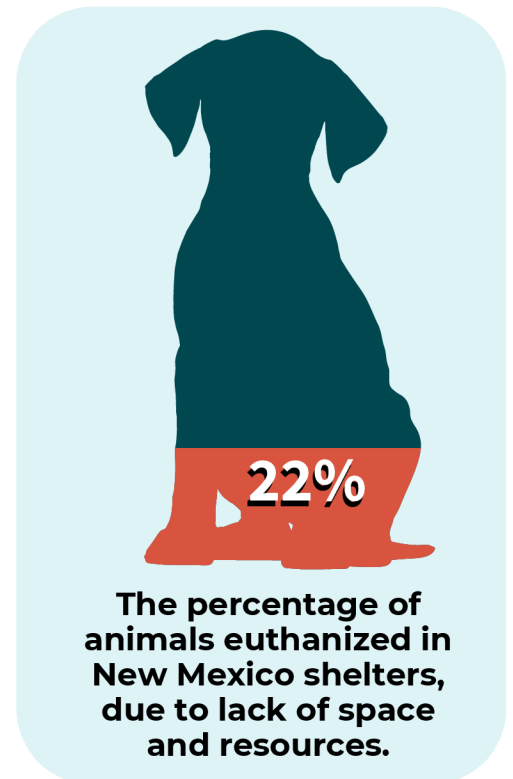
Without Urgent Action by the State Legislature, **This Life-Saving Law Will Expire**

## NEW MEXICO'S AFFORDABLE SPAY/NEUTER LAW

- New Mexico enacted the Affordable Spay/Neuter Law in 2020, and the law took effect in 2021. The law collects fees on registered dog and cat food and treats sold in our state to pay for desperately needed spay/neuter services. These services prevent unwanted litters, shelter overcrowding, and public health and safety threats caused by roaming animals. (See page two for more details.)
- **The Affordable Spay/Neuter Law works!** To date, it has:
  - **Generated \$5 million+** in funds for spay/neuter providers.
  - **Disbursed grants totaling \$1 million in 2025 to spay/neuter providers.** (Note: Available grant funding in 2025 was significantly outpaced by community need—64 providers applied for \$2.4 million in funding.)
- **Without the Affordable Spay/Neuter Law, New Mexico's dog and cat overpopulation crisis will continue to escalate.**

## THE PROBLEM

- The Affordable Spay/Neuter Law has an expiration date: **The law is set to automatically “repeal” on July 1, 2026**, and New Mexico's animals and communities will pay the price.
- Animal overpopulation isn't just an “animal issue.” It's an urgent public health and safety issue. Unwanted, intact animals roam and reproduce, increasing the risk of dog bites, vehicle collisions with loose animals, and disease transmission.
- Access to affordable spay/neuter is a basic community service that New Mexicans need and deserve, especially in rural, Tribal, and low-income areas.



## THE SOLUTION

### **The Situation Is Dire... Don't Let The Law Expire!**

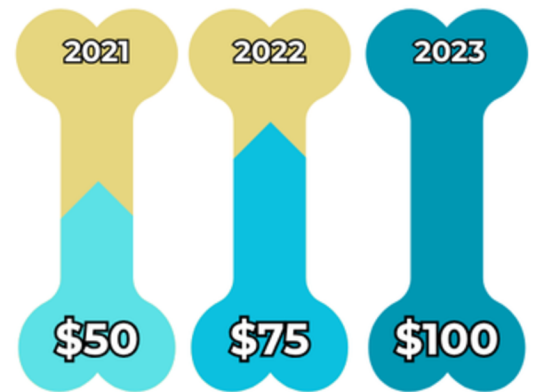
The New Mexico Legislature and Governor can save the Affordable Spay/Neuter Law by **removing the law's expiration date** during the 2026 state legislative session.

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## PET FOOD LABEL SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM FEES COLLECTED

Under the Affordable Spay/Neuter Law, the NM Department of Agriculture collects an additional annual fee on each pet food label registered with the department. The fee started at \$50 per label (in 2021), was raised to \$75 (in 2022), and was capped at \$100 (in 2023). The current registration fee is \$100 per label.

Money collected is transferred to the NM Board of Veterinary Medicine for use and distribution to spay/neuter service providers.

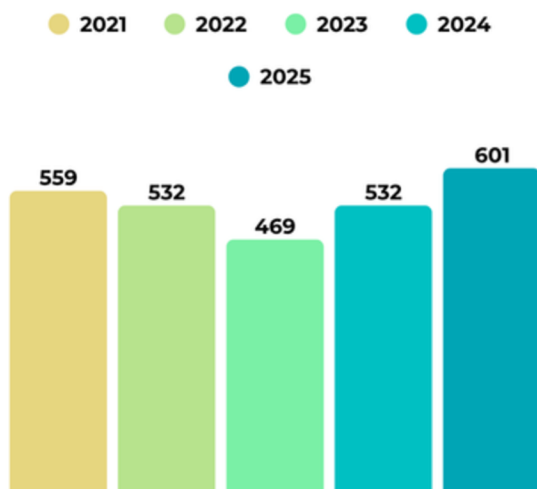


Three year phase in period for SB57. Current spay/neuter fee capped at \$100 per label.

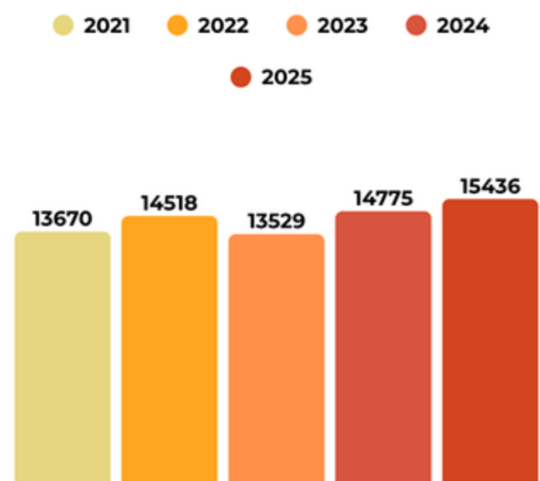
### The Fee Does Not Apply To:

- ✗ Retailers or consumers
- ✗ Prescription diets
- ✗ Livestock feed or any other animal feed
- ✗ Small manufacturers with annual gross revenue of \$3 million or less

### Number of Pet Food Companies



### Number of Pet Food Labels



**Using data provided by the NM Department of Agriculture,** the above graphs show the total number of pet food companies, including those that were exempt from SB 57, and the total number of corresponding labels. The data reveals an upward trend over the past five years in both the number of pet food companies selling in New Mexico and the number of products they sell. **The Affordable Spay/Neuter law works without negatively impacting sales of pet food and treats in New Mexico.**