



# Animal Protection of New Mexico

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## APNM'S 2009 INITIATIVES

### ***Animal Control, Law Enforcement and Animal Cruelty Task Force Casework***

Develop capacity to ensure effective enforcement of New Mexico's laws against animal cruelty, to include: hosting animal cruelty/animal fighting hotlines and providing technical support to the public and agencies on cases (more than 2,000 cases were handled in 2008); working with N.M. Attorney General to further develop the New Mexico Animal Cruelty Task Force; underwriting law enforcement training on animal fighting/animal cruelty investigations and a broad range of topics pertaining to animal control and sheltering; and maintaining an animal cruelty database to track disposition of New Mexico cases.



### ***Promoting Humane Animal Shelters***

Provide comprehensive input to the Animal Sheltering Services Board on all aspects of animal sheltering, including shelter and euthanasia standards, and disposition of capital outlay funds for shelter and spay-neuter facilities. Support the transition to humane euthanasia in New Mexico communities.



### ***Companion Animal Rescue Effort (CARE)***

Maintain and promote CARE network of safe havens across New Mexico for animals of domestic violence victims.

### ***Spay-Neuter Promotion and Program Support***

Work with communities to create effective spay-neuter programs, secure capital outlay for spay-neuter facilities (through sister organization Animal Protection Voters) and promote New Mexico's spay-neuter license plate.



### ***Humane Education***

Distribute *Kind News* newspapers to thousands of New Mexico school children, and promote and distribute humane alternatives to classroom dissection of animals. *Kind News* is published by the Humane Society of the United States.

## Getting Dogs Off Chains

Using a N.M. Department of Public Safety report on dog chaining, develop and implement comprehensive plan to improve the quality of life for New Mexico's dogs by: creating a pilot program to ensure success; teaching people that dogs are social beings who should not be isolated on chains; making behavioral training resources available; helping people with fencing and housing solutions.



## Chimpanzees to Sanctuary

Expose the plight of former research chimpanzees and their progeny still living in substandard conditions in a New Mexico facility, and work to have them moved to a bona fide chimpanzee sanctuary.



## Coexisting With Beavers

Work with state and federal agencies to promote humane solutions to problems caused by beavers by: educating agencies and the public about the benefits of flow devices and coexisting with beavers; creating a comprehensive landowner education packet on beavers and mitigation options; working with agencies on a model habitat and relocation evaluation procedure; and promoting beaver coexistence as part of river restoration and water conservation strategies.



## Wildlife Safe Passages

Work with wildlife advocates and other community stakeholders to evaluate, plan and implement short- and long-term strategies that ensure safe wildlife passage concepts are incorporated into transportation construction projects in New Mexico.

## Wildlife Management Policies

Using the best available science and public support for coexistence with wildlife, influence policy-makers to change regulations harmful to wild species.



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