

New Mexico Needs

Sustained Funding for Statewide Spay/Neuter Services



The Problem

Every year, New Mexico's public and private animal shelters take in more than **135,000** dogs, cats, puppies, and kittens. Of those, over **65,000 are euthanized. Every year.**



Why is this a problem for New Mexico?

The monetary and human cost of dealing with dog and cat overpopulation is staggering. Because of it, our communities must contend with:



The cost of receiving or capturing, housing, and eventually euthanizing over 65,000 animals every year.



The toll on compassionate shelter employees who have to euthanize those animals.



The cost of investigating animal cruelty cases that result from a throwaway attitude toward animals.



Animal bite injuries and fatalities.



Property damage from stray animals (traffic accidents, livestock depredation).



Enormous suffering when unwanted animals live without food, water, or shelter.

The Solution



It's well within our reach: affordable, accessible spay/neuter services statewide.



The Animal Sheltering Board is ready to take our state to the next level in humane stewardship, enhancing its statewide spay/neuter initiative to achieve lasting benefits for animals, families, and communities. Working together with local, affordable spay/neuter programs and local veterinarians, a new day is just ahead.

There are dedicated people in every corner of New Mexico working tirelessly to provide a web of humane services to communities. Turn the page over to see what they think about the need for better public access to affordable spay/neuter.



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"New Mexico needs all the help we can get to combat dog and cat overpopulation problems."
-Krystle Smith, Roswell Humane Society

"As the economy turned to worse, so did the funding we received through contributions earmarked for our spay/neuter program. We need help to curb companion animal overpopulation in our area through a strong sterilization program."
-Eliana Aubin, Sierra County Humane Society, Williamsburg

"We serve Grant, Catron, and Hidalgo Counties—all rural, low-income areas. People really need help with with spaying and neutering their pets. Every spay and neuter prevents thousands of unwanted animals from being born."
-Candace Breen-Lee, Spay Neuter Awareness Program, Silver City

"Spay/neuter funding will help reduce overpopulation within the county and reduce costs to taxpayers."
-Janice English, Spay and Neuter Action Program, Las Cruces

"As important as we know animal issues are, we often tend to forget that they are also a health and safety issue and an economic development one as well. As the population of New Mexico increases and changes, the public expects and deserves a higher level of animal services than in the past."
-Sandra Foster, President, Deming-Luna County Humane Society

"Spaying and neutering reduces animal suffering, prevents livestock attacks from packs of roaming dogs, and keeps children safe from bites that often come from unsterilized animals."
-Sena Fitzpatrick, McKinley County Humane Society, Gallup

"Any additional funding for our low-cost spay/neuter program will be used to lower the cost per animal to the client and allow us to expand the service."
-Fred Brooks, San Juan Animal League, Farmington

"Currently, there are no low-cost spay/neuter services and only one veterinarian in Quay County. Our group has private donations that cover vaccinations and exams. Spay/neuter is our greatest need."
-Christina Fleming, City of Tucumcari Volunteer Animal Rescue

"San Miguel County is one of the most financially challenged in the state. Every animal fixed is one less animal reproducing."
-Jane Carson, People for Animal Welfare Society, Pecos

Spaying + Neutering = Big Savings

New Mexico needs a consistent, concentrated, statewide approach if we ever hope to get ahead of animal overpopulation.



Invest \$1 in low-cost, accessible spay/neuter programs *now* and

Save \$35 in animal care and control costs *over ten years.**

*According to the 1990 Animal Population Control Study commissioned by the Minnesota Legislature (CPI-adjusted for 2014 dollars).

Together we can save lives, save money, and ensure a better future for our communities.

Thank you for supporting continued funding for affordable, accessible spay/neuter services.



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