



Making a Difference for Animals in the Midst of Unprecedented Need

Executive Director's Message

Anyone who opened a newspaper, watched television or read news online in the last twelve months knows that on a global scale there is an escalating need for charity. In just the past year alone, Americans opened up their wallets with unparalleled frequency to help those impacted by a tsunami, an earthquake and at least three hurricanes. This was over and above the already existing need for donations across every imaginable category.

Americans have long been recognized for their generosity and for having a culture of giving. Some may argue that the recent and unprecedented altruism of Americans is only a result of disasters in front of their eyes. There may be more to it than that. As our world "shrinks" with the internet and 24-hour news broadcasts, we are constantly invited to consider our lives in comparison to everyone else around us, including the animals. Video is a powerful medium, bringing the sometimes far-away and hidden reality of animal suffering right into our living rooms. It's as if we are bearing witness to it in person.

Your willingness not to turn away from that suffering has made and will continue to make all the difference for New Mexico's animals. Through its creative approaches, Animal Protection of New Mexico has proven time and again there are solutions to age-old problems that can result in a mutual benefit to both animals and humans. Many people are rejecting the crude and violent approaches of the past, and we're delighted every time we can demonstrate the advantages of making kind choices.

There has never been a more powerful reminder that "what helps animals also helps people" than when gulf coast residents were prohibited from evacuating with their animals. That archaic policy killed people and animals. The tragedy is that both could have survived if leaders had taken the time to listen to people who believed animals count too. We're grateful that you and a growing number of others understand that our compassion must reach as widely as we can see—that what we give away comes back to us many times over. Thank you for spreading that important message as far as you can reach.

Elisabeth Jennings



Linda Marple and Pam Groves, both public school teachers in the Santa Fe area, rescue animals from the storm-ravaged streets and homes of New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina. Generous donor contributions allowed APNM to send four volunteers to the region to help save animals.



Beyond Wills & Trusts

Even though you want to help animals beyond your lifetime, you may not have the kind of wealth needed for creating a trust or setting up a gift annuity. The good news is, you can still make a huge difference for animals! Here are three ways to make a contribution to Animal Protection of New Mexico—and at least one of these is available to almost everyone:

Designate Your Retirement Benefit to APNM. By naming APNM as the beneficiary of your IRA, 401(k) or other qualified retirement plan, APNM doesn't have to pay any tax on the distributions—whereas if you donate these to an individual, that person does.

Use Employee Charitable Matching Programs. Many employers will match contributions you make to non-profit organizations like APNM, and some will match as much as 100% of your gift! This is a simple way to essentially double your donations to APNM at no cost to you. Ask your employer about this.

Designate Your Life Insurance Policy to APNM. If there are no people in your life for whom you need to provide after you're gone, consider naming APNM as the beneficiary of your life insurance policy. Contact your life insurance company to make this designation.



Make Enchanting Gifts to the Animals

HELP NOW, by making a monthly donation to APNM.

For more information, call our office at 505-265-2322 or visit us online at www.apnm.org/support.

HELP IN THE FUTURE, by including APNM in your estate plans.

Call 505-771-1576 to learn more. If you've already included APNM in your estate plans, please let us know.

Donations to APNM are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. Thank you!



Caring for Your Loved Ones

Companion Animal Trusts and Care Options

You may already have a will. But, have you remembered to include provisions for the care of ALL your family members—including your companion animals? Without pre-planning, your companion animals can be left without needed medical care, quality day-to-day care or even a home.

To ensure the future safety and care of your loved ones, there are many options for providing for your animals in your estate documents:

- You can help other animals by specifying Animal Protection of New Mexico as the beneficiary of all remaining trust property upon termination of your trust.

DESIGNATE A GUARDIAN:

Specify a family member or friend to care for your animal(s). Be realistic in your choice of guardian(s). If you have many companion animals, or special needs animals, it may be necessary to secure homes for them individually to avoid over-burdening the new guardian(s).

The most important thing to remember when setting up provisions for your

companion animals in your estate documents is to discuss your plans thoroughly with everyone involved. Make sure the new guardian(s) are fully aware of the commitment you are asking them to make—and that they are comfortable with the idea of carrying out your wishes. Provide detailed instructions on specific care that you want your animals to receive.



SET UP A TRUST:

To ensure that your animals have everything they need, you can set up a trust for them. These types of trusts are legal in New Mexico (the specific law is NMSA 45-2-907). This trust will allow the new guardians to pay for day-to-day expenses, medical care and other needs as they arise without placing a financial burden on your animals' new family.

- Your animals' new guardian can administer the trust, or you can choose a third party to administer the funds.
- You can leave explicit instructions on what types of expenses can be paid from your trust, or you can leave it completely to the discretion of the trust administrator.



As with any type of estate planning, you should consult your attorney or estate planner when drawing up the documents needed. The types of documents needed will vary, depending on your specific financial situation, the number and types of animals for whom you need to provide and the decisions you make regarding guardians and trust administrators.

Don't wait. Make provisions now for the future of your animals. You'll feel better knowing that they will always be cared for and loved.

2006 and Beyond: Lasting Change Takes Substantial Investments of Time and Money

With our members' generous financial support, APNM is launching an ambitious 2006 agenda aimed at helping make New Mexico's animals count!



BEAVER PROTECTION

APNM will initiate a comprehensive beaver advocacy and education campaign and work with the

Santa Fe National Forest and the New Mexico Environment Department on a beaver habitat restoration project on the Forest's Rio de Las Vacas. APNM will also host educational workshops on beavers and lead field demonstrations of beaver exclusion device installation.

Estimated 2006 Cost: \$34,850



TIJERAS CANYON SAFE PASSAGE COALITION

APNM will continue to serve on the Tijeras

Canyon Safe Passage Coalition (TCSPC) to ensure that Phases A, B and C are implemented. APNM will develop volunteer efforts to monitor animal movements in the canyon and develop a website to gather wildlife collision data from the public. This area has been called one of the most critically important and endangered areas in the nation. *Estimated 2006 Cost: \$9,750*



COUGAR CONSERVATION

APNM, a consistent voice for cougars at the state Game Commission for over a decade, will work to ensure

that new scientific recommendations for cougar management—published in February 2005 by the nation's preeminent cougar biologists—are implemented by the New Mexico Game Commission.

Estimated 2006 Cost: \$11,700



TRAPPING EDUCATION

A poll commissioned by the Rio Grande Chapter of the Sierra Club and also funded

by APNM and California-based Animal Protection Institute showed that 63% of New Mexicans support a ban on trapping on public lands. The poll also revealed that almost 1/3 of New Mexicans thinks trapping is already banned. APNM will launch a substantial educational campaign about the cruelty of leg-hold traps.

Estimated 2006 Cost: \$29,000



U.S. 285 SAFE PASSAGE

APNM will expand its safe highway passages work to the U.S. Highway 285 corridor

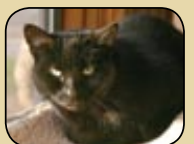
north of Santa Fe, where an impenetrable barrier poses a danger to both wildlife and drivers. *Estimated 2006 Cost: \$18,095*



COMPANION ANIMAL RESCUE EFFORT (CARE)

APNM will work statewide with leaders in city and county governments to secure local funding for programs that would ensure safe havens for animals of domestic violence victims.

Estimated 2006 Cost: \$5,550



"BRING YOUR ANIMALS INSIDE" CAMPAIGN

In conjunction with

the city of Albuquerque, APNM aims to get dogs off chains, out of the harsh weather and into the lives of their guardians. APNM plans to create related educational material and advertisements, and assemble resources to help people with this transition.

Estimated 2006 Cost: \$5,250



ANIMAL CONTROL/LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT

APNM will continue to offer training scholarships to

animal control and other law enforcement officers who need financial assistance to attend state-of-the-art training in this area of expertise. APNM will also assist local shelters and communities by linking them with resources for best practices in shelter and animal control operations.

Estimated 2006 Cost: \$30,000



DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

APNM will work with the New Mexico Animal Control Association and policy-makers to ensure the

state of New Mexico and local governments account for animals in disaster and emergency preparedness.

Estimated 2006 Cost: \$2,800



ANIMAL OVERPOPULATION

APNM will support the city of Albuquerque in its goal to make the city "live exit" by 2008,

thereby eliminating the need for euthanasia of adoptable cats and dogs in the city's shelters. *Estimated 2006 Cost: \$5,250*

"When a sparrow sips in the river, the water does not recede. Giving does not deplete wealth—it adds to it."

—Punjabi proverb

THE ENCHANTMENT CLUB

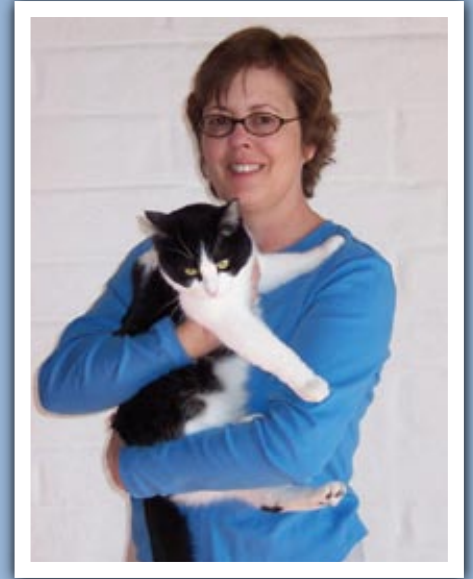
Member Spotlight: Susan Hapka

The planned giving club of Animal Protection of New Mexico

THE ENCHANTMENT CLUB

When she was eight, Susan Hapka remembers her family taking in a poodle/chihuahua cross named Coco. A member of the family throughout her childhood, Coco lived until Susan was in college. Taking in a homeless dog was just one of the many ways Susan's parents taught her to be kind to animals, and she thinks children raised that way are more likely to be kind throughout their lives. "I'm hopeful children will understand that taking in an animal is a commitment for life," Susan said.

A staunch APNM supporter, Susan was born and raised in Milwaukee, WI, attended the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and earned a degree in Medical Technology. For three years Susan worked in the Virgin Islands but eventually started to get "rock fever" from living on the tiny island of St. John. She found herself wanting to vacation on giant continents because she loves to cross-country ski, hike and be outside. A friend suggested she visit New Mexico, and when she did, she was hooked.



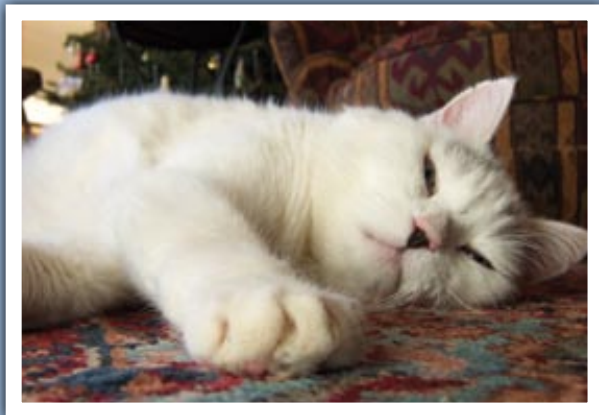
Susan Hapka with her cat, Zoey.

In 1986, she secured a job at the University of New Mexico Hospital and moved with her cat Emily, adopted from the Virgin Islands. Susan eventually decided to follow a different career path, and entered law school at the University of New Mexico. Susan now works as an attorney at Sutin, Thayer & Browne, P.C. She lives in Placitas with her husband Mars—a native New Mexican—and three companion cats: Ashley, a 16-year old adopted from New Mexico Animal Friends; Gidget, a three-year old abandoned in Moriarty; and Zoey, a two-year old recently adopted from Watermelon Mountain Ranch.

While Susan's compassion for animals flourished with her parents' influence, she has always been inclined to help animals. Over the years, Susan has rescued and placed in homes her share of dogs and cats from Albuquerque's streets. At one point, Susan heard about Animal Protection of New Mexico, contacted us and started getting involved.

Susan is particularly concerned with the humane treatment of all animals, including those considered "farmed animals". "I like APNM's approach—they focus on educating the public about animal abuse and on changing policies. They create long-term solutions," Susan said.

Susan believes thoughtful people should make decisions and spend their money in a way that considers animals. "There are a lot of every day things you can do to help animals—buy organic produce, buy products that aren't tested on animals, choose a quail license plate to help fund wildlife programs. Incorporate kind decisions into your daily life". Susan once traveled to Costa Rica and decided not to stay at a bed-and-breakfast because the owners kept a parrot in a cage so small he couldn't open his wings.



Because of Susan's thoughtful planning, APNM can be a voice for animals like Susan's companion cat, Ashley.

Because Susan doesn't have children, and she recognizes it takes money and time to make permanent change for animals, she has named APNM a beneficiary in her estate plan. Susan likes to remind people, "you can't take it with you!"

"If animal issues are important to you and you have resources, you should financially support Animal Protection of New Mexico. APNM's statewide influence is helping animals in both cities and rural counties," says Susan.