



# MAKING TRACKS

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## **New Mexico Equines Need Your Help**

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**THE NEXT STEPS  
IN THE LEGAL FIGHT  
FOR COUGARS**





Dear Friends of the Animals,

I know you'll forgive my bias when I unabashedly declare that when you invest in Animal Protection of New Mexico (APNM), you get an unparalleled return on your investment. First consider how hard it is to change public policy on *any* issue, and then think about what APNM has been at the forefront of achieving for New Mexico's animals, just within the past year:

- Valley Meat horse slaughterhouse is now permanently prohibited from opening in Roswell.
- New Mexico's Equine Protection Fund—just six years old—has brought relief to over 700 equines.
- The U.S. announced an end to all invasive testing on chimpanzees, and will permanently retire all chimpanzees formerly used in research.
- Our Chimpanzee Sanctuary Fund, housed at the New Mexico Community Foundation, has awarded grants of more than \$135,000 to sanctuaries offering safety and security to chimps once used in invasive research.
- APNM's CARE initiative provided lifesaving support to 26 families and their 71 animals. The CARE network now includes 97 safe haven providers in 21 New Mexico counties.
- In 2015 alone, *The Animal Connection* delivered 376 humane education lessons, reaching over 7,500 elementary students in 60 classrooms.
- APNM is leading two legal challenges (one state appeal and one federal lawsuit) to unethical and unscientific changes to New Mexico's cougar regulations that allow unpermitted cougar trapping on private and state trust lands.

While all these milestones were years in the making, and involved other engaged partners, APNM was arguably the leader in bringing about these positive changes. *What stands out about these remarkable achievements? Their focus on fundamental change.*

When we contemplate what else we could make happen with significantly more resources, the answer is a lot more ground-breaking accomplishments for animals and those who care about them.

We all know it's true that, to a great degree, our values are reflected by our checkbooks. Please consider how you can make an even stronger commitment to our vision of "making humane the new normal" in New Mexico. For instance, becoming a monthly donor can be a relatively painless way to dramatically increase your giving. That one decision can result in an impressive difference for the vulnerable animals APNM works so hard to represent.

Ours vision inspires hope and optimism. Our actions demonstrate, time and again, that we actually can do better for animals and our communities in New Mexico. It's not that complicated once people decide to join us in trying.

Sincerely yours,

*Elisabeth Jennings*

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**On the Cover**

A gentle, rescued gelding enjoys life at a sanctuary. Photo by Jessi Princiotta/APNM



# BE A HERO FOR HORSES

When a Grants, NM, father unexpectedly lost his job, the family faced a dire financial situation. The crisis threatened not only the household, but also the daughters' two beloved horses, Jo and Norma Jean.

The **Equine Protection Fund** stepped in to provide two months of hay while the father looked for another position. Without the Fund's assistance, this responsible family would have had nowhere to turn for help. Their horses, like so many throughout New Mexico, likely would have been destined for slaughter in Mexico.

The challenges New Mexico equines face reflect the obstacles horses, donkeys, and mules face all across the United States: too many equines are left without care, or are sent to slaughter for lack of a forever home.

We know there are humane alternatives to slaughter for needy and neglected equines and, in 2009, we set out to expand those options. The Equine Protection Fund (EPF) was formed to provide emergency feed assistance and

life-saving veterinary care to equines saved from neglect and abuse, gelding assistance for stallions and colts to prevent unwanted births, and humane and compassionate end-of-life care for suffering equines.

The EPF is now the state's only comprehensive equine welfare assistance program addressing the

needs of New Mexico's horses, donkeys, and mules, and the people who care about them. Since 2011, the Fund has brought relief to over 700 horses, including helping over 300 families keep their horses at home, and helping over 15 agencies provide services to equines in need.

To make certain the EPF's life-saving direct services and all-important equine policy work could be sustained into the future, a permanent endowment was formed in 2014 after receiving a generous donation from an APNM donor. The Help Our Horses Endowment, housed at the New Mexico Community Foundation, is now being funded by donations from individuals wanting to ensure that equines are cared for right now as well as for generations to come.

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If we can raise \$1 million in 2016, and a total of \$2 million by the end of 2017, the fund will then generate about \$100,000 per year, for many years. That translates to a steady stream of equine services and crucial policy work. As a caring APNM member, you can help us get there.

**The Help Our Horses Endowment will ensure that equines *always* have a safety net in New Mexico.**

By supporting this fund, you directly impact:

- ▶ **Horse slaughter:** Horses from *many* states are “funneled” across New Mexico’s border to slaughterhouses in Mexico. When you support alternatives to slaughter, you thwart false arguments for opening slaughterhouses in our state.
- ▶ **Economic hardship:** In tough economic times, we provide feed and veterinary assistance for equines to ensure they stay with families. This program engages small feed-supply businesses and veterinarians, strengthening communities.
- ▶ **Equine abuse and cruelty:** Increasing the availability of veterinary services helps veterinarians and law enforcement officers make the right decisions for needy and suffering horses.

The Help Our Horses Endowment is a way to create long-term support for beloved species that have played an integral part in New Mexico history. Can you even imagine the American Southwest without the influence of the horse? The mule? The burro? Comprehensive equine welfare has to be in the interest of all those living in New Mexico, so all equines can live out their lives in safety and dignity.

**Please help us reach this goal. Visit [EquineProtectionFund.org](http://EquineProtectionFund.org).**



Kelly and David Gifford, owners of Albuquerque Pet Memorial Service, Inc., with their companion animals Rojan, Rio, Sophie, and Ani.

Photo by Victoria Kanof/APNM

## Why We Support APNM

“We are passionate about our animal companions. We have devoted both our personal lives as well as our business to caring for all creatures to the very end of their lives. We chose to contribute to the Help Our Horses Endowment because APNM shares our love for these gentle giants and their personal well being.”

# A Victory for Horses in New Mexico and Beyond

## The Long Road to Interrupting the Horse Slaughter Pipeline

### STIPULATED FINAL ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on the parties’ Joint Motion for Entry of a Stipulated Final Order. The parties have agreed, and the Court orders, as follows:

1. Defendants Valley Meat Company, LLC, Dairyland Packing, Inc., Mountain View Packing, LLC, and Ricardo De Los Santos, non-parties Jose Hernandez, Ryoichi Okubo, and D’Allende Meats, LLC, and any person or entity in privity with the above, all are permanently enjoined from slaughtering horses for human consumption, and from manufacturing, selling or distributing horsemeat products for human consumption in New Mexico.

These welcome words were in sharp contrast to the horrifying news from early 2012: Valley Meat Company had submitted an application to open a horse slaughter facility in Roswell. In November 2011 Congress had failed to block government funding for horse slaughter inspections—for the first time in five years—thereby creating an opportunity for these appalling facilities to operate in the United States once again.

It would be a gross understatement to say that the situation for New Mexico’s horses seemed extremely grim in 2012. Horse slaughter supporters, while a minority, seemed to be shouting from every corner. Determined to prevent a horse slaughter facility from opening in our state, APNM set out to do everything possible to stop the gruesome plan.

The next four years consisted of a no-holds-barred approach to making sure New Mexico’s horses weren’t treated as disposable commodities, but rather as the iconic, valuable, and awe-inspiring animals they are, deserving of humane treatment throughout their lives.

APNM sought support for horses from important elected officials, such as then Attorney General Gary King and then State Lands Commissioner Ray Powell,

Jr., who both joined APNM, American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Humane Society of the US, and Front Range Equine Rescue to publicly denounce the plans at the outset. Shortly thereafter, Governor Susana Martinez, Senators Martin Heinrich and Tom Udall, Reps. Michelle Lujan Grisham and Ben Ray Lujan, and New Mexico Senate Majority Leader Michael Sanchez also publicly voiced their opposition to the plan.

Meanwhile, APNM continued to gather financial support for its fledgling Equine Protection Fund, which had already provided relief to several hundred horses, proving that an equine safety net was viable in New Mexico. In December 2012, Valley Meat sued APNM and others for exercising our right to oppose the horse slaughter plant. In January 2013, Valley Meat voluntarily dismissed its complaint against APNM and the other defendants.

But horse slaughter supporters tried every possible angle to promote their vile industry. During the 2013 legislative session, APNM’s legislative arm, Animal Protection Voters (APV), worked tirelessly to kill a memorial purported to “study the viability of a horse slaughter plant,” a thinly-veiled effort to promote horse slaughter in New Mexico. APV then

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pushed through legislation to establish the Horse Shelter Rescue Fund within the New Mexico Livestock Board, to which legislators later appropriated \$250,000 for distribution to equine rescues across the state. A statewide poll later that year confirmed what everyone suspected: 70% of New Mexicans oppose horse slaughter for human consumption and don't want a horse slaughter plant in their community.


In June that year, AG King issued a formal opinion that horse meat was an adulterated food product and could not be manufactured, sold, or delivered anywhere in New Mexico. That December, AG King sued Valley Meat and others, seeking a temporary restraining order, a preliminary injunction, and a permanent injunction against Valley Meat and its horse slaughter operation.

In 2014, Congress agreed again to block annual funding for horse slaughter inspections, and Valley Meat subsequently withdrew its application for a wastewater discharge permit it needed to operate a horse slaughter plant.

Finally, in February 2016, a judge granted the New Mexico Attorney General's request—filed in 2013—for a permanent injunction, preventing Valley Meat and its affiliates from ever operating its horse slaughter plant. (Meanwhile, in 2015, APNM and others were sued for opposing the horse slaughter plant. The case is still pending.)

## These important actions are still needed to interrupt the horse slaughter pipeline:

- ▶ Establish a more robust safety net of humane options for horses on Native American lands.
  - ▶ Pass the federal Safeguard American Food Exports (SAFE) Act, to prohibit the transport of horses for slaughter for human consumption.
  - ▶ Change New Mexico's laws to allow adoption, not mandate auction, of horses seized for cruelty.
  - ▶ Improve tracking and source identification of horses bound for slaughter through New Mexico.
  - ▶ Generate legislative support for significant recurring funds for the Horse Shelter Rescue Fund.
  - ▶ Generate legislative support requiring New Mexico's horse racing industry to fund horse safety net programs.
  - ▶ Grow the Equine Protection Fund endowment to expand the Fund's reach and scope of services.
- Want to help? See **Actions Everyone Can Take** on the next page for how you can help enact these crucial changes.



**YOU CAN HELP STOP THE HORSE SLAUGHTER PIPELINE**


★ **Call** your three members of Congress (two U.S. Senators and one U.S. Representative) and urge them to support the federal Safeguard American Food Exports (SAFE) Act (H.R. 1942/S. 1214) to prohibit slaughter and the sale or transport of equines in interstate or foreign commerce for purposes of human consumption. New Mexico's U.S. Senators Tom Udall and Martin Heinrich, and U.S. Reps. Michelle Lujan Grisham and Ben Ray Luján, have already cosponsored the bill, but their steadfast advocacy among their congressional colleagues is still needed!

★ **Contact** your two state legislators (one Senator and one Representative) and ask them to support these legislative efforts for horses:

1. Change New Mexico's laws to allow adoption, not mandate auction, of horses seized for cruelty;
2. Establish significant recurring funds for the Horse Shelter Rescue Fund housed at the New Mexico Livestock Board;
3. Require New Mexico's horse racing industry to fund the Horse Shelter Rescue Fund.

★ **Contribute** to the Equine Protection Fund's *Help Our Horses Endowment* ([nmc.org/2015/04/help-our-horses-endowment/](http://nmc.org/2015/04/help-our-horses-endowment/)) that supports the direct care of needy equines throughout New Mexico.

**Questions** about who represents you? Visit [apvnm.org/LookUp](http://apvnm.org/LookUp) to find out!



In the midst of all the policy-related activity, the Equine Protection Fund expanded its reach beyond helping just families and their equines, additionally offering services to animal control agencies needing funds for veterinary care and humane euthanasia for seized equines.

APNM's and APV's vigorous, sustained, and varied efforts since 2010 helped prevent the unthinkable: a horse slaughter plant in New Mexico. And these remarkable feats combined to prevent an increase in the number of horses sent to slaughter in Mexico through our state, despite a persistent downturn in New Mexico's economy.

***But to fundamentally improve the lives of horses in our state, we need even better policies, and a much bigger equine safety net, including a dramatically more robust Equine Protection Fund (see cover story on page 3). We can do this! What will you do to help?***

## What Difference Can You Make with 40 Cents a Day?

It may not seem like a lot, but just 40 cents a day—approximately \$12 per month—can go a long way in helping all the horses, mules, and donkeys who need our help.

When you give to the Equine Protection Fund, you'll become an integral part of the massive safety net we are creating to ensure that no equine ever needs to suffer the fear and horror of a slaughter plant. Or the pain of starvation. Because the solutions are available—it just takes a little bit of effort from a lot of caring people.

**Give at [EquineProtectionFund.org](http://EquineProtectionFund.org)**

Questions about other ways to give to APNM and APV? Our friendly development staff is here to answer them. Reach out to Angela Collie, Donor Relations Manager, at [angela@apnm.org](mailto:angela@apnm.org), or Elizabeth Wolf, Chief Development Officer, at [elizabeth@apnm.org](mailto:elizabeth@apnm.org).



- ★ Emergency feed assistance
- ★ Emergency veterinary care
- ★ Gelding assistance
- ★ Humane, compassionate, end-of-life care.



# Cougar Lawsuit Update

“Okay, what’s next?” That was the question we at APNM asked ourselves immediately after the New Mexico Game Commission voted to expand cougar trapping in New Mexico.

We were fresh off an intense, multi-month campaign to urge the Game Commission to reject the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish’s (NMDGF) ill-conceived, controversial proposed “Cougar Rule.” *This would allow the use of leg-hold traps and snares on nine million acres of state trust lands, expand trapping and snaring of cougars on private land, and let trappers take twice as many cougars as previously allowed.*

After the Game Commission made its decision, we had every reason—exhausted and disheartened—to give up.

But APNM never gives up.

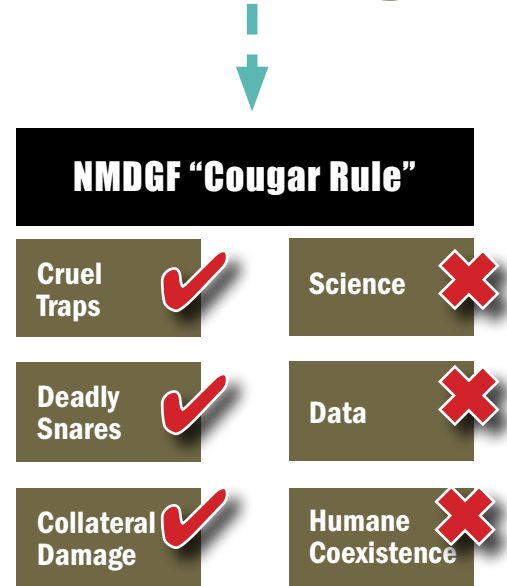
We couldn’t let this be the end of the story for New Mexico’s cougars. This was only a bump in the road.

The Cougar Rule—which went into effect in April 2016, establishing a cougar trapping season to begin the following November—expanded cougar killing despite no accurate estimate of the cougar population. It would invite potentially hundreds of violations of federal and state law when highly endangered Mexican wolves and jaguars, as well as mother cougars and their kittens, die because of the expanded trapping in their habitats. And we knew that the law requires the State Game Commission to base its decision on some semblance of facts and science—and that the Commission had blatantly failed to do so.

With this knowledge as the foundation, on March 17, 2016, APNM, joined by several impacted New Mexico citizens and the Humane Society of the U.S., led a lawsuit in state court to stop the Cougar Rule in its tracks. We’re appealing the Cougar Rule to state court and petitioning to keep the Rule from going into effect until a final court ruling. At the same time, we provided the Commission with the required 60-day notice of intent to sue in federal court—and later, on June 27, 2016, we filed that federal lawsuit—alleging that the Commission’s actions will victimize not only cougars, but also endangered Mexican wolves and jaguars in violation of the Endangered Species Act.

We are grateful to the concerned, courageous New Mexicans—including a search-and-rescue dog owner, a hunting and fishing guide, wolf advocates, and individuals who have had their dogs injured in leg-hold traps—who have joined us in this legal battle.

These efforts to stop cougar trapping may be long and arduous, but we know that the well-being of cougars and our ecosystem depends on them. Thank you for your continued support in this fight. Learn more and donate at [StopCougarTrapping.org/legal-challenge](http://StopCougarTrapping.org/legal-challenge).



**APNM, HSUS, et al. FILE LAWSUIT to STOP the COUGAR RULE**

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**(HELP US WIN THE FIGHT: StopCougarTrapping.org/legal-challenge)**



**Santa Ana Pueblo**  
 Santa Ana Pueblo’s Department of Natural Resources invited APNM’s humane education director, Sherry Mangold, to assist in revising the Pueblo’s current animal ordinance. Revisions concerning loose dogs, stricter care and maintenance standards, and required spaying/neutering and licensing will soon go before the Tribal Council. APNM commends Santa Ana for caring about the safety of its animals and people.

**Santa Fe**  
 ► In March, more than 100 community members converged at APNM’s Santa Fe office to celebrate the end of invasive testing on chimpanzees in the U.S. and to raise money for our Chimpanzee Sanctuary Fund. See photos on our blog: [ChimpsToSanctuary.org](http://ChimpsToSanctuary.org)  
 ► Thanks to the efforts of Animal Protection Voters and its supporters making their voices heard, in March the Santa Fe County Commission voted not to pass a resolution calling for the immediate reduction of beaver populations in the Santa Fe River. Our supporters sent messages to their County Commissioner asking for humane solutions to address beaver impacts.

**Albuquerque**  
 From Santa Fe to Albuquerque, APNM recognized the hard work that Animal Control Officers (ACOs) do every day to protect animals and the community. APNM staff Eileen McCarthy, Lyndi Martinez, and Alan Edmonds delivered vegan cakes to ACOs in Santa Fe, Albuquerque, and Bernalillo County during ACO Appreciation Week, April 10-16.



**Curious** to Know How Your Legislators Vote on Animal Protection Issues?  
 The **APV 2016 Legislative Scorecard** is coming soon (end of summer).  
 Meanwhile, check out past voting records at [apvnm.org/scorecards](http://apvnm.org/scorecards).



A curious alpaca in Bosque Farms.



## THE PAZ PROJECT: CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE

This past school semester, APNM had the privilege to work with the Bernalillo County Youth Services Center (YSC) and the People's Anti-Cruelty Association (PACA) in the Paz Project, a pilot program designed to expose detained youth to enriching and positive structured activities.

**The Paz Project helps these students experience compassion and empathy, along with the skills necessary to help a homeless dog become a member of a loving, adoptive family. The program not only recognizes the "Link" between animal cruelty and human violence, but also encourages students to become agents of change.**

In order to make this happen, phase one of the project involved YSC teachers fostering dogs through PACA. The dogs came to work with their foster parent, where, during the day, the students participated in all aspects of their care. In addition to preparing them for adoption, students participated in presentations from APNM's *The Animal Connection*. The students participated in eye-opening discussions on topics such as care and responsibility, the

consequences of chaining, spaying and neutering, and the devastating effects of blood sports.

Although the PAZ Project only began in January 2016, six very happy dogs have already found their way into forever homes. Because of this incredible success, YSC has moved forward with phase two of the project: creating a canine housing unit to foster dogs at the facility full-time in order to socialize and train them for adoption. On April 26 of this year, "Nacho Santiago" (named by the Girls Unit) has already taken up residence at YSC.

APNM is proud to be a part of this program and congratulates the students at the Youth Center who, through their care and compassion, are making tails wag.

**82%** OF DETAINED YOUTH ARE  
**VICTIMS OF CHILD ABUSE**

### APNM YOUTH ACTIVITIES

South Valley Academy Senior

*Maria Galindo*



Chooses Humane Education  
and Makes a Difference for Animals

In order to graduate, Albuquerque's South Valley Academy seniors must successfully complete a project that defines a problem within their community, and then take action to solve it. Senior Maria Galindo adopted the lofty goal to eliminate animal cruelty. This led her to APNM's humane education program, *The Animal Connection*.

Maria discovered the differences between animal neglect and animal cruelty, the "Link" between animal abuse and domestic violence, and all that

is necessary for responsible, humane stewardship of companion animals. She accompanied APNM's teachers to multiple classrooms, first to observe and then to assist in the presentations. Through independent research and discussions with APNM's teaching staff, Maria developed a presentation and brochure suitable for both students and parents.

Maria explained to her students that anyone who deliberately hurts an animal is capable of hurting the person who has filed the report, so she shared information on how to safely report animal cruelty. Her brochure contained contact information for the appropriate agencies working with animal issues.

Animals have no voice of their own, and APNM is proud that Maria Galindo is speaking for them.

*Thank you, Maria!*



## Chickpea "Butter" for Corn on the Cob

To many, freshly grilled corn on the cob screams "summer!" Locally grown, roasted sweet corn is delicious on its own, but when your guests are expecting melted butter and salt, what is a vegan to do? Olive oil or olive oil spreads provide a savory alternative, but try offering this different, zesty take on the summer favorite at your next gathering.

*(Adapted from Prevention Magazine, May, 2014)*

- 1 15 oz can of chickpeas (drained)
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 3 tsp lime zest
- 3 Tbsp freshly squeezed lime juice
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp cumin
- 1/4 tsp cayenne pepper
- 1/2 cup fresh cilantro\*
- Pinch black pepper

- Place drained chickpeas into a food processor.
- Zest lime rind and add. Squeeze juice from the same lime and add to the food processor along with all the other ingredients.
- Blend until the mixture is creamy and smooth.
- Add a little water or oil and continue to pulse for a smoother consistency.

Serve at room temperature and make available to spread on freshly grilled or steamed corn.

\*Some people love cilantro, others dislike it. Substitute 1/4 cup Italian parsley for the cilantro if desired.

Photo by Jessi Princiotto/APNM

## Living an Animal Friendly Lifestyle

Did you know that being vegan isn't just about what you put in your body, but also what you put on your body? Animals aren't just exploited for our food, they are also commonly used in clothing, beauty products, furniture, and more. If you're vegan or planning on going vegan, take your plant-based diet a step further and avoid:

- Leather, wool, silk, or down clothing and accessories. Use synthetics like vegan leather, polyester fleece, or synthetic shearling.

- Creams and moisturizers made with goat's milk, beeswax, and especially any brands tested on animals. Instead, try animal-friendly ingredients like plant extracts, vitamin C, or Omega-3. And be sure to look for a cruelty-free logo on the back!

- Leather furniture. Choose vinyl or microfiber instead.







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*Making sure animals matter in every New Mexican community.*

## It's Fire Season!

Don't get caught unprepared. Make an evacuation plan and put together a well-stocked "grab-and-go" kit for the whole family. Visit our website to learn more: [apnm.org/safety](http://apnm.org/safety)

### APNM **FACES OF APNM**



Photo by Sara Palmer/APNM

**Angela Collie** joined Animal Protection of New Mexico as its Donor Relations Manager in 2015, bringing with her valuable experience honed as a member of the development staff at Emory University and at The Carter Center in Atlanta, Georgia. (There, she had the rare opportunity to dine on peanut butter and jelly sandwiches with President and Mrs. Carter.) Angela earned a master's degree in Public Administration and Non-Profit Management from Valdosta State University in Georgia, as well as a B.A. in Political Science.

Born in Germany, Angela and her family moved to South Georgia when she was a child. "I drove my parents crazy feeding feral cats and bringing home stray dogs," she laughingly recalls. Today, Angela and her partner, Brian, share their Albuquerque home with five furry family members, all rescues: Yoshi, a Boxer mix; the adorable Pit Bull Akira; Pilot, a Toy Poodle; the gentle giant Chewbacca, an Alaskan malamute; and Apple, a San Antonio alley cat. When she's not hiking with her happy pack, Angela enjoys painting, browsing vintage shops, and gardening in her sunny backyard.