

MAKING TRACKS

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**SUSTAINED FUNDING
FOR STATEWIDE
SPAY/NEUTER SERVICES?**

We can do this!



Dear Friend of the Animals,

Animal Protection of New Mexico's initiatives make a positive impact for animals both in the short and long term. We're proud of our programs that touch animals' lives immediately, such as APNM's Animal Cruelty Hotline, the Companion Animal Rescue Effort and the Equine Protection Fund.

Yet it is our longer-term efforts that hold the greatest promise for how animals are viewed and treated in our state. For that reason, APNM and its legislative arm, Animal Protection Voters, sometimes work for years to establish policies, processes, and state government infrastructure that ensure animals are treated humanely. Our work to make cockfighting illegal in New Mexico is a perfect example of our determination, over many years, to ensure laws help instead of harm animals.

Our more recent work to establish state-level infrastructure for the benefit of animals includes creation of the Horse Shelter Rescue Fund, which will soon be distributing \$250,000 to the state's equine rescue shelters to care for needy horses. We also created a "tax check-off" system that allows New Mexico taxpayers to donate their state tax refunds to that Fund—in its first year, taxpayers gave \$11,000 for the horses!

Since 2007, when we pushed a bill to establish the Animal Sheltering Board, shelters throughout the state now employ only trained and licensed humane euthanasia technicians and have shelter standards to which they can aspire. This year, the Board will have distributed almost \$100,000 to spay-neuter programs.

This crucial board still faces its most far-reaching challenge: creating and implementing a statewide spay-neuter plan that will address the staggering cat/dog overpopulation that costs our state's municipalities and counties millions of dollars in humane animal control and sheltering. If instead, communities were to invest up front in dog/cat spaying and neutering, particularly in those regions where the surgeries are either inaccessible or unaffordable, the benefits across the state would far outweigh the costs. We will stay on this course, and you can read more about it in this edition of *Making Tracks*.

Thank you for your long-term dedication to change for the animals!

Sincerely yours,

Elisabeth Jennings,
Executive Director

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On the Cover

Whiskey, a smart and handsome adopted dog, relaxes with his dad after a walk.

Photo by Jessi Princiotto

It's not rocket science: With More Spays and Neuters, Fewer Animals Die *and* Communities Save Money

Cat and dog overpopulation is at a crisis level in New Mexico. Uncontrolled breeding of cats and dogs—including those who are stray, abandoned and even those with homes—has created this serious and costly epidemic.

New Mexico's public and private animal shelters receive more than 135,000 dogs, cats, puppies, and kittens every year. Of those, over 65,000 are euthanized because there are no homes for them. An extensive survey of New Mexico's animal shelters (http://www.apnm.org/programs/shelter_support/survey.php) conducted by APNM in 2007 and again in 2012 clearly shows that despite the dedicated efforts of low-cost spay/neuter programs throughout many parts of New Mexico, current efforts are not enough. While the overpopulation problem may not be getting worse, the bad news is it isn't getting any better. The overall number of animals euthanized remained essentially the same between 2007 and 2012.

In order to see a dramatic decrease in the numbers of animals euthanized for lack of a home, much more needs to be done.

New Mexico needs a consistent, concentrated, statewide approach if our state ever hopes to get ahead of this problem that costs communities millions of dollars every year and results in the tragic deaths of tens of thousands of healthy dogs and cats.

During the 2015 New Mexico legislative session, APNM and APV will be working hard to secure substantial funds for more accessible and affordable spay/neuter services for animals. Based on case studies in other states, a significant reduction in the numbers of cats and dogs entering shelters will occur following a consistent, adequately funded effort over as few as five years. When fewer animals enter shelters, the related fiscal burden on local governments will also decrease, freeing up money for other community needs.

According to a well-known 1990 study conducted by the Minnesota Legislature (and CPI-adjusted for 2014), each dollar invested in low-cost spay/neuter means savings to communities of approximately \$35.32 in future animal control costs over a ten-year period. Even five years of investment makes a significant difference.

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The health, safety, and general welfare of the animals and residents of New Mexico are better served by having affordable spay/neuter services widely available. The monetary and human cost of dealing with New Mexico's dog and cat overpopulation crisis is staggering. Because of it, our communities must contend with:

- the cost of receiving or capturing, housing, and eventually euthanizing over 65,000 dogs and cats every year;
- the toll on compassionate shelter employees who have to euthanize those animals;
- animal bite injuries and fatalities;
- property damage from stray animals;
- enormous animal suffering when unwanted animals live without adequate food, water, and shelter; and,
- the cost of investigating animal cruelty cases that stem from a throwaway attitude about animals.

Past Spay/Neuter Funds Appropriated by the New Mexico Legislature:

2006: \$400,000 for low-cost and no-cost spay/neuter surgeries in 16 communities provided surgeries to 2,239 dogs and cats of income-qualified households. Almost 50% of the surgeries were performed in communities other than Albuquerque, Santa Fe, and Las Cruces. Mobile services accounted for more than 1/3 of the surgeries.

2014: \$100,000 for low-cost spay/neuter surgeries, for disbursement and oversight by New Mexico's Animal Shelter-

ing Board: \$30,000 from the state's spay/neuter license plate was made available to 44 local programs in 28 counties, plus \$70,000 to be distributed at the board's discretion. To achieve the greatest impact, the Animal Sheltering Board decided to disburse the \$70,000 within nine communities whose public shelters have the highest intake and highest euthanasia rates in New Mexico: Portales, Clovis, Roswell, Farmington, Hobbs, Valencia County, Gallup, Carlsbad, and Doña Ana County. Sixteen low-cost spay/neuter programs will soon receive shares of the funding so desperately needed to curb rampant cat and dog overpopulation. For example, seven programs in Doña Ana County will each receive \$2,350, a total investment of \$16,450. Two programs in Roswell will split a total amount of \$9,870 to target the crisis in Chaves County. Two programs in Farmington will share an award of \$12,390.

It's a start, but we must do more.

What will 2015 bring? The New Mexico Animal Sheltering Board must be given the tools it needs to focus intensely and consistently on its vital mission of creating and helping communities implement affordable and accessible spay/neuter services throughout the state. Proven solutions to the tragic and costly problem of cat and dog overpopulation are well within reach. With continued leadership and commitment at the state level, New Mexico's communities can successfully save lives, save money, and ensure a better future for generations to come.

Spay/Neuter Programs in New Mexico

Spay/neuter programs that are accessible and free or low-cost are the best defense in the war against New Mexico's tragic and costly problem of companion animal overpopulation. Help spread the word with APNM's county-by-county directory and by promoting the state's spay/neuter license plate in your community.

Low-Cost and No-Cost Programs:

http://www.apnm.org/campaigns/animal_overpopulation/spay_neuter_resources.php

New Mexico Spay/Neuter License Plate:

http://www.apnm.org/campaigns/spay_neuter/

Why PAWS Supports APNM

"APNM has been an inspiration and guiding light for PAWS. APNM helped create the state's Animal Sheltering Board, which recently distributed money from the sale of New Mexico's spay/neuter license plates to spay-neuter programs like ours. This money helped us alter cats and dogs in our community – animals that will no longer be reproducing and adding to the overpopulation problem. We are very fortunate to have a statewide organization like APNM to guide our shared vision."

For over 20 years, PAWS has been rescuing, rehabilitating, rehoming, and transferring companion animals, sponsoring low-cost/no-cost spay and neuter clinics, distributing free cat/dog food, and offering humane education programs.



Jane Carson, President, PAWS (People for Animal Welfare Society), Pecos, NM

THE HORSE SHELTER RESCUE FUND:

This is What Humane Solutions Look Like

New Mexico's rescue facilities that serve the state's needy horses, donkeys, and mules recently received an unprecedented source of public support for their lifesaving work.

This winter, for the first time, grants from the Horse Shelter Rescue Fund are being distributed to the state's licensed equine shelters, providing much needed funding to offset the costs of feeding and sheltering homeless and abused animals. With support from this program, rescued horses, donkeys, and mules are given a better chance than ever at rehabilitation and adoption.

Created during the 2013 Legislature, the Horse Shelter Rescue Fund was launched at the beginning of 2014 with a \$250,000 appropriation from the state legislature. In addition, 2014 marked the first year in which taxpayers could contribute to the Fund via a state income tax refund "check-off" created during the 2013 Legislature. Animal Protection Voters participated in the creation of this fund in collaboration with Senator George Muñoz, shelters, and the New Mexico Livestock Board (NMLB), which facilitates the distribution of the funding.

This fall, each of the state's licensed horse rescues—including nine facilities serving domestic equines and two wild horse sanctuaries—were invited to apply for assistance through the state's Horse Shelter Rescue Fund. In December, the NMLB approved funding to help offset horse care costs for each of the applying shelters and sanctuaries, providing significant state support to each facility for the first time ever. Additionally, at the request of the shelters, a special emergency fund was earmarked using revenue from the tax refund "check-off" program, which totaled over \$11,000 for 2014.

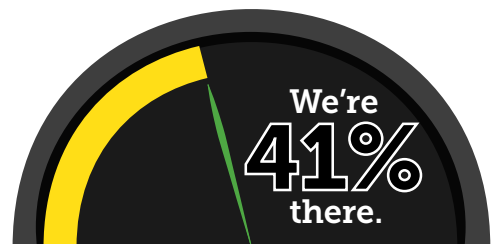
Given the success of this program's first year, Animal Protection Voters is already working to secure continued funding for equine rescue and welfare during the 2015 legislative session.



You can complement APV's efforts by contributing your state tax refund to this bold new initiative for horses in the 2015 tax season. Just look for the Horse Shelter Rescue Fund on the New Mexico PIT-D form.



Challenge Grants Will
Double Your Dollars
for the
Equine Protection Fund



Please help us help more horses! Give now, before December 31st, and your dollars will be matched. Visit www.apnm.org/donate.

Santa Fe

Representatives of APNM and the New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NMCADV) announced an expanded Companion Animal Rescue Effort (CARE) program to support domestic violence victims and their animals, thanks to state funding sought by **Senator Nancy Rodriguez** (D-Santa Fe) and approved during the 2014 legislative session. Senator Rodriguez spoke at a press conference and pledged her continued support of this work being shepherded by the New Mexico Children, Youth & Families Department.



Albuquerque

APNM's CARE program was selected as this fall's beneficiary of the Albuquerque Unitarian Church's "Change for the Future Forum." Arranged and promoted by CARE Ambassador Committee member, Margaret Keller, the event provided APNM staffers Sharon Jonas and Sherry Mangold an opportunity to share information on the Link and the CARE program that provides temporary safe havens for the animals of domestic violence victims. This assistance allows the victims the support needed to leave their abusive situations and create new lives for themselves and their animals. A portion of the contributions to the Unitarian Church throughout the fall months will be donated and matched by Keller, in support of the CARE program.

Statewide

APNM's 2014 *New Mexico Animal Resources Guide* is now available at apnm.org/nmarg. Find info for local, county, state and national animal-related agencies, organizations, and rescue groups, as well as New Mexico lawmakers. Got additions or updates? Call 505-265-2322, ext. 23.

In preparation for the 2015 legislative session, Animal Protection Voters participated in meetings, forums, and parties, getting the word out about pressing bills to improve the lives of animals and engaging volunteers as animal advocates at the Roundhouse. For a sneak peek at the 2015 agenda, visit apvnm.org.

Truth or Consequences

The city is developing plans for a modern Public Safety Center that includes its first municipal animal shelter, so city officials reached out to APNM for assistance. In September, APNM's Animal Shelter Program Manager, Eileen McCarthy, attended a meeting with an ASPCA shelter design expert and an Albuquerque architectural firm to discuss shelter construction plans, facilitating best practices in T or C.

wish list

For *The Animal Connection*:

T-shirts with animals on them in children's sizes

For the Straw Fund:

Donations (one \$7 bale can keep three animals warm)

can you help us out?

Contact Daniel Abram at daniel@apnm.org or 505-265-2322 ext. 32.

APNM's much-anticipated 2015 Milagro Awards will be here before you know it, and the ceremony's location is sure to inspire you to attend. The Hyatt Regency Tamaya is located on the sacred lands of the Santa Ana Pueblo between Albuquerque and Santa Fe. Jaw-dropping sunsets, stunning views of the stark Sandia Mountains, and the resort's fabulous culinary offerings are bound to create an unforgettable Milagro Awards event!



*Save the Date: Saturday, October 3, 2015
Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort & Spa, Bernalillo*

Call for Nominations

Animal Protection of New Mexico is seeking nominations for its 2015 Milagro Awards ceremony. All submissions must be received by May 1, 2015. To download a nomination form and instructions visit www.apnm.org/milagro_awards/. Please help us identify fabulous champions for animals by nominating a deserving individual or entity for any of the ten award categories listed at right.

Since 2000, APNM has been "catching people in the act" of doing good things for animals, and recognizing them for their humanitarian efforts at its Milagro Awards ceremonies. The Milagro Awards recognize individual and collaborative humanitarian acts on behalf of animals. New Mexico organizations, businesses and individuals can be nominated in the following categories, except for the Animal Award category, which is for animal nominees only:

- Advocacy Award
- Animal Award
- Direct Animal Services Award
- Humane Citizen Award
- Humane Education Award
- Lawmaking Advocacy Award
- Media Award
- Senator Mary Jane Garcia Award
- Spirit of the Mission Award
- Youth Award

In addition, the APNM Board of Directors may present a **Board of Directors' Award** for lifelong commitment to animal rights, and the APNM Executive Director may present an **Executive Director's Award** for outstanding support of APNM's mission and programs.

INTERNS: We Need You!

APNM and APV are seeking dedicated volunteer interns to help with important organizational and program functions:

Intern Archivist to digitize our 35-year history of animal advocacy. This involves scanning records and photographs and cataloging/tagging them in an archive database. This would be a great project for a student of journalism. Applicants for the archiving internship should be technically savvy.

Companion Animal Rescue Effort (CARE) Network Intern to help expand the network. This would involve calling prospective animal foster caregivers and processing their applications. Applicants must have excellent phone and people skills.

Animal Protection Voters Interns to help advance the 2015 legislative agenda.

Would you like
to get involved?

Interested individuals should call Daniel at (505) 265-2322, ext. 32, email him at daniel@apnm.org, or find an application on our website: http://apnm.org/get_involved/internship/.

Lessons Learned Reach

Lessons learned in the classroom should not remain in the classroom—that is an underlying goal for APNM’s education programs.

Within the 12-week *Animal Connection* program, one lesson pictorially follows the journey of two loose dogs picked up from the streets by an animal welfare officer. As the dogs’ journeys come to an end, the students share in the joy of a worried family’s reunion with their once lost family member. However, they also learn the consequences that occur when an animal is not reclaimed, is old, has been at the shelter too long, or has developed behavioral issues that make him a poor candidate for adoption. This virtual tour of life and death in the shelter creates compassion and empathy for the animals. Tears are shed. Students raise the question, “How can we keep this from happening?” The follow-up lesson contains the answer: spay and neuter.

The following week, when extrapolating the number of puppies and kittens born to an intact animal in one year, students come to understand the staggering numbers of unwanted animals. Alysia, a 5th grader in Los Lunas, continued to punch numbers into her calculator long

Beyond the Classroom

after the exercise was completed. She paused, sighed, and began punching the numbers again. That evening, APNM’s Education Director, Sherry Mangold, received a call from Alysia’s teacher. Alysia had gone home and shared the consequences of those numbers with her parents, begging them to have their six intact animals fixed. The parents were quickly convinced, but could not afford six spay and neuter surgeries. They wondered if help was available.

Mangold contacted her APNM teaching partner, Cindy Wacek, a volunteer with Valencia County’s Quixote Humane, and arrangements were quickly made for Alysia’s companion animals. The following week Alysia was proud to share with her classmates that all six of her family’s animals had been fixed. Thank you, Alysia, for putting your lesson to work for the animals!

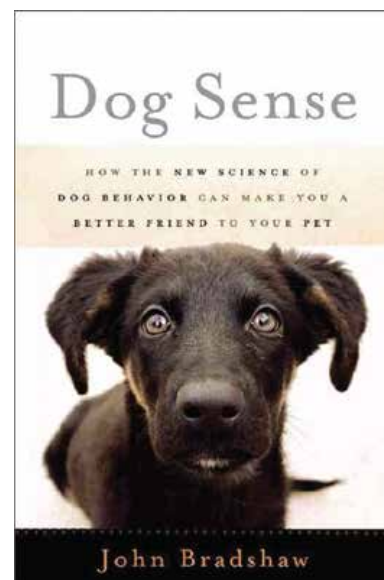
Book Review: *Dog Sense* by John Bradshaw

John Bradshaw is an animal behaviorist and author of the book *Cat Sense: How the New Feline Science Can Make You a Better Friend to Your Pet*. In his sequel, *Dog Sense*, Bradshaw again uses his background in anthrozoology to help readers better understand the dog mind and tackle some common behavior problems.

He describes how our expectations of how dogs should behave has changed drastically in the last 100 years and continues to change. Bradshaw observes that dogs living in increasingly fast-paced urban environments “are expected to be simultaneously better behaved than the average human child and as self-reliant as adults.” One suggestion he gives is in how to reprimand a dog. It may seem counterintuitive, but because dogs crave human attention, a strong verbal reprimand is a form of attention and may actually reinforce unwanted behavior (like jumping up on houseguests). Bradshaw suggests crossing your arms, looking away and completely ignoring the

dog when he exhibits the troublesome behavior. This will help the dog correlate his actions with the withdrawal of your attention – a powerful message.

“I recently started using this technique with my 85-pound black lab mix,” says APNM’s Daniel Abram, “and it really works. Instead of gently shoving him off my lap and saying ‘Hokey, no!’ I turn away. Within about a minute he lies down at my feet and awaits an ear rub, the ultimate reward.”



Get Ready for Animal Lobby Day with Animal Protection Voters

“The salvation of the state is watchfulness in the citizen.”

These words by Hartley Burr Alexander, inscribed above the entranceway of the Nebraska State Capitol, say it all. It is incumbent upon all citizens not just to vote for our representatives in the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of our government, but also to be watchful over the votes of those that we entrust to represent us.

This is even more important to members of the Animal Protection of New Mexico family. We have chosen to be guardians of the wellbeing of animals who can't vote or speak in their defense. One effective way of doing this is by exercising our first amendment right to lobby our elected representatives.

Animal Protection Voters (APV) has a number of tools to help you with your lobbying efforts. We publish our annual Scorecard (<http://apvnm.org/scorecard/>) which is a guide to information about important bills for animals that were introduced during a particular legislative session. The scorecard also recognizes and evaluates the members of the state House and Senate that championed or chose not to support APV priority legislation.

In preparation for the vitally important Animal Lobby Day in February, here are three steps you can take right now:

Animal Lobby Day



Step 1. Go to APVNM.org and click on “Citizen Lobbyist Tips” for a handy lobbying checklist that includes information on calling and writing to your elected officials, meeting with them, and tips on attending legislative hearings.

Step 2. Sign up for and attend APV’s 2015 Animal Lobby Day at the State Capitol on Friday, February 20th. Register online at lobbyday@apvnm.org. The day’s activities will include a press conference, lobbyist training, and an analysis of the current animal protection priority legislation being debated.

Step 3. Join APV, the lobbying arm of APNM that works directly with legislators and voters to encourage the passing of animal protection legislation. To join, go to apvnm.org/donate/. (APV is a 501(c)(4) organization, donations are not tax deductible.)

ANIMAL PROTECTION OF NEW MEXICO: YOUR GIVING MATTERS

Holiday Gifts that Help Horses

This holiday season, the New Mexico Equine Protection Fund is offering two unique gifts for family, friends, and colleagues:

2015 Equine Protection Calendar

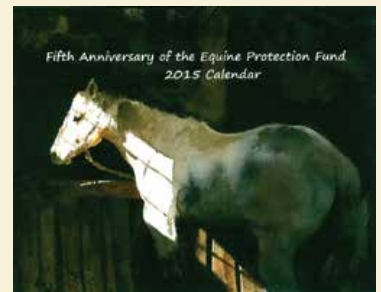
The gorgeous, limited edition 2015 Equine Protection Calendar (celebrating the fifth anniversary of the Equine Protection Fund) features exclusive horse art by renowned New Mexico artists. The calendar includes photos and stories from horses, donkeys, and mules helped by the Equine Fund’s humane assistance programs, and special dates in equestrian culture and history.

The calendar (\$25) can be purchased online at EquineProtectionFund.org, as well as in art galleries and specialty stores around New Mexico (a list of stores is on the Fund’s website).

Horse Art Cookies—Yum!

Rio Rancho-based Stella’s Sugar Shack bakes delicious vegan sugar cookies and now you can purchase these equine-themed treats individually for \$4.75 or by the dozen for \$35-\$40, and **35% of the proceeds will automatically be donated to the Fund.** Even better, **for any cookies you purchase, just mention APNM and 35% of the proceeds will be donated to the fund.** To place an order, contact Stella at 505-205-6139 or stellassugarshack@gmail.com. Visit Stella’s Sugar Shack on Facebook to see her delicious vegan cookies: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Stellas-Sugar-Shack/159208620921354>

Whether you decide to purchase an equine calendar or cookies or both, your donation will be **doubled** through a very generous challenge grant. For special gifts this holiday season and beyond, visit our website www.EquineProtectionFund.org or contact Victoria at victoriak@apnm.org or 575-405-8567.



Restaurant Review: **Nu Asia Vegan**

“You don’t have to be vegan to love vegan food,” say the owners of the Nu Asia Vegan Restaurant & Vegan Sushi. Hkung Maran and Brang Jangma, also the chefs, are looking to attract vegan and non-vegan patrons alike to their modern Asian fusion establishment. Hkung and Brang opened Nu Asia last April in their newly renovated space, formerly home to Cosmo Tapas and The Martini Grill. The new atmosphere is as colorful and bright as the restaurant’s menu.

Nu Asia differs from other nearby vegan houses by veering away from Thai influences and providing menu offerings with the flavors of Malaysia, Korea, Japan and the Philippines. The Korean style Shitake Mushroom Bulgogi comes out sizzling and steaming on a personal sized skillet, much like fajitas. The vegan steak (wheat-based seitan) is marinated exactly the way its animal-based counterpart would be, and it comes cooked with garlic, chili, onions and mushrooms, which add just the right amount of bitterness and earthiness to this mildly spicy dish. Patrons seem to know to ask for the Malaysian inspired Curry Laksa (not on the menu but always available), an aromatic noodle soup with a devilishly rich and creamy coconut milk base, wilted spinach, just the right amount of spice and cooled off with fresh cilantro, bean sprouts and a lemon slice. It can be prepared with tofu or vegan chicken.

The sushi menu is remarkably extensive, offering all-you-can eat vegan sushi for lunch or dinner. But don’t ask for seconds if you haven’t cleaned your plate – house rule! The owners and staff of Nu Asia are very committed to reducing food

waste and shop for all their raw food ingredients and produce at local farmers’ markets rather than grocery stores or big box warehouse distributors. The Pumpkin Crunchy rolls are particularly delightful and feature vegan crabmeat and fish, a zesty veganise special sauce and thin slices of deep fried pumpkin meat, fire seared at the last minute for added crunch.

And don’t forget dessert! It may not sound like everyone’s first choice, but those with a sweet tooth are coming back just for the spinach ice cream, made just like dairy ice cream but with coconut milk, and strikingly colored only by the spinach.

Hkung and Brang and their staff are excellent hosts with a good sense of humor and very accommodating of their guests. Dishes can be prepared gluten-free, low in sugar, and at every level of spiciness, one through five. For those who do not prefer the mildly fishy flavor of sushi, rolls can be prepared with a “tofu skin” instead of seaweed. With such an extensive menu, one great way to sample a variety of flavors is to order from the selection of combos or Bento boxes.

Nu Asia Vegan

4200 Central Avenue, SE
Albuquerque, NM 87108

www.facebook.com/pages/Nu-Asia-Vegan-Restaurant/660447464002755

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Open Monday-Saturday 11AM to 9PM
Sunday 4PM to 9PM



Photo courtesy Frances Ong



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Vegan Holiday Treats: Haystacks and Peanut Butter Cups

Haystacks ~ no holiday candy is easier or more delicious than these morsels. Shown decorated with candied lavender and gel.

- 1 cup vegan dark chocolate chips
- 3/4 cup shredded (unsweetened) coconut
- candy mold trays

Using a double boiler, slowly melt the chocolate chips, add the shredded coconut and mix well. Using a 1/2 teaspoon measuring spoon, drop mixture into candy mold circles and press down to fill mold.

Refrigerate until hardened (about 2 hours). Remove from refrigerator when ready to eat. Place each candy in a candy paper and store in a covered container in the refrigerator.

Peanut Butter Cups ~ adapted from a recipe at allrecipes.com. Shown decorated with cake gel and peanut half.

- 1 11.5 oz. pkg. vegan chocolate chips (divided into two equal portions)
- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/3 cup confectioner's sugar

Fill a small muffin tin with candy papers. Using a double boiler, slowly melt half the chocolate chips. Using a 1/2 teaspoon measuring spoon, drop a dollop of chocolate into each paper, drawing the chocolate up the sides of the paper to create a "cup" of chocolate that is evenly coated on the paper. Be sure the chocolate sticks to the sides of the paper and that it's not too thick on the bottom. Fill approximately 2 dozen papers using this method. Refrigerate until the chocolate is firm.

In a small bowl, mix together the peanut butter, salt, and confectioners' sugar (the mixture should be fairly stiff).

Melt the other half of the chocolate chips in a double boiler. Remove the chocolate "cups" from refrigerator, drop a small spoonful of peanut butter mixture into each "cup". Then using a small spoon, drop a dollop of melted chocolate on each candy, spreading it to the edge of the paper to cover the peanut butter mixture.

Refrigerate until firm, remove from muffin tins, store in covered container in refrigerator. Enjoy!

Vegan Dining—The New Normal

Finding vegan food when dining out has become dramatically easier in recent years, and APNM makes it even easier by publishing vegan dining guides for both Santa Fe and Albuquerque on its website.

Visit www.apnm.org/vegan_dining_guides/ and discover your new favorite vegan restaurant!



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Making sure animals matter in every New Mexican community.

A New September Tradition Begins: Animals & Architecture

In September, Lisa Barker of Barker Realty/Christie’s International Real Estate organized and hosted an elegant evening to benefit the animals. In attendance was film legend and animal advocate, Ali MacGraw, a 2001 Milagro Award winner, and Bindy the miniature donkey, a 2011 Milagro Award winner.

Stay tuned this spring when we announce plans for our next Animals & Architecture event.

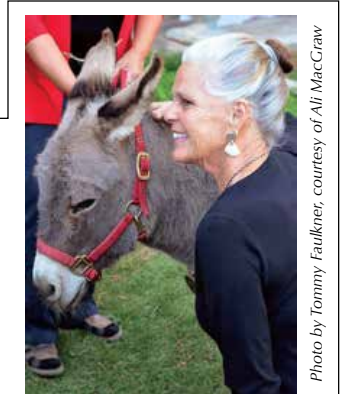


Photo by Tommy Faulkner, courtesy of Ali MacGraw



Photo courtesy of Ennio García-Miera

Ennio García-Miera

ANIMAL PROTECTION OF NEW MEXICO: **FACES OF APNM**

Ennio recently joined the staff of Animal Protection of New Mexico/Animal Protection Voters as Legislative Director, bringing decades of experience and expertise to the position. He has been a supporter of compassion towards animals since he was a child, earning him the childhood nickname “St. Francis,” the patron saint of animals. Ennio has deep roots in New Mexico: the Spanish colonial side of his family in New Mexico dates back to 1598, and he is also proud to claim Jemez Pueblo ancestry. He earned a Masters degree in Spanish and English, a Bachelors degree in Spanish & Latin American studies, and has graduate level training in retail banking.

Ennio has worked in government relations at the federal, state and local

levels and has executive experience in the consumer financial services industry. He is also a published author and has been honored for his contributions to the communities in which he’s lived for leadership, teaching and public service.

In addition to his new responsibilities with APNM/APV, Ennio is currently the District 1 Village Councilor in Corrales and serves on the Metropolitan Transportation Board for the Mid-Region Council of Governments. In his role as councilor, Ennio successfully sponsored animal protection legislation for the village. He shares his Corrales home with his partner, seven dogs, four turkeys and a parrot.