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The Animal Connection

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends of the Animals,

2016 is winding to a close, and it has been a year of inquiry, assessment, change, and planning for Animal Protection of New Mexico (APNM) and its legislative arm, Animal Protection Voters (APV).

Thanks to your substantial engagement—APNM/APV received 495 responses to its summer 2016 donor/supporter survey—we heard and appreciate what you like about our efforts, and we listened closely to what you said we could do better.

In addition to pressing forward on our serious and powerful program work that you love, throughout the spring, summer, and fall we have also been engaged in comprehensive strategic planning, to ensure we can sustain for the long term this work that is deeply meaningful to all of us.

Our vision of *making humane the new normal* is a heavy lift when one considers the practices and policies we need to address and improve in our state. Toward that end, we've identified at least 14 fundamental changes needed to protect animals and make our community safer over the next decade (see page 26 of our 2015 Annual Report, at apnm.org/annualreport2015). Achieving that vital change will require our absolute focus over the next 5-10 years on three strategic priorities: sharpening our brand and establishing widespread awareness of what APNM/APV does; achieving abundant and sustainable funding and support; and building and strengthening our organizational culture.

You already know fundamental, positive change takes substantial time, savvy, and dedication by skilled staff and volunteers, and adequate resources. Our strategic priorities will provide the roadmap for keeping us on a path to success for what matters to so many caring New Mexicans.

You've proven you aren't waiting for "someone else" to get involved and make positive change. You are active and vocal participants in these life-affirming efforts. Thank you!

Sincerely yours,

Elisabeth Jennings
Executive Director

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On the Cover

Young Isleta resident Sebastian cuddles with Whitaker, one of the therapy dogs who assists in *The Animal Connection* programs. Photo by Brent and Amber Peterson. Heartfelt thanks to Isleta Animal Control Officer Esquipula Garcia.



SPREADING THE PRINCIPLES OF COMPASSION

Therapy dog, Xena, receives a gentle greeting during *The Animal Connection*.
Photo by Jessi Princiotta

This past summer, Animal Protection of New Mexico's *The Animal Connection* provided presentations for Isleta, Santa Ana, and Laguna Pueblos. Although the topics varied along with the age groups in attendance, the results were the same.

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Spreading the Principles of Compassion: *The Animal Connection* at Work

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In the back of the classroom, there was a small commotion as a teacher approached a student, knelt at the side of his desk and put her arm around the boy's shoulders. She handed him a tissue and patted him on the back.

The topic for the Isleta Elementary 5th grade class was "Humane Care and Responsibility," and the students were taking turns appropriately approaching, petting, and brushing the therapy dogs. The earlier class discussion involved listing all the basic things humans need to be happy and healthy. Written on the board were the students' suggestions: shelter, food, water, play, exercise, sleep, education, medical care, and love. When the same question was asked about the basic needs of animals, the students created a very similar list. And then the realization hit: These are not things animals can provide for themselves, but rather depend on guardians to provide for them. The lesson was learned.

When the last student reluctantly went back to her seat after working with Xena the Chihuahua, it was time for questions and comments. The teacher instructed the students to raise their hands, and when called on, to announce their name and what they hoped to be as adults. The first hand up was from the tallest and strongest-looking boy in the class. He was also the student who had received attention from his teacher just a moment ago. "I'm Roman

and I'm going to be a professional football player. I think I hurt my cat's feelings. I threw kitty litter on her when she was in her kitty box." The tears came again as Roman acknowledged that his teasing was not funny but rather hurtful to his companion.

Epiphanies, such as Roman's, occur all the time in the communities *The Animal Connection* serves. Excited about what they have learned, students go home and share these lessons with their families and friends. Parents have decided to have their dogs spayed or neutered, collars have been checked for tightness, and cats and dogs have received needed vaccinations. Older siblings teach younger ones, friends teach friends, and the concept of caring about another living being grows, as children spread the principles of compassion far beyond the classroom.

The Animal Connection programs exist to deliver APNM's potent mission: to advocate the rights of animals by effecting systemic change, resulting in the humane treatment of all animals. Teaching children the principles of compassion and empathy for other living beings is surely one of the most powerful ways systemic change will occur. But the demand for these programs is growing at a rate far faster than can be provided. If you would like to help bring *The Animal Connection* to more children, and make a better future for us all, contact APNM Chief Development Officer Elizabeth Wolf at elizabeth@apnm.org or 505-933-1123.



The Animal Connection : Targeted for When It's Most Effective

For Youth and Schools

The Animal Connection programs engage students with relevant and interesting topics in animal welfare. Students participate in experiential learning opportunities that include registered therapy dogs, games and activities, and feature animal professionals from the community. The programs build an ethic of kindness and compassionate animal stewardship through

learning activities that are aligned with the Common Core Academic Standards adopted by the New Mexico Public Education Department. Adapted accordingly for grade level, *The Animal Connection* program is available in a comprehensive twelve-week version for grades 3-5 and 6-8. A shorter version (four-week) is available for Pre-Kindergarten through 2nd grade.

For Adults

For adult audiences, APNM features a variety of presentations that have been developed based on requests from various New Mexico communities. Topics about relevant issues in animal welfare, animal control, and public health and safety are

offered. Answers to frequently asked questions, including how to report and document animal cruelty, are presented in these specialized forums for adult audiences.

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Summer Programs are Popular at Santa Ana and Isleta Pueblos

Santa Ana Pueblo's beautiful new community center was the venue for presentations on "Loose Dog and Bite Safety." Therapy dog teams from Southwest Canine Corps of Volunteers (SCCV) assisted in hands-on activities as students learned how to safely approach dogs and give treats. "Bubba" the marionette, with furrowed brow, tongue dangling, and fangs menacingly displayed, plays the part of the biting dog, charging at children as they adeptly move into the protective "rock" position.

APNM has been providing these programs to Santa Ana's children each summer for the past five years. The mutual respect grows as Santa Ana's Animal Welfare Committee requested APNM's Humane Education Director, Sherry Mangold, serve on the Pueblo's animal ordinance review committee.

Humane Education programs expanded at Isleta Pueblo's summer education series. Again, in partnership with SCCV, "Loose Dog and Bite Safety" presentations were provided for students in all age groups. Older students who have taken classes in past years assisted with teaching younger children how to behave around both friendly and unknown dogs. The active participation of Isleta's Animal Control Officers (ACOs) provides a crucial element to the success of these programs, teaching children the officers are there to help, and encouraging them to report their animal concerns. Younger children, ages 4 through 7, also took part in the pueblo library's "Read to Rico" presentation. Circled on the floor with therapy dogs using their laps as pillows, the children, accompanied by Isleta's ACOs, read out loud to the dogs about a Greyhound wishing for his forever home.

Laguna Pueblo Academy Welcomes *The Animal Connection*

After meeting Laguna Pueblo's Public Safety Director, Jesse Orozco, who presented at Santa Ana's animal ordinance revision meetings, Sherry was introduced to Tribal Police Captain Harold Medina and Officer Maria Galvan, organizers and teachers in the Laguna Junior Public Safety Academy. Taking part in the Academy for the first time this summer, Sherry and fellow teacher Cindy Wacek provided presentations for the Academy's little ones on "Care and Responsibility," and "Loose Dog and Bite Safety." The older students participated in adult versions of those presentations as well as "The Need for Spay/Neuter," and a viewing of "Sherpa's Farm: A New Mexico Farm Animal Sanctuary." The curriculum was based on teaching about—and complementing—the pueblo's highly celebrated animal ordinances.

Photo by Brent and Amber Peterson



Reading to Rico

As Rico enters a classroom, all attention focuses on him. Rico is a striking, black and white, rescued Greyhound from the racing industry (and unofficial staff member of APNM). He is one of the Southwest Canine Corps of Volunteers therapy dogs who brings a very special reading program to the classroom, and he seems to truly love his job. As part of APNM's Reading to Rico program, these therapy dogs (and their human companions) fulfill the requests of teachers and librarians by providing this invaluable opportunity in countless classrooms and libraries throughout New Mexico communities.

When a child picks up a book and begins to read to a therapy dog, the experience becomes much more than just reading. Numerous

Reading to therapy dogs is a proven method of helping children to learn better and care more.

national studies have provided over a decade of data that confirms the positive results for children:

- ★ **improved reading skills,**
- ★ **emotional benefits such as greater self-confidence and stress reduction, and**
- ★ **enhanced social skills including kindness and improved communication.**

Teachers inherently know that their students' interest in reading, as well as their reading skills, improve when reading to nonjudgmental furry friends.

To learn more about the benefits of reading to dogs, visit <http://readingtodogs.weebly.com/research.html>

Breaking News: Cougar Trapping Season Has Started

While APNM's state and federal lawsuits are still ongoing, the legal process can take months or years—and the cougar trapping carnage has now begun.

Starting November 1 of this year—for the first time in nearly five decades—millions of acres of New Mexico's private and state trust lands are now open to cougar trapping until March 31, 2017.

This means everyone is at greater risk of stepping into cougar traps and snares, including nursing mother cougars and their kittens who are supposed to be protected under state regulations, as well as federally protected endangered species like Mexican wolves.

What kind of barbaric devices will now litter our state in large numbers? The traps contain a spring-loaded trigger that closes two steel jaws, which can spread up to approximately seven inches wide, around the leg of an animal that steps between the jaws. Snares use a coiled spring with a looped metal cable that cinches tightly around an animal's foot. Captured animals often further injure themselves while thrashing or even chewing off their own trapped limb while trying to escape. Traps often go unchecked for long enough that the animal starves, dies of thirst or exposure, or is killed by another animal before being found.

Traps and snares are *cruel and completely indiscriminate*. Why does that matter?

- ⊙ That matters when a healthy cougar population depends on mothers being able to raise their young into adulthood (orphaned cubs younger than six months have a 96% rate of death by starvation).
- ⊙ That matters when the survival of an entire species can be jeopardized by even just one animal dying from a trap injury. For example, there are only about 97 Mexican wolves left in the world, and many of them live in New Mexico.
- ⊙ That matters as New Mexico families and their dogs hike all over our beautiful lands, and can easily step into a trap, resulting in anguish, thousands of dollars in medical and/or veterinary bills, and sometimes maiming and even death of companion animals.



What Can You Do?

Support our legal efforts to stop this disastrous cougar trapping season: www.apnm.org/donate



It's Time for New Mexico to Rethink Its Wildlife Rabies Policies



Karen Williams had just passed the 23-mile mark of a marathon organized in the Valles Caldera National Preserve. Several runners had already scaled the hill in front of her and continued on their way to the finish line. But when Karen reached the top, she was suddenly confronted by a startled mother black bear with two cubs.

Acting defensively, the mother bear charged Karen, causing serious but non-life threatening injuries. Karen first fought and then played dead, and eventually the bear left her alone and bolted with her cubs.

While being treated for her injuries in the hospital, Karen shared with wildlife officials who interviewed her that she firmly believed the mother bear was not predatory or dangerous—that the bear was in her own habitat, and she was simply alarmed and protective of her cubs, as any animal would naturally be.

But state law, through a State Department of Health regulation, requires that any wild animal—with limited exception—that bites or scratches a human be euthanized and tested for rabies. The rationale behind this policy is to protect and identify humans who may have been exposed to rabies and ensure proper treatment. The only scientifically approved test for rabies requires that the animal be euthanized and portions of the brain sent to a laboratory. Some species of animals, such as skunks or foxes, are known to have high rates of rabies infection and high risk of transmission to humans, and the interest of public health does seem to justify testing these animals.

But what about black bears? Not a single black bear in New Mexico has ever been found to have contracted rabies.

So why did the Valles Caldera mother bear need to be tracked down, euthanized, and tested for rabies? If the risk of a black bear contracting or transmitting rabies in New Mexico is so low—and the patient, as Karen did, volunteers to undergo rabies treatment to protect her health, regardless

of any test results from the animals—isn't the same positive public health outcome achieved?

These are questions that have led Animal Protection Voters to begin working with Karen to reexamine New Mexico's wildlife rabies laws and make sure they make sense. Certainly, no one wants to put people in danger of a rabies outbreak. But if we can protect people from rabies and at the same time avoid killing an animal with very low risk of contracting rabies, then that's a win-win situation we can all celebrate. Officials in some other states already take this approach.

Why care about one bear? Because every animal's life counts, of course. But when you add in unsustainable hunting practices in New Mexico, the stakes for the species in our state are also in play.

Animal Protection Voters will continue to work with Karen and state lawmakers on legislation that will establish parameters within which the appropriate agency officials must operate when treating a person for a wildlife bite or scratch—taking into account whether the animal's behavior was defensive or predatory, the animal's likelihood of transmitting rabies to a human, and the cost-savings of human rabies treatment versus capturing, killing, and testing animals.

Want to know how this story ends?

Stay up to date by signing up for Animal Protection Voters email alerts and breaking news: [APVNM.org/SignUp](https://www.apvnm.org/SignUp)

On August 20th, APNM's Kim Blanchard and Daniel Abram presented on the Companion Animal Rescue Effort (CARE) program at the Four Corners Veterinary Symposium at the enchanting Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort and Spa. The symposium was attended by approximately 700 veterinarians and veterinary technicians from across the country; it was hosted by VCA Animal Hospitals and the Animal Neurology & Imaging Center. APNM's CARE program was designated as the charitable recipient of the registration fees for the conference. Kelly McEwen, Referral Advocate for VCA and an APNM Board member, asked APNM to do presentations both on the CARE program and the APNM Animal Cruelty Hotline.

Some of the conference participants were already CARE program partner clinics, but many were hearing about it for the first time. The audience seemed impressed by the goal of helping animals of domestic violence victims. Several women were deeply moved and

Veterinarians Show Their Support

approached Kim after the presentation to relate their personal stories and express their relief in knowing that such a program exists.

A number of interested veterinary offices contacted Kim following the event to sign up as volunteers for the confidential CARE network of service providers.

APNM's Alan Edmonds also presented to conference attendees, highlighting the many ways APNM's Animal Cruelty Hotline benefits animals, caring New Mexicans, and in fact all our state's communities. Specific stories underscored the power of the hotline to help individual animals and serve as an incubator for policy changes over many decades.

It was a successful symposium that led to awareness, lasting relationships, and a generous donation of \$11,500 to the CARE program. APNM thanks VCA Animal Hospitals and the Animal Neurology & Imaging Center for including it in this well-attended and highly effective conference.

Learn more about CARE at apnm.org/CARE



Daniel and Kim receive a generous donation to APNM. Photo by Robert Schutz, APV Board President

APNM CRUELTY HOTLINE

Tragedy for a Dog and Her Family Proves Traps Have No Place in Our State

In August 2016, APNM's Cruelty Case Manager was alerted to an extreme animal cruelty case in which two missing dogs in Taos were found severely injured, caught in cruel leg-hold traps on a neighbor's property. Both were found still alive after surviving overnight through freezing rain. The dogs, Speckles and Rosie (aka Chi Chi), had also been bludgeoned in their heads. Unfortunately, Rosie did not survive (a necropsy by the State Veterinarian confirmed that the dog died due to injuries to her head).

Speckles sustained a gash to her head and injuries inflicted by the trap. Trying to free herself, she also badly damaged her front teeth. Speckles was deeply traumatized by this terrifying and painful experience.

The Taos County Sheriff's Office, the 8th Judicial District Attorney's Office, and the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish have investigated and will not be bringing charges due to insufficient evidence.

Steel leg-hold traps are extremely cruel devices. Their steel jaws snap shut on whatever part of the body is in proximity to the trap. They are strong enough to break bones and to cut off circulation, often causing permanent damage.

The infuriating outcome of this tragic story underscores why New Mexicans need to ban traps here. Traps set "legally," with identification, are horrible enough, harming and killing

animals without any discrimination for who gets caught and killed. But illegally set traps like the ones that caught Rosie and Speckles, which had no identification and weren't claimed by anyone, give law-breakers the opportunity to get away with heinous crimes without any repercussions. This is unacceptable. To help ban steel traps and poisons on public lands in New Mexico, sign our petition at <http://tinyurl.com/hd62f99>



Speckles recuperating at home.



Rosie earlier this year.

Photos courtesy of Rosie and Speckles' guardian.



Witness animal cruelty or neglect? Call the APNM Cruelty Hotline 1-877-5-HUMANE

We can help and refer the situation to the right agency in your area. Confidentially.

YOU'VE READ THE STORIES. NOW HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP.



Spreading the Principles of Compassion (pages 3 - 7) We have more demand for our education programs than we can meet, due to insufficient funding. Please [donate](#) so that *The Animal Connection* can reach more children and adults throughout the state.



Breaking News: Cougar Trapping Season Started (page 8) Please help us continue our legal fight to stop this brutal activity. [Donate](#) today.



Time to Rethink Wildlife Rabies Policy (page 9) Sign up for the Animal Protection Voters email alerts at apvnm.org/signup and you'll be kept up to date on our progress.



Cruelty Hotline: Speckles and Rosie (page 10) Be sure to sign up for Animal Protection Voters email alerts at apvnm.org/signup to keep up-to-date on our trapping efforts. And if you see something, say something. Report animal abuse to our Cruelty Hotline at 1-877-5-HUMANE.

TAKING THESE
ACTIONS HAS A
BIG IMPACT.

Your voice, your dollars, and your compassion make a real and powerful difference in how animals are treated in our state. Make the biggest impact by supporting both APNM and APV.

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Federal Employees: Choose APNM

Federal employees, your generosity is inspiring: The Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) is the largest workplace giving campaign in the world. And now, you can help animals with your gift.

If you work for a U.S. Federal agency in New Mexico, or anywhere in the world, you can choose APNM for your tax-deductible workplace gift through a payroll deduction.

Look for APNM's table at CFC info events to learn more. When designating your preferred charity on the CFC forms, remember Animal Protection of New Mexico's CFC number: **75743**.

Thank you for helping us make humane the new normal.

Santa Fe County

Community support for humane alternatives to chaining dogs has been overwhelming in Santa Fe County. In October, the Board of County Commissioners agreed to consider ordinance changes, including broad restrictions on all means of tethering companion animals for routine restraint.

Humane Communities: Santa Fe, an APNM initiative, supported the progressive measures in the proposed ordinance drafts, but favors a grace period prior to enforcement of a complete tethering ban, allowing sufficient time for public education and implementation of preferable containment options.

Algodones

APNM's education staff is excited about adding Algodones Elementary to the growing list of schools receiving APNM's 12-week *The Animal Connection* curriculum. Both 4th grade classes and their teachers are fully engaged in the program. Students created slideshow presentations to teach their classmates about the costs and responsibilities involved with having the companion animal of their choice. Thank you to Sophia's Placitas Giving Circle for sponsoring this school and bringing these important life lessons to its students.

Doña Ana County

Animal Protection Voters staff met hundreds of animal advocates in southern New Mexico during a visit that included an outreach table at the Farmers' and Crafts Market of Las Cruces and a presentation on legislative issues at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Las Cruces.



Why I Support APNM

"I happily pledge a monthly sum to APNM because I know that money is going to address the myriad of animal issues in New Mexico. It's ONE STOP SHOPPING for GIVING where you are helping horses, chimpanzees, mountain lions, coyotes, house pets, children, your community, YOURSELF."

—Nora Fraser, Compassion Circle donor



CHARITABLE CHOICES

The generous support of members like you ensures that Animal Protection of New Mexico can continue its lifesaving mission. Like most nonprofits, APNM receives the largest share of its annual revenue during the “giving season.” That’s why now is an ideal time to consider the many choices you have for supporting your statewide animal protectors. Here are four of them.

- 1. Give at the office.** Ask whether your employer has a workplace charitable donation program. No gift is too small to make a difference. Some companies match their employees’ gifts 100%, doubling the impact of every dollar.
- 2. Include APNM in your will.** Making a charitable bequest, also called a “planned gift,” is simple, requiring just one or two sentences in your will or living trust stating that you are leaving a gift to APNM. The gift can be in several forms: a specific sum of money, a gift of stock, a percentage of your estate, a life insurance policy, or a type of property such as land, a vehicle, or some other asset. APNM’s tax identification (EIN) number is 85-0283292.
- 3. Donate a portion of your IRA distribution.** Are you at least age 70½? If so, you can donate up to \$100,000 of your mandatory annual IRA distribution directly to charity. You’ll support a cause you care about and avoid paying taxes on the distribution. This law is now permanent as part of the PATH Act (Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes) signed into law by President Obama on Dec. 18, 2015.
- 4. Join the Compassion Circle.** Members of our monthly giving program donate \$10, \$25, or more per month to ensure APNM has steady, reliable funding. It’s easy on your wallet and a snap to set up; just visit apnm.org/donate and check “I would like my gift to recur.” Prefer to give by check? You can do that, too.

For more information on these and other ways to give, contact Chief Development Officer Elizabeth Wolf, at elizabeth@apnm.org or 505-933-1123. Your gift—large or small, one-time or monthly—will help keep APNM strong and effective in 2017 and beyond.

Q&A

You Spoke—We Listened

Thank you to the nearly 500 APNM/APV members who responded to our survey this past summer. We received valuable feedback on what you like and what you’d like to see changed. We’ll be using your input in our strategic planning process. Here are some highlights from the survey results.

What do you like about APNM/APV?

- “You guys are the best. We could spin our wheels for hundreds of years trying to get animals recognized as sentient beings, but you are boots on the ground doing the actual work of educating and advocating. Thank you.”
- “The complete dedication and commitment to making the lives of all animals better.”
- “You attack the legal issues and get laws changed.”
- “You’re local.”

What can APNM/APV do better?

- “Raise more money, so you can better change legislation for the protection of animals. We need stronger, more serious punishment for animal abusers. Please keep and grow your education program.”
- “Increase everything you do, because it is so helpful!”
- “Create more of a presence to make APNM and the issues more known.”



ANIMAL PROTECTION **Lobby Day**

Wednesday Feb. 22, 2017
NM State Capitol, Santa Fe

Get all the details and register at
apvnm.org/lobbyday

SPEAK UP. BE HEARD. DON'T MISS IT.

You'll learn about current animal protection legislation, get trained in being an effective citizen lobbyist, visit with your legislators, have lunch and social time with fellow advocates, and be inspired by special guests at our press conference. Cap the day off with a reception at our Santa Fe office. **YOU** will make a **BIG** difference for animals when you lobby for them at Animal Protection Lobby Day.



We change the laws to change their lives. apvnm.org



Maple Jalapeño Stuffed Acorn Squash

This sweet and savory harvest delight has a Southwestern kick and will prove to become a mainstay of your vegan holiday bounty. As you coordinate all your holiday dishes, consider roasting the squash ahead of time and refrigerating for up to two days. You can also make and toast the cornbread ahead of time, and keep sealed in a cool, dry location until use in the recipe.

Maple Jalapeño Cornbread:

- 1 tsp vegetable oil
- 1½ cups flour
- ¾ cup masa harina
- ¾ cup yellow cornmeal
- 1 TBS baking powder
- 1 tsp fine sea salt
- 1½ cups water
- ⅓ cup maple syrup
- 5 TBS vegan butter substitute
- 2 fresh jalapeño peppers, finely chopped

- Preheat oven to 350°F.
- Lightly coat a 9" square baking dish with vegetable oil.
- In a large mixing bowl, combine flour, masa harina, cornmeal, baking powder and salt; whisk together.
- Add water and remaining ingredients until smooth.
- Spoon batter into baking dish and bake for 35 minutes.
- Let cornbread cool and cut into ½-inch cubes; arrange cubes on a baking pan and toast at 400° for about 30 minutes.

Stuffed Squash:

- 5 acorn squash
- 1 cup dried cranberries
- ½ cup dried currants
- 2 tsp olive oil
- 1 cup chopped onions
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 cup chopped carrot
- 2 TBS fresh sage
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 1¾ cup vegetable broth
- ¼ cup chopped pecans, toasted
- 2 TBS chopped parsley
- ½ tsp sea salt
- ½ tsp black pepper

- Cut each squash in half lengthwise, remove seeds and place cut side down in a large baking pan (9" x 13") coated with cooking spray; pour 2 cups of water over the squash, cover with foil, and bake at 350° for 20-25 minutes; remove squash from pan, drain water, and replace squash cut side up for stuffing in the same pan.
- Soak cranberries and currants in lukewarm water for 30 minutes and set aside.
- Heat oil in large skillet and sauté onions, garlic, celery, carrots and sage (about 5-7 minutes).
- Toss together onion mixture with toasted cornbread cubes, cranberry mixture, pecans, broth, parsley, salt, and pepper in a large mixing bowl.
- Fill squash with stuffing (about 1½ cups each) and bake at 350°F for about 30 minutes.



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

Attention Art Collectors: We are honored to be able to offer this beautiful, signed print by R.C. Gorman, all proceeds of which will go to APNM. R. C. Gorman (1931-2005) was a Navajo artist referred to as "the Picasso of American Indian art" by the New York Times. His paintings are primarily of Native American women and characterized by fluid forms and vibrant colors. He lived in Northern New Mexico from 1968 until his death in 2005.

This print, "Earth Mother 2" (1979), is #75 of a limited run of 75. A generous Santa Fe business owner donated it to APNM as a fundraiser. It is valued at \$4,000, matted and framed, 38" w x 30" h.

Interested? Contact Elizabeth at 505-933-1123.



APNM **FACES**



Photo by John Urquiza

Elizabeth Wolf joined APNM last February as our Chief Development Officer. Elizabeth has been hooked on charitable giving and activism since 1970, when her mother helped the youngster make a donation to the then-fledgling National Organization for Women (NOW). From there, Elizabeth went on to become active in several movements for social change, earning a BA in English, a certificate in technical writing and editing, and a master's degree in Women's Studies along the way.

After a 20-year career in journalism and book publishing, Elizabeth transitioned to nonprofit development, raising millions of dollars for local and national organizations. Prior to APNM, she served for five years as Communications and Development Director for national organic watchdog The Cornucopia Institute. Among her professional mentors is *Soul of Money* author Lynne Twist, who says that when people donate money, what they're really giving is love. Elizabeth endeavors to honor this sacred gift from our members.

A Nebraska native, Elizabeth has lived in sunny New Mexico for nearly 20 years. She makes her home in Santa Fe with her husband, environmental author Steven McFadden, and their Siamese cat Coquette, so-named for her habit of meowing for attention, then prancing away. Four years ago, the starving but talkative feline adopted the couple after being abandoned in the neighborhood. Elizabeth enjoys exploring the wilds of New Mexico, soaking in the healing waters of Ojo Caliente, and strategizing with others on how to make the world a kinder, more conscious place for all.