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PUTTING AN END
TO BATTERY CAGES
through passage of
HUMANE LAWS
FOR CHICKENS

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends of the Animals,

It was 1987, a time and place that seems incredibly distant now.

I was a member of a monthly book club then, able to peruse and order available titles from the colorful book catalog I received each month. I would then impatiently wait for my books to arrive in the mail. One month, I tore open the book club box and immediately started reading my copy of the newly-released book, *Eyes on the Prize*. It was a companion to the PBS series by the same name, also released that year. I was a budding animal activist and was devouring everything I could get my hands on that related to social change. I wanted to know about others' experiences, others' struggles, how they persisted, how they prevailed. I wanted to learn from others.

According to its promotional material, "*Eyes on the Prize* tells the definitive story of the civil rights era from the point of view of the ordinary men and women whose extraordinary actions launched a movement that changed the fabric of American life, and embodied a struggle whose reverberations continue to be felt today."

I was focused on the idea of "ordinary men and women." One thing that stood out for me when I read that book were the layers upon layers of individuals who would never be famous, never be heard or heard of broadly, and never be recognized for their part in monumental change. Yet their parts in the struggles were essential. Many recognized—and accepted—that their struggles would not necessarily yield an outcome they would experience in their lifetime. Yet they carried on, determined to support the movement.

I recently heard a news story that recognized the people who made 80,000 sandwiches to sustain those attending the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, where Martin Luther King made his famous "I Have a Dream" speech. In those sandwich-makers, I saw that "constant" that was in place then and remains with us today.

I think of the leagues and legions of animal advocates in our neighborhoods, in our communities, across New Mexico, across the country, and around the world whose daily actions for animals add up to tangible change. In this era that looks so different than decades past, the constant for me is the astonishing power of the individual and of the collective.

Our movement for animal liberation relies on our and your countless acts, combined with those of your neighbors, your friends, of others who say to themselves, "I am determined to contribute to the positive change!" Moving forward on our goals for 2022 and beyond, we will be asking you to continue showing up for the animals. It matters.

Elisabeth Jennings
Executive Director



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TAKING CHICKENS UNDER OUR WINGS

Have you or someone you know been learning more about the animal cruelty imbedded within our food systems? It's hard to stomach.

Almost all the suffering happens behind the closed doors of factory farms, and because of the sheer numbers involved, chickens are some of the most abused animals in our society. Chickens raised for food have been selectively bred to balloon to “full size” by a mere six weeks of age; these overgrown baby chicks are often already sick or lame because of their abnormal proportions, suffering inside crowded barns by the time they are slaughtered.

If that alone weren't bad enough, freshly hatched chicks raised for egg production usually have their beaks cut off, without any pain relief, to prevent future injury to each other while kept in extreme confinement for the remainder of their lives. These egg-laying hens are kept in “battery cages,” crammed with multiple other hens into tiny wire-

floored crates where they don't have enough space to walk or even stretch their wings. Other natural behaviors, like perching, dustbathing, and nesting, are impossible in their barren enclosures. It is an unthinkable existence.

The good news for egg-laying hens is that some positive change is afoot. A regional wave of legislation in Western states is calling for the production of only “cage-free” eggs, along with commitments by major restaurant and grocery chains nationally and around the globe to use only “cage-free” eggs. For egg-laying hens, this is a merciful turn of events.

The commercial egg industry itself is embracing the cage-free movement. Why? As cage-free laws pass in states and across regions, farmers are seeking an equal application of those so they have more market stability, to keep supply chains running, and to hold costs down. We need a law to transition New Mexico to join this cage-free movement.

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In the 2021 state legislative session, the Confinement of Egg-Laying Hens Act (Senate Bill 347) was introduced to start the conversation, but it only passed one committee before stalling. Animal Protection Voters, the legislative arm for Animal Protection New Mexico, is working hard with allies to make the case for having the legislation re-introduced in a future legislative session.

It's important to note that while a cage-free life for egg-laying hens is a huge positive step forward, it is not perfect. Chickens still suffer simply by virtue of being bred and used for human consumption—for example, because male chicks are of no use in the egg production industry, they are cruelly and unceremoniously killed shortly after birth. But there are other ways that you, and other people who care about animals, can make a difference.

One of the most significant actions you can take to help protect chickens is to switch to a plant-based diet. Visit apnm.org/plantbased and download our Plant-Based Eating Starter Guide today to find out how easy this transition can be.

If you're not quite ready to make that big of a diet change, you can start out by taking one or more smaller actions such as removing eggs from your diet. Convenient and delicious plant-based replacement products are becoming available on the market all the time, making it easy to remove animal-based foods from our diets. JUST Egg®, MorningStar Farms

Chik'n Strips®, and Impossible Chicken Nuggets® are just a few of many such options. All across the world, restaurants and other dining establishments are adding plant-based menu options due to increasing demand. There are also many recipes and resources to help you create delicious plant-based meals on your own (visit apnm.org/recipes/).

Further, more people are learning that eating a plant-based diet is one of the most direct and powerful ways that individuals can impact climate change (visit apnm.org/pbe-facts/). Animal-based diets contribute to higher water usage, more pollution, and more greenhouse gas emissions than plant-based diets. As a societal and cultural shift continues to make plant-based food options more ubiquitous and popular, it's easier than ever to adopt a diet and lifestyle that does not contribute to suffering for egg-laying hens and other farmed animals.

Chickens are quite intelligent and beautiful animals, often with unique personalities—they can be shy, bossy, goofy, vivacious, and even cuddly. For many people, including some Animal Protection New Mexico staff members, chickens are companion animals and members of the family. They deserve lives that are free from suffering. Passing a cage-free hen law in New Mexico is a great first step forward.

Want to do something about this issue? See Actions You Can Take on page 8.

WHAT EXACTLY DOES “CAGE-FREE” MEAN?

Because the term can be vague and even manipulated, cage-free legislation will provide an important, clear minimum standard. Like other cage-free laws passed in other Western states, the living conditions for the millions of hens whose eggs are produced or sold in New Mexico will be improved. **Instead of living in cramped cages, at minimum hens would have to be:**

- ☀ Raised with more space in large barns or cageless aviaries
- ☀ Allowed to engage in important natural behaviors: perching, scratching, and dustbathing
- ☀ Provided with the ability to lay eggs in nesting boxes



Photo: Shutterstock



JJ Henio with his horse, Holiday, ready to receive a teeth “float,” Coggins test, and 5-way vaccination at minimal cost during one of Ramah Navajo Chapter’s equine vet clinics.
Photo APNM

OUR PARTNERSHIP

HELPING BELOVED EQUINES & THEIR CARING FAMILIES

WITH RAMAH
NAVAJO CHAPTER

In April and October 2021, APNM arranged for mobile equine clinics with Dr. Thomas Gonzales to offer low-cost veterinary care at Ramah Navajo Chapter’s Pine Hill School.

JJ Henio brought his three horses Holiday, Sierra, and Apache to the mobile clinic in October. He was able to get his horses vaccinated, dewormed, tested for Coggins, have their teeth “floated,” and issued health certificates for a discounted rate of \$5-\$20 per procedure. Mr. Henio told us how much more affordable and convenient it was to have his horses treated at this low-cost local clinic than it would be to drive his horses to a veterinarian in Grants or Gallup and potentially pay hundreds of dollars. Another community member brought in a captured free-roaming stallion to be gelded free-of-charge and then released.

These two clinics provided care for 61 equines in the care of 31 community members, including seven gelding procedures.

APNM began partnering with the Ramah Navajo Chapter in 2019 to help provide veterinary care, gelding, and fertility control for the community’s equines. This relationship continued to grow, expanding to provide feed assistance to the community’s equines as the COVID-19 pandemic took hold and persisted throughout 2020 and 2021.

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In March 2021, APNM and Sky Mountain Wild Horse Sanctuary collaborated to respond to the Ramah community's request to deliver the PZP immunocontraceptive vaccine to 22 mares and boost an additional 21 mares.

Realizing that gelding male horses and delivering fertility control vaccine to female horses is the most cost-effective and humane approach to managing the chapter's horse population, the Ramah Navajo chapter officials requested training in how to deliver PZP themselves. In August 2021, all seven staff members of the Ramah Navajo Chapter Department of Natural Resources (RNC-DNR) were trained by the Montana-based Science and Conservation Center in preparing the vaccine and treating equines using specialized equipment. PZP is most effective when administered right before the start of the breeding season, so the RNC-DNR staff intends to start darting free-roaming mares with PZP in the Spring of 2022 in hopes of keeping equine population growth under control.

There are about 400 free-roaming horses spread across this small Native community, and its near-term goal is to develop and implement a herd management plan in order to bring their equine population down to a more sustainable level while minimizing round-ups and removals of horses from the land. To help with this goal, APNM and Mt. Taylor Mustangs trained engaged community youth to conduct a horse population survey, with a follow-up training planned in the near future.

APNM is grateful for the opportunity to continue our partnership with the Ramah Navajo Chapter and we are excited for what new opportunities 2022 will bring.

**61 EQUINES
and THEIR
CAREGIVERS
WERE HELPED**



A family attends the equine clinic at Ramah Navajo Pine Hill.
Photo APNM

State Awards Over \$218,000 in Spay/Neuter Grants



Seventeen New Mexico spay/neuter providers received grants in 2021 through the state's Animal Care and Facility Fund to help address the serious problem of dog and cat overpopulation in our state. The Fund is administered by the New Mexico Board of Veterinary Medicine (NMBVM).

With grants ranging from \$4,000 to \$35,000, the awardees represent 15 counties in every quadrant of the state (see list below). They include municipal animal shelters, such as the City of Hobbs Animal Adoption Center, local rescues like Jemez Valley Animal Amigos in Sandoval County, nonprofit shelters like High Desert Humane Society in Silver City, and spay/neuter organizations like Friends of Estancia Valley Animals in Edgewood. The NMBVM announced the awards in September.

Selecting just 17 awardees from the 37 who applied – requesting a total of nearly \$1 million — was tough, according to Stacie Voss, chair of the committee that managed the application review and recommendation process for the NMBVM. “It was so exciting to see all the hard work spay/neuter providers are doing on the ground to help people and animals,” said Stacie, director of the Farmington Regional Animal Center. “On the other hand, it broke our hearts to see all the need. If we had our choice, we would fund them all.”

Unfortunately, funding for the grants awarded did not come from the new spay/neuter funding stream created through

the passage of Senate Bill 57 in 2020. Because of a lawsuit challenging the new law and its crucial funding stream, the New Mexico Dept. of Agriculture has decided to withhold those spay/neuter dollars it collects for the time being (see *Making Tracks* 2021 Issue 1, page 6). Instead, the \$218,500 recently awarded comes from previously collected spay/neuter license plate fees and state tax check-off donations; both programs were established by APNM and Animal Protection Voters in years past.

Expecting most of the grant money would go to Albuquerque and Santa Fe, Raton Humane Society, the northernmost awardee, was “stunned and extremely grateful” to receive a grant of \$25,000, said Leslie Fernandez, a longtime RHS volunteer and former manager of the Colfax County DA's office. The grant will enable RHS to supplement their existing spay/neuter certificate program and expand services to Cimarron, Maxwell, Miami, Springer, and Ute Park. “This program is the light at the end of a very dark tunnel for this county,” Leslie said. “I have great hope for it.”



To get your own spay/neuter license plate, visit NM Motor Vehicle Department at: mvd.newmexico.gov

| Awardee | City/County | Amount |
|---|------------------------|----------|
| ACTion Programs for Animals | Las Cruces/Doña Ana | \$4,000 |
| Animal Village NM | Alamogordo/Otero | \$35,000 |
| Broken Promises SW | Las Cruces/Doña Ana | \$5,000 |
| The Cat's Meow Resource and Adoption Center | Las Cruces/Doña Ana | \$10,000 |
| City of Hobbs Animal Adoption Center | Hobbs/Lea | \$19,000 |
| City of Santa Rosa | Santa Rosa/Guadalupe | \$13,000 |
| Deming-Luna County Humane Society | Deming/Luna | \$7,000 |
| Friends of Estancia Valley Animals | Edgewood/Santa Fe | \$5,000 |
| Friends of Roswell Animals (FORA) | Roswell/Chaves | \$15,000 |
| Friends of Shelter and Companion Animals | Los Alamos/Los Alamos | \$10,000 |
| HART NM, Valencia County Animal Shelter, All for Animals, and Spay/Neuter Coalition of NM | Valencia County | \$35,000 |
| High Desert Humane Society | Silver City/Grant | \$9,000 |
| Humane Society of Lincoln County | Ruidoso/Lincoln | \$5,000 |
| Jemez Valley Animal Amigos | Jemez Springs/Sandoval | \$8,000 |
| McKinley County Humane Society | Gallup/McKinley | \$5,500 |
| Northern New Mexico Friends of Animals | Questa/Taos | \$8,000 |
| Raton Humane Society | Raton/Colfax | \$25,000 |

ARE YOU READY TO HELP CHICKENS?



Here are two actions you can take to help fight for protections for egg-laying hens and other chickens:

- ☀️ Add your voice to the throng of New Mexicans fighting for cage-free legislation, which will get millions of egg-laying hens out of cruel cages, as soon as possible. It is important for New Mexico to have a cage-free law phased in by the time all the major restaurant and grocery chains switch to cage-free eggs in just a couple of years from now. Visit apvnm.org/NoMoreCages to sign a petition in support of the **Confinement of Egg-Laying Hens Act**.
- ☀️ Ready to start getting chicken eggs off your plate, but breakfast time has you stumped? Check out APNM's "Teach Me How to Vegan" Podcast. The "Breakfast Edition" episode offers some new and delicious ways to expand your plant-based breakfast options. Visit apnm.org/podcast

Tribute

In Memory of Tom Winter

Animals and their advocates in New Mexico lost a lifelong friend when Thomas J. Winter died this past fall. Tom passed away after a prolonged illness that for years did not keep him from enjoying life with friends, family, and Becky, his beloved canine companion for many years.

Tom was one of the earliest advocates in our organization and served as the volunteer head of the Albuquerque chapter of Sangre de Cristo Animal Protection (SdeCAP), APNM's initial name. Longtime supporters will remember Tom as very committed to the animals, and particularly critical of the use of animals in science. Tom and his late wife, Sharon, held regular volunteer meetings at their Westside Albuquerque home during the late 1980s/early 1990s, when enthusiasm was high, but organizational resources were very slim. A veteran of the Vietnam war, Tom worked in the accounting field on Kirtland Air Force Base in his day job. But a good deal of his free time was spent helping organize animal advocates to support SdeCAP and its early work to protect animals.

At that time, SdeCAP had a strong presence on the University of New Mexico campus, and many students got their first introduction to animal rights through that campus outreach. SdeCAP was known for regularly holding public forums on animal research, inviting people to consider the many problems with using animals in research, not the least of which are the ethical considerations and the real-life issues associated with translating animal models to human diseases and conditions. Tom was one of the most ardent voices in our state on this subject at the time.

As SdeCAP grew and his career called him elsewhere, Tom



Tom gives a television interview to Albuquerque news station during World Laboratory Animal Liberation Week (c. 1989) *Photo APNM archives*

moved from New Mexico, but he never forgot his roots and how important SdeCAP (and later APNM) was to him and his family. Tom continued to support APNM through generous monthly contributions, even from afar, tracking our achievements and giving moral support for all our work that grew out of his early commitment to the protection of vulnerable animals.

True to form, in his passing, Tom continued to give to APNM through his generous bequest that will be used to support all of APNM's programs. APNM is honored to be remembered and supported by an advocate who shares almost all of our 42 years of history. Tom will be deeply missed by his friends in APNM and beyond, and we will continue to honor his many contributions to this honorable work by pursuing the mission he helped incubate so long ago.



This year, as many as 12 million animals will be dissected in classrooms across the United States. This unnecessary “academic exercise,” which is rooted in animal cruelty and environmental degradation, has no place in our educational system.

Middle and high school students seeking to learn about life sciences will be forced to dissect cow’s eyes, frogs, fetal pigs, cats, dogfish sharks, and other once-living animals. To say this is incongruous is a gross understatement.

Most people are not aware that these animals can be sourced from animal shelters, breeders, slaughterhouses, fur farms, and stolen from the wild, negatively impacting ecosystem balance. To make matters worse, students become exposed to the toxic chemicals used to preserve the animals, and the chemical can end up in the soil and waterways when “specimens” are discarded following their use.

Fortunately, there are safer, more ethical, and environmentally-informed ways for students to learn about life sciences that do not involve the dissection of once-live animals.

Students in New Mexico, from Kindergarten to Grade 12, have the right to choose an animal-friendly alternative to archaic and inhumane dissection.

In 2005, New Mexico Public Education Department (PED) adopted a policy requiring educators to provide dissection alternatives for any student who opposes animal dissection for ethical, moral, cultural, or religious reasons.

What’s more, studies show that students using dissection alternatives have equal or superior learning outcomes compared with those using old-fashioned and inhumane dissection.

Animal Protection New Mexico is here to make sure students have the support they need in their decision not to dissect.

Students should start by notifying their teacher as soon as possible that they want an animal-friendly dissection alternative, and to be sure to articulate that it’s for one of the reasons allowed under the PED regulation stated above. Schools must accommodate these requests.

Reasons to Choose Alternatives to Dissection



Animals used for dissection can be sourced from animal shelters, breeders, slaughterhouses, fur farms or harvested from the wild



Capturing frogs and invertebrates from the wild can disrupt ecosystems and the toxic chemicals used to preserve specimens can end up in the soil and waterways



They are less expensive and can be used multiple times, saving tax dollars



Dissection alternatives include computer simulations, anatomical models, and videos



Students’ learning outcomes are equivalent or superior to inhumane dissection

For tips and resources, visit apnm.org/dissectionchoice, call APNM’s Cruelty Helpline 1-877-5-HUMANE, or email us at lrudloff@apnm.org

FROM “TRASH” TO TREASURE

The Story of *The Animal Connection* Therapy Dogs, Erizo and Whitaker

Erizo and Whitaker are well known in New Mexico. As registered therapy dogs with Southwest Canine Corps of Volunteers, they work in hospitals and rehabilitation facilities, where they provide comfort, companionship, and calm to people who need those things as they heal. But they also assist with APNM’s *The Animal Connection* and *The Animal Connection Jr.* humane education curricula. So their students are really the only ones who truly “know” them and what they have accomplished in spite of their horrific backgrounds. Their stories are bound to inspire you as well.

Erizo, a Galgo, and Whitaker, a Galga, are Greyhounds who were born in Spain. A small percentage of Spaniards have formed illegal hunting clubs whose members wager on Galgos trained to chase and kill hares and foxes. The dogs who do not “show well” are said to have brought dishonor to their galgueros (hunters) and are punished along the sides of rural public roads. Many are left hanging with their back paws barely touching the ground. Some are abandoned and cabled to a tree, as Whitaker was. Others are dumped on the side of the road, which was Erizo’s fate. Many of those find their way to cities, becoming “trash dogs,” as they are called in Spain, scavenging for food and water. The average life span of a Galgo is two to three years when he is “finished with.”

But Spain has more protagonistas (heroes) than galgueros! One such hero is Alberto Pina Rivero, who works at Fundación Benjamin Mehnert in Seville. There, he nurtures the rescued dogs, restoring their health and spirits. Alberto is the person who entrusted APNM’s Education Outreach Director, Sherry Mangold, with Erizo and Whitaker when she adopted them.

Another hero, Yeray Lopez Portillo, is the public voice of the Galgos. Having infiltrated a hunting club, he secretly filmed hunting contests and the horrific abuse suffered by the dogs. Both are depicted in his award-winning documentary, *YO GALGO*. While difficult to fathom, Lopez Portillo’s life and the lives of his family members were so in danger for exposing the hunting clubs, they had to leave Spain and now live safely in Denmark. Lopez Portillo is internationally known for his podcasts and documentaries on ecology and animal welfare.

Galgo coalitions have been formed in Spain to expose the cruelties of the galgueros, to petition law enforcement to stop the hunts, and to rescue and place the Galgos in loving homes throughout the world. APNM’s Sherry Mangold has reason to be proud that Erizo’s and Whitaker’s stories have been shared in both Spain’s Congress of Deputies and in its Senate. Their photos and stories have been published in magazines in Spain and South America. And, along with the mantra “From Trash to Treasure,” their photographs are found on billboards throughout Spain. APNM and Sherry are especially proud and fortunate to have these remarkable “Ambassadors” in New Mexico’s *The Animal Connection* classrooms.



Whitaker
Photo: APNM



Alberto Pina Rivero with dog
Photo: Courtesy of Alberto



Erizo
Photo: Travis Patenaude

WHEN ANIMALS ARE ABUSED, PEOPLE ARE AT RISK.

THE LINK

WHEN PEOPLE ARE ABUSED, ANIMALS ARE AT RISK.



Perkins, who was used as leverage in a domestic violence situation, recovered from her trauma thanks to the love and patience of her adopter, APNM Education Outreach Director Sherry Mangold. Today, the resilient Perkins is a registered therapy dog volunteering at local hospitals and classrooms.

During the 1970s, an FBI Behavioral Unit study scientifically verified these truths. The FBI found that 78% of habitual violent criminals had tortured or killed animals before age 21. This finding was named “The Link.”

Since then, the connections among cruelty to animals, domestic violence, child abuse, bullying, elder abuse, and other forms of assaultive behavior have become well known to law enforcement, health practitioners, educators, client advocates, and other professions.

APNM held a virtual Town Hall on “The Link” on October 26, 2021. With presentations by staff members Alan Edmonds, Cruelty Case Manager, and Victoria Murphy, Program Manager for the CARE and Equine Protection Fund helplines, the event also featured two guest speakers with deep professional experience on the issue.

Andi Taylor, a licensed mental health counselor in Albuquerque, served for 18 years as a police captain with the Bernalillo County Sheriff’s Department. Witnessing examples of “The Link” was a frequent occurrence in her field work.

Rachel Cox, Chief Program Officer with the New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NMCADV), has worked in the domestic violence (DV) field for 17 years as an advocate,

program coordinator, clinical director, and advisor to DV organizations around the US.

The speakers provided statistics about “The Link” — including that over 70% of battered women report their abusers hurt, threatened, or killed their companion animal to control them and their children — along with case studies and potential solutions. One solution is to amend New Mexico’s Family Violence Protection Act to ensure companion animals can be included in protective orders. This information and more about The Link was also shared on September 13, 2021, with the New Mexico legislature’s Courts, Corrections & Justice Committee by Animal Protection Voters and our expert allies with local organization Positive Links.

The Town Hall also informed viewers that Animal Protection Voters will tackle the difficult subject of animal sexual abuse, or bestiality, during the 2023 state legislative session. With West Virginia, New Mexico is one of only two states where bestiality — strongly connected to child abuse and other forms of violence — is legal.

The 60-minute recording of “The Link” Town Hall can be found on APNM’s YouTube channel ([@AnimalProtectionNewMexico](https://www.youtube.com/@AnimalProtectionNewMexico)).

It’s easy supporting a mission that I deeply resonate with AND understand that the team on the inside is dedicated to getting the job done.

—Jack P., supporter



Photos: APNM

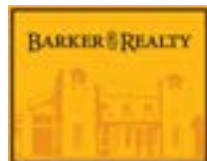
APNM's Signature Annual Event A Resounding Success

In a demonstration of their commitment to the positive change for animals that APNM is known for forging, the New Mexico community recently rallied together and raised both awareness and financial support for all our powerful programs.

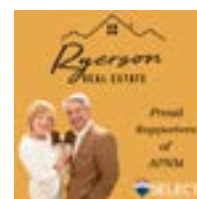
At this year's signature fundraising event, **August for Animals**, APNM highlighted the essential functions provided by our Animal Cruelty Helpline. The multi-week virtual fundraiser allowed us to share the helpline's core work that not only helps individual animals in need, but also informs the need for new services, programs, and policy changes that APNM later pursues. APNM's helpline serves as our eyes and ears on the ground.

We thank all our supporters and volunteers for contributing to our cause and making this the most successful annual fundraiser yet!

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Winter months are the time of year when many of us prepare special family meals, bake sweet treats, enjoy hot beverages, and of course savor our fresh roasted green chile. APNM's **Teach Me How To Vegan** podcast has all the info you need to create delicious plant-based meals all winter long. Take a listen to our recent episodes:



Green Chile Everything

For ideas to incorporate roasted green chiles into just about everything.



Time for a Coffee Break

Find tips and ideas for making your favorite coffee treats with plant-based ingredients.



Pumpkin Everything

Who says pumpkin is just for fall? Scrumptious pumpkin recipes will satisfy all winter long.



Soups & Stews

Serve up some toasty, warming meals with our collection of soup and stew ideas.

These are just a few of our fun and information-packed podcast episodes. Visit apnm.org/podcast to discover how tasty and satisfying your plant-based journey can be.

Around the State: APNM awards training scholarships for animal control officers and other animal welfare professionals, contributing to their ability to safely and effectively enforce animal protection laws. Since 2018 alone, over 80 officers in 19 New Mexico counties have received training scholarships. Thanks to the generous support of the Bonner family of Albuquerque, APNM is poised to offer ~50 additional scholarships for online Basic ACO 1 and 2 trainings by the National Animal Care & Control Association. To apply, visit apnm.org/acotraining.

McKinley County: APNM Foundation announced a 2021 grant of \$43,526 from its Valerie King Fund to Bro & Tracy Animal Welfare, based in the Ramah/Pinehill area, to aid in their work transporting surrendered animals out of New Mexico where they will have a greater chance of finding adoptive homes.

San Felipe Pueblo: In partnership with the San Felipe Pueblo Department of Natural Resources, APNM secured \$5,000 from the HSUS Annie Lee Roberts Emergency Rescue Fund to improve water infrastructure—including solar well upgrades—as a way to benefit horses and wildlife on the Pueblo.

Luna and her pups receive transport to adoptions.

Photo: Bro & Tracy Animal Welfare

**STAY
SAFE
OUTDOORS**

In these times, as individuals and families seek out COVID-safe activities, more and more New Mexicans are hiking, riding, wildlife-watching, and camping on our public lands. **Please look out for indiscriminate and dangerous traps, snares, poisons, and other threats to wildlife! “Roxy’s Law” (Senate Bill 32, which bans traps, snares, and poisons on public lands) does not go into effect until April 1, 2022.**

On most public land, trapping and other unjustifiable wildlife killing happens year-round. If you spot a trap, snare, poison—or wildlife suffering from cruelty—call **APNM’s Animal Cruelty Helpline at 1-877-5-HUMANE (1-877-548-6263).**

THINKING OF BUYING A NEW CAR?



CONSIDER DONATING YOUR CURRENT VEHICLE



Need to change cars? Holding onto an unused vehicle for far too long? Whatever the reason, donating your old car, truck, motorcycle, RV, or boat to APNM can convert your “vehicle upgrade” or “property cleanup” projects to cash for APNM and our statewide animal protection programs. Every donation makes a difference and gets us

closer to making humane the new normal.

APNM partners with *Donate for Charity* and *One Community Auto*, who make the process easy.

Visit apnm.org/give-now/donate-your-vehicle/ to learn more and to fill out your form to start the process.

WEAR YOUR SUPPORT

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**YOUR TAX DOLLARS ARE BEING WASTED
HOLDING NEARLY 40 CHIMPANZEES ON
HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE**

Your tax dollars are being wasted—and chimps are being denied sanctuary—because the National Institutes of Health won't let the surviving chimps on Holloman Air Force Base in Alamogordo be transferred to sanctuary. Instead, these chimps—who have endured invasive testing for decades—are languishing and dying in this laboratory environment.

EVERY CHIMP DESERVES SANCTUARY NOW

Call your members of Congress and ask them to tell the National Institutes of Health to follow federal law and move all of the surviving chimpanzees from Holloman Air Force Base to Chimp Haven sanctuary. A sanctuary where every chimpanzee can live out the remainder of their lives in peace, receiving the care they need, in the company of their friends.

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KC Chee K'éitniyádá Chee is a Diné woman from Lake Valley, New Mexico. Her name, K'éitniyádá, means one who arrived with relatives. From the beginning of her employment, K'éitniyádá suggested we call her "KC," since she understands her name is difficult for many to pronounce.

K'éitniyádá is Tsénabitnii, born for Kin tichíi'nii. Her maternal grandfathers are Hooghan tání, and her paternal grandfathers are Áshjiihí. She currently resides in Albuquerque, NM, with her 2 children, Nihíníbaa' and Isaiah, and her partner, Jeremy. KC graduated from UNM's Anderson School of Management with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree, with a concentration in Accounting.

KC enjoys spending time with her family and participating in traditional Diné events at home. She encourages her children to also participate to learn their heritage language and their Diné culture. KC maintains a connection to her culture to enrich her well-being and improve her cultural knowledge. KC joined Animal Protection New Mexico in August 2017 as the Accounting Manager, contributing significantly to APNM's excellence in financial standards and its outstanding audit outcomes.