the evolution of our life-saving programs

Animal Humane has always been here for our community, taking a leadership role to address a variety of identified needs: low-cost veterinary care, behavioral assistance, second chances for pets in high risk New Mexico shelters and short term assistance for families experiencing hardship.

Our Donor-subsidized Veterinary Clinic is one such example. Opening a clinic that served our community’s low-income pet owners was the dream of then-Board President, Dr. Bob Doak, and a very generous anonymous donor. Both were all too aware that when pets owned by financially constrained families became sick or injured, pets were at risk of being euthanized or surrendered largely due to lack of funds and affordable services. In late 2006, our Board of Directors approved funding to renovate our Clinic with the mission to help save these pets and enable them to stay with their families. This renovation provided facilities to serve outside clients, in addition to caring for our shelter pets.

We opened to the public in mid-2007 as New Mexico’s first and only Donor-subsidized Veterinary Clinic to serve income qualified pet owners. Thousands of pets and grateful owners have passed through our doors since that time. Our passionate and expert Clinic Team has treated, cared for and saved literally thousands of pets. Since 2007, they have spayed and neutered over 14,000 pets and treated over 33,000 cats and dogs owned by qualifying families. What is even more heartening is that 1/3 of our clients are senior citizens, and for many of them, their pets are their only companions. We are also proud that we receive many referrals from private practice veterinarians who are looking for a way to help their clients. Currently, our Clinic is led by Dr. Kim Hamel and Clinic Manager Randy Gardner, ably assisted by Drs. Yarne, Lager, and Santana and a skilled and very dedicated team of veterinary technicians who are making a humane impact on the pets in our community.

Keeping beloved pets in homes is part of our mission to support and improve the lives of New Mexico’s dogs and cats. Our Behavior Helpline has a high success rate in doing just that, and provides expert, free assistance, often to pet owners who are considering surrendering their pet to a shelter if help is not provided. When pet owners struggle because their new cat just missed the litter box again, or their new dog is cornering their cat in the kitchen, we are there to provide solutions. Is your dog tugging you down the block and you’ve run out of training tricks to correct the behavior? Call 505.938.7900. Last year, our Certified Professional Dog Trainers (CPDTs) and experienced Behavior Specialists handled 775 calls and responded to 309 emails. We know this support is helping keep many pets in homes!

Our life-saving efforts and community support extend throughout our state with Project Fetch, our pet transfer program. We feel a strong responsibility to help those pets in other New Mexico shelters, some of which have euthanasia rates as high as 75%. Since Project Fetch began in 2008, we have assisted 34 shelters and rescue through our program. We currently assist 8 shelters monthly and another 7 utilize Project Fetch on an as-needed basis. These 15 shelters serve counties that cover 65% of New Mexico’s population. Some of our regular partners include Roswell, Gallup, Torrance County and the City’s Animal Welfare Department. In 2014, we transferred in over 1,800 pets, most at risk of euthanasia. One of our most significant saves last year came in the form of 25 dogs from an overwhelmed sanctuary in Ramah. Under-socialized and in need of medical assistance and loving care, these dogs also needed significant behavior rehabilitation before they became ready for new homes. From puppies to nursing moms to senior pets, we are proud of having saved more than 6,400 pets over the last eight years through Project Fetch.

Perhaps the program that has seen the most rapid growth over the last few years is our Pet Food Bank. It is now located in its new custom space in our Quonset Hut on the north end of our property. In 2014, we distributed over 750,000 pounds of Pet Food to pet owners in need.

We are honored to have been able to impact and improve the lives of so many New Mexico pets and their owners over the last 50 years. As we look at the evolution of our life-saving programs, we are excited about the future. It is you, our community, who have made this possible through your kind support. We look forward to continuing our work to ensure that all New Mexico pets are able to lead healthy and happy lives with their families.

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our ASPCA Community Partnership – year 1 successes and year 2 goals

Last year, Albuquerque was honored to be 1 of 4 communities chosen to participate in the ASPCA’s Community Partner Program. Along with the City’s Animal Welfare Department (AWD), we formed the partnership, receiving $178,000 in funding to: 1) Increase the Live Release Rate (LRR) in our community from 82.4% to 84.4%; 2) Reduce intakes by providing targeted spay/neuter surgeries to Pit Bull and Chihuahua-type dogs and by providing free collars, tags and microchips to keep pets out of shelters when they become lost; and 3) Increase returns to owners using a variety of strategies. Through this funding, we were able to hire two strong team members, Madeleine Brown and Jazmin Estrada, who have carried out our collaborative events and outreach goals to an amazing degree.

Year 1 was incredibly successful! Together, Animal Humane and AWD increased our joint LRR to 87%, over-achieving our goal by 2.6%. We spayed and neutered over 500 Pit Bull and Chihuahua-type dogs through distributed vouchers, exceeding previous efforts as individual agencies. Another partnership goal was to reach pet owners who normally don’t come to our shelters for services. We held six well-attended Pet Health Fairs in low-income neighborhoods and were able to provide free health exams, 800 vaccinations and 280 microchips to over 427 pets. More than 80 spay/neuter vouchers were handed out as well. We also provided free collars and tags to help keep lost pets out of our shelters. Compassionate veterinarians from Aztec Animal Hospital, VCA Animal Hospitals, and other local practices provided volunteer veterinarians to extend our outreach. Behavioral advisors were on hand as well to answer questions. The events were very well received and we plan to host six more fairs in 2015.

Because of our success in Year 1, the ASPCA awarded us a second grant of $197,800 for Year 2 work which will focus on increasing our LRR even more to a community-wide 89.2%, continuing our reductions in intakes and targeting spay/neuter efforts for Pit Bulls, Chihuahuas and cats. By working together with AWD on these initiatives, we will increase our community-wide LRR, reduce unwanted litters, and provide a healthier pet population. We are so grateful to the ASPCA for investing in Albuquerque!
We are purr-oud to announce the first annual Albuquerque Internet Cat Video Festival, a screening of fantastic feline films and a new local film competition. After our 32 years of successful Doggie Dash & Dawdle, we’re excited to host an event that lets us celebrate the funny, sweet and sometimes silly antics that make us love our feline family members.

Join us for two screenings of the best of Internet Cat Videos and top contest entries from local cat lovers!

On Friday, attend our pre-film soiree: take a photo with shelter pets and pick up your festival T-Shirt while you enjoy refreshments, or attend our Aristocat VIP reception–complete with Kitten Therapy, your opportunity to cuddle with adorable kittens. On Saturday, come for a family matinee and meet adoptable kittens, or bring your family for cat crafts and games for children.

Tickets:
- $25 General Admission for participants of all ages on Friday night
- $50 for VIP Admission Friday night with reserved seating & reception entrance
- $25 General Admission for adults and children over 12 on Saturday
- $7 for children 4-12 on Saturday; children 3 and under are free
- All tickets include a stylish festival T-Shirt

 Reserve your seat at AnimalHumaneNM.org beginning in late May.

For questions about the event or how your company can become involved, contact ChristinaT@AnimalHumaneNM.org.

summer is coming! camp is back!

Summer 2014 brought an inspiring educational event back to Animal Humane—youth summer camp! After several years without summer activities on campus, we were thrilled to welcome back campers between 8 – 13 years of age to our beautiful Main Campus for Camp Humane. Over four separate camp sessions, we connected with 43 campers and 5 Junior Volunteer Counselors.

During their five days of camp, our campers explored basic pet care, pet training, and planning for future pets. We learned how to read our pets’ body language and about essential animal welfare topics such as the importance of spay/neuter, what to do for lost pets, pet nutrition, and careers working with animals. We received awesome visits from, among others, Greyhound Companions of New Mexico, Lap Dog Rescue, Great Pyrenees Rescue, Rio Grande Turtle and Tortoise Club, House Rabbit Society, the Animal Welfare Department, Clark’s Pet Emporium and enjoyed an exciting field trip day visiting with Sandia Search Dogs and Walkin’ N Circles Ranch Horse Rescue. And, of course, our campers had the opportunity to visit with some of our lovely adoptable pets: from cuddling kittens and providing enrichment to our adult cats, to giving a few of our adult dogs a chance to try a Pet Food Taste Test!

We had a blast last summer and cannot wait for the excitement of the 2015 Camp Humane sessions! This year’s camp will include a few of the best-loved activities from 2014, but we’ll also explore new areas of pet care, including more activities that focus on health, development and nutritional care for pets; helping out community pets; behavior and training; and even how to care for non-pet animals with whom we share the world. We cannot wait to see what magic this next summer here at Camp Humane will bring!

2015 Camp Humane sessions available for campers ages 7-13. Registration is open through June 1, 2015
Are you 16-18 years of age and interested in the fun of Camp Humane? Apply for a Junior Volunteer Counselor position!
Visit our website to learn more: AnimalHumaneNM.org/CampHumane
James Bonecutter, 14 years of Animal Care (and loving every minute)

I started working for Animal Humane on January 5, 2001; I have been thankful for this job ever since. Fourteen years later, I still look forward to work each day because I know that I am helping people and pets, and making a difference in our community.

A few years back, I was helping in Adoptions and worked with a family that wanted to meet with a puppy to potentially adopt. When I walked into the room, I saw the young son's face light up when he saw the puppy, and I thought, “THIS is why I do what I do!” I think of the dogs in my care as “my dogs” until they find their forever home. It’s hard to say goodbye, but that’s why we’re here—to help people and pets find each other.

While I can’t adopt dogs where I live, I have adopted two cats from Animal Humane named Kazoo and Sierra. Sierra was originally in our behavior program, but when she met my wife she immediately crawled on her shoulder and licked her cheek. We didn’t choose her; she chose us. Sierra fits right in at home; she’s even become our family alarm clock in the morning. We both know what finding your perfect pet can do for a family.

Cindy Edwards, finding many ways to help homeless pets

It’s impossible to imagine our state without Animal Humane. Because of the Evans and their vision, thousands of families have experienced the joy and love of an adopted pet, while literally saving the lives of these wonderful animals.

Supporting Animal Humane was a no-brainer for me—my life is so much richer because of dogs who adopted me. My house is a furkid magnet and I love it! Lost and stray dogs end up at our door—we take them in, love them and help them find their furever homes.

It’s an honor to be able to give something back to an organization that has made such a positive difference in our community.

How Cindy Gives Back

Former Board Secretary
Long-time Donor
Five-time Adopter
Long-time Dasher and Dawdler
Doggie Dash Committee Member
Thrift Store Donor & Shopper
Montezuma Ball Committee Member
Silent Auction Donor & Buyer
Project Humane Donor
Animal Advocate

James with canine resident, Marshmellow

Cindy Edwards with Grace, Squish, & Tank, all adopted from Animal Humane
Don DeCandia, turning 50 too

Whenever I return to Animal Humane, the changes to the campus both awe and humble me. Tangible evidence of growth is everywhere. Yet there is a constant. The spirit that has pervaded the organization for five decades remains. There is an undefinable bond among all of the beings that populate the grounds—from the dedicated employees and volunteers, to the compassionate potential adopters, to all the wonderful animals looking for a new home.

It was such a privilege to serve this fine nonprofit in a small way some years back, but Animal Humane has given me more than I could ever repay, including several absolutely champion pets whose spirit will be a part of me always. Animal Humane’s understanding of the human-animal bond goes right to the top. Indeed, none other than Executive Director Peggy Weigle recommended the perfect pet, a particular coonhound named Chinook, for whom every meal was the best meal and every day was the best day. So, having recently celebrated my own 50th, I say “Happy Birthday, Animal Humane. Let every year be the best year.”

Don celebrating 50 fantastic years with Robyn, an Animal Humane resident

2014 Volunteer of the Year: Nancy Law!

Our 2014 Volunteer of the Year, Nancy Law, started with Animal Humane in 2011, putting in around 100 hours each year cuddling cats, walking dogs at our Westside Adoption Center and helping out at numerous Mobile and special events. Nancy really found her niche this year, though, at our Donor-subsidized Veterinary Clinic, where she was instrumental in helping us organize and implement our new feral cat recovery area. In addition, Nancy mentors new Clinic volunteers with kindness and grace, regularly coming in on her days off to make sure that new volunteers feel welcome. She even urged her doctor to allow her to return to our Clinic early after foot surgery so she would not have to be away from her beloved feral cats for too long.

Our Clinic volunteers routinely face stressful, life-or-death situations, watching recovering patients intently for any adverse reactions to anesthesia. In addition, they also have the decidedly unglamorous, but equally vital, job of cleaning up messy kennels, doing laundry, taking out the trash, and sweeping and mopping floors. Nancy cheerfully tackles each of these tasks with a sunny nature, often well past the hour she was scheduled to work.

Nancy’s dedication has not gone unnoticed by her teammates, either. Her colleagues praise Nancy’s initiative, her thoughtfulness toward everyone she meets and her astounding work ethic. Time and again, volunteers and staff members mention that Nancy is an unparalleled asset to Animal Humane and our Clinic Team.

And we agree! We are proud to honor Nancy as our Volunteer of the Year for 2014. Her compassion, hard work and dedication have more than earned her a spot on this illustrious list. Congratulations, Nancy!
Sally Proctor, Adopted from Animal Humane

honorarium & memorial list

In Honor of People

Animal Humane Volunteers
Jessica & Morgan Langer
Aunt Doris
Lois McClave
Blue Cross Animal Clinic
Dr. Diana Layden
Dannielle
Renee Sussman
Julie, Emme & Jane
Pamela Rogers
Lynnie & Oscar
Lynne Elorriaga
Olivia
Paula & Michael Roland
Pavlos Travel’s 20th Anniversary
Insight Vacations
Sarah & Bob
Joanna & Brian Coskey
Uncle Jan
Dana Cogar
Marian "Mar" Dreger

Mary Lee Cassell (Myrna) Allen
Linda Agler
Grandma MJ
In Memory of People
Kate Guscott
Tonya Stady
Dr. Wenicur
Courtney Fizer
Joyce Hyink
Jackie & Ike Vigeon
Carolyn & Ken Thompson
Alice Thieman
Valerie Swearingen
Amy Stichman
Kris Stichman
Kris & John Stichman
Tonya Stady
T & D Stady
Barbara & Richard Van Dongen
Cuvier Allen McGarr
Margaret Mason, DVM
Lana & Bob Mason
Merle Mathieson
Carol Ann Mugaberg
Cuvier Allen McGarr
Margaret Mason, DVM
Ginger Burton
Marsha L. Warramore
Rennie Cook
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Mary Jane Bolton
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Luke Brown
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Beth Medina
Christina West-McDonald
Rebecca Browne
Sharyl & Gary Shepherd
Annette Butler
Roseanne Duran
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Patty Buxton
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June Montoya
Robert C. Christmas
Judy & Gerald Carlisle
Christel & Gordon Post
Nancy Turbett & Deb Boehmke
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Athena Tomas-Vasel
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Lauren Chack Hale
Susan & Fred Sherman
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Rich Donley
Ron Mahia
Marion “Mar” Drager
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Teresa Bubnake
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Debra Stanley
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Tim Grocey
Lynn Fowler
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Thomas Fairfield
Tim Fairfield

Haley Morrell
Britton Morrell
Laura Nakashima
Amy Palladino
Rachel & Steve Nelson
Carol Ann Muggaberg
Colby & Bill Neumann
Stacey Coy
Jai Pakroo’s Birthday
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Matt Garners
Carole & Joe Petronovich
Kathie Fluke
Kathie Pickerell
Amy Palladino
Lea & Elliot Pierce
Tea & Christian Morath
George Potock
Michael Potock
Gale Reese
Jay & Ed Judy
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Health Hall
Jeanette Rich’s Birthday
Denesa Richman
Mary K. Riebe’s Birthday
Terri Riebe
Marina & Bill Salan
Frances Salome Koenig
Marlene Sanders
Judith & Douglas Hendren
Patricia Sayles
Harriet & William Messner
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Angelo Arnold
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Sandy Stejskal
Algebra Harrison
Jill Sticman
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our substitute children

Anne Apicella grew up in the inner city of New Jersey...without any pets. Her first adoptive children were a pair of rescue Schnauzers—a breed she has faithfully rescued for 15 years. Anne’s passion for re-homing pets led her to Animal Humane in 2002. Over the years, she has volunteered in many valuable roles. Anne has walked dogs, assisted at mobile adoption events, worked at our former Westside adoption satellite location, run a Dog House Donation Box route, volunteered at special events, and fostered pets that meshed well with the numerous Schnauzers she and her husband, Les, have re-homed.

“Annied, we redid our Wills. I was feeling so positive about Animal Humane and the significant improvements Peggy Weigle was making. Since we wanted to give our assets to a charitable organization and we have no heirs, it made sense to make an endowment to Animal Humane the primary beneficiary of our estate,” says Anne.

Anne and Les’ decision to make a sizeable bequest to our shelter also stems from their deep-seated love for the pets that have made an impact on their lives. One in particular, Maggie, left a special mark on their hearts forever.

Maggie was found starving on the streets of Las Vegas, New Mexico, with a litter of puppies. A fellow rescue volunteer convinced Anne to transport Maggie to Albuquerque to improve her chances of being adopted. Maggie never arrived at Animal Humane; instead, Anne and Les welcomed Maggie into their pack immediately. She was with them for over 11 years.

Anne and Les loved Maggie beyond reason. And although Maggie had landed in the ultimate “honey pot,” she could never shed two traits: gobbling her food as if it were the last meal she’d ever have and not trusting any humans beyond Anne and Les. Through tears, Anne shared, “We were so honored that Maggie loved and trusted only us. Because our substitute children have all been so special... and we want our passion for homeless dogs to remain alive long after we are gone... that is where our money is going.”