big dreams realized, thanks to you!

Celebrating 50 years causes one to reflect and take stock. We are gratified that our annual operations are right on track. Our current Team and more than 450 Volunteers are excelling, bringing their “A” game to work every day. Our Thrift Shop, which helps fund our day-to-day operations, is exceeding its revenue plan. Adoptions are ahead of projections, our Donor-subsidized Veterinary Clinic is providing expert care to more than 18,000 pets this year; our Animal Care and Behavior Teams are tending to their charges with efficiency and compassion, and our Marketing Team is creating powerful events and sharing success stories to boost awareness and enthusiasm for our programs.

Our Project Humane renovations surpassed our expectations and have succeeded in keeping pets healthier as they await adoption in our state-of-the-art pet housing. It also created our welcoming and beautiful campus, which is attracting more and more people as they search for their next perfect pet.

None of this could have been accomplished without the support of our passionate donors and adopters who believe in Animal Humane New Mexico’s mission.

Given all of our improvements, at the end of each project we are always asked, “What’s next?” In October, we closed our Northeast Heights Adoption Center. We have signed a lease for a new location at 10141 Coors Blvd. NW, just south of the intersection at Alameda and Coors. In early 2016, we plan to open this new space to serve the fastest-growing part of town with our new Westside Adoption Center!

Our second major initiative is to create an upscale Doggie Day Care and Training Center, which will help fund our daily shelter operations. We have already purchased 2 acres at 615 Wyoming Blvd. SE, just across the street from our Donor-subsidized Veterinary Clinic. First, we will build the facilities for expanded Obedience and Agility classes, and follow with the creation of a Doggie Day Care/Boarding Facility. As usual, our expert Facilities Team will turn this vision into reality.

This holiday season, you have the opportunity to double your impact on the lives of New Mexico’s homeless pets!

Our generous Board of Directors has committed to matching up to $50,000 for gifts made by December 31.

Send in your gift today to change even more lives in 2016!
As we enter our next half century, we are once again struck and humbled by the dedication, generosity and hard work of all who have come before us and of those working today to keep our founders’ vision alive and vibrant. Thank you for your compassion and support. We wish you a safe and happy holiday season!

Peggy Weigle
Executive Director

Our new PNM Park is open to the public!

We are proud to introduce Animal Humane’s newest pet-friendly space: PNM Park, on the corner of Virginia Street and San Joaquin Avenue. Thanks to the generous support of the PNM Resources Foundation “Power Up” grant, we landscaped the final strip of our 4-acre property. Now clients visiting our Donor-subsidized Veterinary Clinic and surrounding neighbors can enjoy this beautiful space any time of the day.

PNM Park was unveiled during a special ribbon-cutting ceremony on August 25 and is filled with benches, poop stations and lovely drought-resistant and pet-friendly plants. With shade trees and comfortable seating, our park is an inviting outdoor waiting area for our Clinic clients and the ideal resting spot for dog walkers! Our Adoptions Team and volunteers also use PNM Park for their twice-daily walks with our resident dogs, giving them more options for their exercise routes.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes to the PNM Resources Foundation for supporting our efforts to bring our community together and to provide safe, healthy spaces for pets! We are equally grateful for the PNM employees who personally donated 50 hours of hands-on volunteer construction work along with their own equipment to create this incredible resource for campus visitors and neighborhood residents.

“The landscaping of PNM Park ties our Clinic into the entire campus. Thank you, PNM, for providing our clients and neighbors with a beautiful community space and entrance to our Clinic.” - Colleen Perry, Clinic Manager
the canine event of the year

Doggie Dash & Dawdle is our biggest party for pets (and people!), and we are honored that thousands of New Mexico’s pet lovers dashed, dawdled and formed teams to help homeless pets. Our 33rd Annual Doggie Dash & Dawdle was a celebratory cap to our 50th Anniversary Year… and on Sunday, November 1, passionate pet lovers and canine companions arrived at Balloon Fiesta Park to treat their pets to a day of fun and make differences in the lives of homeless cats and dogs in our community.

This year, visitors were greeted with a brand-new layout, which brought the event’s activities and partners right into the center of the action! Our 5K Dash began at 9 am, and crowned winners in each age group. Dawdlers were treated to performances by Flying Houndz Frizbee dogs (a new addition this year), perused our Barketplace (filled with samples and treats), and applauded dozens of teams who raised thousands of dollars for our BIGGEST fundraiser of the year.

Attendees took photos, working to complete our first Nosing Around Photo Scavenger Hunt by collecting images of unique moments that only happen at Dash. They learned about Subaru’s dog-tested fleet of cars, centrally located on the field and provided by Leader of the Pack sponsor Garcia Subaru North. Some attendees headed straight for Rent-A-Dog, and spent hours giving our shelter pets an unforgettable day! Two wonderful dogs, Trigger and Helena, were adopted that day into loving families.

This year, our New Mexico Bank & Trust Doggie Carnival provided a unique attraction filled with fun for our furry friends. Carnival highlights included Bobbing for String Cheese, Musical Mats, Build A Biscuit, caricature drawings and contests where beloved pets had a blast showing off their costumes, tricks and more.

With the support of our generous sponsors, vendors, Dashers & Dawdlers, this year’s event was a great success, raising over $225,000 to support homeless cats and dogs in New Mexico. A very special thank you to our top individual fundraiser Megan Edwards who raised over $12,000, and our Top Dog Team PNM which raised more than $5,000 to better the lives of homeless pets.

Doggie Dash & Dawdle truly emphasizes the incredible bond we share with our companions. Thank you to all who made this special day possible!!
Rita Pitts, nearly 30 years of adopting perfect pets

As a little girl, when my folks and I were driving on the Texas/New Mexico highways, if I saw a dog, I always wanted to stop and pick it up... and I'd cry for miles when we didn’t. Pets have always been important to me.

All of our pets are special, but one (or two) stay in your heart forever. For me, it’s my dear Shaunassey and Scooter.

Shaunassey was my first adoption from Animal Humane New Mexico. I went to Animal Humane in 1986 with my German Shepherd, Samson, to find him a new best friend. We had lost our wonderful Airedale, Caesar, to pancreatic cancer and were feeling lonely.

We introduced Samson to a handsome fellow, whom we later named Shaunassey, and they hit it off beautifully. “Shauni” had shiny black fur and a sweet, loving disposition... but he also had a penchant for herding. He was the only dog I ever had that would herd a lawnmower and its driver into a corner of the yard.

Later came Scooter Pitts, a Schnauzer mix, with one blue eye and one brown. He was perfectly mannered, smart and loved by everyone he met. We nicknamed him “Mr. Dignity” because he was a bit aloof but an absolute charmer. He always sat above the fray... preferably on a chair at the patio table. I still miss my sweet friends from Animal Humane.

We now have two Animal-Humane-adopted boys living with us, Winston and Yogi. I’m happy that I can make any contribution to the welfare of these wonderful helpless beings who give us so much love. Every pet at Animal Humane is a star in my book and deserves his/her own palace staffed by servants!

I encourage anyone who is seeking a great companion to visit Animal Humane. If you are looking for a second pet, I urge you to take your current bud so that he/she can participate in the selection. Their campus is magnificent and the staff and volunteers will do everything within their power to help you find the perfect match. Thank you, Animal Humane, for helping so many deserving pets find loving homes!

Bob Wolf, a time of transition

I was on the Board of Directors for Animal Humane from 1987 to 2002, acting as President from 1996 to 1999 and again in 2001. Animal Humane had been meeting their goals at the time I joined, but we needed to make some changes to keep up with the growth of Albuquerque. We had employed several people as Executive Director but none accomplished what we felt was necessary. Since I was a corporate “head hunter”, it fell to me to find a pro with the kind of experience that we needed. I found Joel Warner, who came highly recommended and had the experience we felt appropriate. It was an excellent team effort; our board set policy and approved new ideas and Joel ran Animal Humane’s business.

During my time on the board we both became good friends with Thelma Evans. She was wonderful; full of energy. It’s amazing how she ran the show day in and day out for so many years. We accomplished a lot during those years. Of these accomplishments, a large part of my gratification was that we jump-started our fundraising efforts. We grew the annual budget from $600,000 to $1.8 million. We explored many new avenues for our wonderful donors to give, and they responded well to those challenges.

We could only have dreamed of what Animal Humane has become under its current leadership. Visiting the shelter to celebrate its 50th year was certainly a treat for me.

Bob Wolf, at home in Cody, Wyoming, with beloved pets, Luke (left) and Jenny (right)
Carl Romero, my favorite pet experience in 12 years of service

This is the story of a cat who impacted my life at Animal Humane. About 6 years ago, we opened a Thrift Store & Adoption Center on Fourth Street in Los Ranchos de Albuquerque. Although we adopted many pets, one cat stood out: a 7-year-old loving, vocal boy named Harley.

About a week after Harley arrived, he became weary of his enclosure. One morning while I was cleaning his condo, I let Harley roam our store. A sweet lady came in and ended up adopting Harley. When I returned to open the store the following morning, I found Harley pacing the sidewalk out front. The moment I opened the door, the phone rang. Harley’s adopter explained that Harley did not want to be at her house and had tried to escape. Overnight, his attempts were successful and he found his way back to our thrift store.

And that wasn’t the only time! After Harley was adopted once more, he escaped and made his way back again. We then made Harley an honorary employee at Animal Humane. He even had his own giant pet bed set up in our thrift store office.

After about two years of service, Harley was adopted in 2011 by a senior couple who liked to travel. This time, he had truly found his forever home! Because of our special bond, I was given Harley’s pet tags that he wore in our store, and I still carry them on my keychain to this day.

Bill & Sharon Gralow, celebrating 50 years alongside Animal Humane

Since Sharon and I came to Albuquerque in 1969, we had been told of the good work being done by Animal Humane New Mexico. It was the sad passing of our cat in 2003 that finally connected us with their shelter. We had decided that if we were going to adopt, we would find two cats to keep each other company. Because we both were employed, the cats could entertain each other during the day. I visited the campus to find the perfect pair.

I was shown two kittens from the same litter, and according to the tag, they desired to be adopted together. The adoption was completed quickly and efficiently. Almost as quickly, they became an integral part of our household, especially bonding with Sharon. They are still with us today, spoiled and pampered.

The next year I was asked to join Animal Humane’s Board of Directors, where I served happily and productively for six years. The most important decision I made during my tenure was to enthusiastically support the hiring of Peggy Weigle as Executive Director. During her tenure she has enlarged and improved the physical property and hired and encouraged great employees to the betterment of the entire shelter.

We continue to support Animal Humane and visit the campus. This year was our 50th wedding anniversary and Sharon and I attended the celebration of Animal Humane New Mexico’s 50th anniversary as well. I am so proud to have been a part of this organization and to continue our support of the efforts of this fine group.
pure love can be found at shelters

One of my earliest memories is of my cat, Sweetie, who was eating from our dog’s bowl. At four years old, I was afraid that my cat would turn into a dog if he kept eating dog food! Sweetie did not turn into a dog—and, since that time, I have never been without a cat or two in my home.

My cat Scout Parker came to me through Animal Humane New Mexico. I met him for the first time when I was proudly showing off the new Robbie Jones Memorial Cat House to my sister. Scout had arrived at Animal Humane as a stray and since he had an affable personality, he was waiting for his forever home in one of the communal rooms of the Cat House. Scout was irresistible so he came home with me and he has brought joy, love and humor to our home for years.

Cats have been an important part of my life and I cannot imagine mine without their companionship. We are forever grateful to Animal Humane for the services and care they provide to homeless animals like Scout. As a past Board Member, I have seen the tremendous progress that has been made in their programs and facilities, allowing Animal Humane to make an even greater impact in our community and state.

It is important to me that my legacy recognizes my love of animals, and that it include saving homeless pets. And for these reasons, I’ve included this remarkable shelter in my estate plans. If your passion matches mine, I invite you do the same… there is no better way to ensure cats and dogs in need find quality care and new loving homes for decades to come.
— Marti Partridge

Irene and canine resident Pigeon

returning the favor: Maverick saves lives after Animal Humane saves him

When you adopt homeless pets from a shelter, it’s often described as “rescuing.” After all, you’ve saved a pet from a life of uncertainty and given them a loving home.

But rescue is reciprocal. Our pets provide love, happiness, attention and companionship; they give us as much as we give them. In some ways, pets even become our heroes—and Maverick is proof.

The 2-year-old Rottweiler mix arrived at Animal Humane as a stray through a transfer from Torrance County Animal Shelter. He was wary of most people at first, but with care from our Behavior Team, Maverick learned to trust people—and it paid off in unbelievable ways.

After just two weeks with us, Maverick saved a life in our Donor-subsidized Veterinary Clinic. Roxie, a Boxer undergoing surgery for a large mass removal, had lost a lot of blood. Because Maverick was the right age and size, he was the perfect candidate for providing her with a blood transfusion. Roxie made a full recovery, and Maverick received a special yummy treat from our Clinic Team as a thank you.

But Maverick’s heroics didn’t end there. One week later, Maverick was adopted by Michael, a Vietnam Veteran who uses a wheelchair. As the pair was out for a stroll one day, a car crashed into Michael—and then sped off. Neighbors who witnessed the accident said they saw Maverick pull Michael out of the way of oncoming traffic, and then stand watch over him until help arrived. Michael is healing, and told KRQE News 13, “He’s Maverick; he’s meant to be in my life. He’s my family. He’s my best friend.”

Maverick knew that he had been saved and has more than returned the favor to another pet-in-need and his new best friend, Michael. Whether we choose them or they choose us, there is nothing quite like the love and devotion of an adopted pet.
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