Born on a dairy farm in western Massachusetts, Peggy Weigle was surrounded by animals from birth. Her family always had at least one or two mixed breed dogs and of course many barn cats—so her childhood was filled with many beloved family pets.

Following years of being a farmhand with her three older brothers, Peggy secured her first job as a Girl Friday for a family friend a short distance down the road. Under this treasured woman’s guidance, Peggy received her formal introduction to raising, training and showing champion Whippets.

This rich experience led to Peggy becoming her mentor’s Professional Show Dog Handler and Kennel Manager… a position she held throughout her undergraduate degree. Each weekend, for four years, Peggy drove from Amherst to South Egremont, MA to care for these prize-winning Whippets, often showing them at AKC shows including the Westminster Kennel Club.

Following graduation, Peggy continued to work full-time in the world of show dogs, handling many different breeds for several owners. At 30, she turned her passion toward music, as she took over the management of a classical music ensemble in Boston and thus began her introduction to the nonprofit world. Her next step led her to a successful 20-year career in the high tech industry. There she acquired a wealth of experience in business management, sales, marketing and customer service… skills that were used time and time again throughout her tenure at Animal Humane.

Peggy made countless advancements to our shelter property and programming during her 9+ years as Animal Humane’s Executive Director, beginning with her first decision not to embark on an $8M capital campaign to relocate our shelter to the Renaissance area of the Westside. Rather, within her first year, she wisely convinced our Board of Directors to renovate our 1977 campus Clinic to realize our vision of providing quality low-cost veterinary services for low-income pet owners. By launching and completing a $1.2M capital campaign quickly, she began to build new trust with our constituents and local citizens, while ensuring much needed services for our target population surrounding our shelter. Our Clinic renovations were followed by numerous upgrades to our facilities, new programming, advancements in our level of care for pets and improved adoption levels. Peggy’s accomplishments include launching ASPCA’s SAFER and Meet-Your-Match™ programs at our shelter, a new Behavior Department with rehabilitation enrichment, our Cats Around Town adoption program, our Trap-Neuter-Return program for community cats and Managed Admissions… just to name a few.

Following five years of campus renovations and back-to-back years of saving 100% of the healthy pets in our care, the next obvious step was to renovate our shelter to save even more lives with comforting housing and dedicated treatment areas, ample and efficient work space for our team and a welcoming setting that would increase foot traffic and highlight shelter pets for the prizes they are. And it was under Peggy’s leadership that Project Humane was conceived, launched and concluded from 2012-2014. For all who have visited our campus—and witnessed the landscaping she personally installed with our Facilities Team—the end result was clearly a WIN for our shelter, New Mexico’s homeless pets and our community!

I was Peggy’s first hire. I began my career at Animal Humane in January 2007 in our Development Department and have filled the seat of our Senior Director of Development & Marketing for five years. From the start, I recognized that our shelter is special for many reasons. Stated simply, our Staff, Volunteers, Board of Directors and you, our incredible donors, set us apart from other organizations. It’s our collective passion that allows us to accomplish what we set our sights on, from saving the next cat or dog in our care to renovating our four acre campus to opening a new adoption location on the Westside. Together we have saved thousands of precious lives, and together we will save thousands more.

Just as I feel honored to step into Peggy’s shoes, I feel privileged to continue my journey at Animal Humane with each of you. For those of you I know dearly, I cherish accomplishing more with you. For those of you I can only look forward to meeting, I welcome our first conversation.

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As Peggy steps into retirement and returns to her roots as a professional dog handler and a rising star in the dog agility circuit with her dogs Luke and Spark, we hope she will always remember and treasure the mark she has left on our shelter. We certainly will—as her legacy and passion are permanently woven into the foundation of Animal Humane New Mexico. And her years of hard work will continue to change more lives for decades to come.

Donna M. Stumpf
Incoming Executive Director

After a wonderful year, it is time to say goodbye as Animal Humane’s Executive Director. I am proud and satisfied with what we have accomplished together! The changes to our campus and addition of vital programs have only been possible thanks to the support of our very dedicated Team, Volunteers, Board, Directors and you, our amazing Donors! I welcome and congratulate Donna Stumpf as our very able successor. I know the organization will continue to evolve and thrive under her leadership.

With thanks,
Peggy

spring cleaning? donate to Animal Humane’s Thrift Shop

This year, turn your spring cleaning into a bountiful donation to Animal Humane New Mexico! When you bring your gently used items to our Thrift Shop at 4646 Menaul Blvd. NE, our staff and volunteer specialists will sort, organize and price each item for purchase on our sales floor. The revenue earned from each item supports the services Animal Humane provides for our community; whether it be adoption services, critical medical treatment for shelter pets and pets of low-income families, transfers from overburdened rural shelters, or providing for clients through our Pet Food Bank, each program benefits from the donations to and purchases from our Thrift Shop.

Thrift staff & volunteers

We have 50 amazing, dedicated volunteers at Animal Humane’s Thrift Shop! Each volunteer takes on specific roles that are vital to the success of our retail store, and we would not be able to run our Thrift Shop without their invaluable assistance. Volunteer positions range from:

- dock specialists who help our donors with dropped-off donations
- processing specialists who clean and price all donated items
- clothing specialists who sort, organize and price our beautiful clothing
- electronics specialists who quality-test donated equipment
- merchandising specialists who display and organize our sales floor
- book specialists who sort and organize book donations by genre
- customer service volunteers who help our guests with their purchases

We are immensely grateful for the volunteers who make our Thrift Shop a lucrative and ever-growing revenue stream for the homeless pets in our care!
We empowered 435 families to build happier, healthier relationships with their pets through 137 Train Humane classes and seminars. In addition, our Behavior Team saved 74 shelter pets with comprehensive Behavior Modification plans.

Our Pet Food Bank distributed 152,608 pounds of pet food to 3,168 pets through 11,732 individual visits, a 46% increase over 2014!

We reached a staggering 6,861 students and educators through an outstanding 9,679 educational contact hours in our Learn Humane education programs, which were offered in 84 schools throughout New Mexico, including 39% of APS schools!

Due to the assistance of 279 foster families, we were able to care for 1,923 infant and adult pets in need through our Foster Care program.

We hosted 56 campers, ages 7-13, at our four Camp Humane sessions in Summer 2015. Students learned about Animal Humane, pet adoption, and compassionate care for animals.

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We achieved a 91% Live Release Rate.

We partnered with Paws and Stripes, successfully pairing 12 Animal Humane shelter dogs with Veterans in need of talented service dogs.

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2015 Adoptions Employee of the Year: Bruce Cochran!

Annually we select an Adoptions Employee of the Year to thank the dedicated members of our Adoptions Team, all of whom work tirelessly to find the perfect home for every pet. We are honored to announce Bruce Cochran as the 2015 Adoptions Employee of the Year.

Last year Bruce found the perfect match for 260 pets, but his passion for his work goes well beyond any number. “I’m so lucky,” he told us. “I’ve been blessed in my life and this job is one of those blessings.”

Bruce joined the Animal Humane Team in 2007 after he retired from the Albuquerque Police Department. As a police officer, Bruce saw the best and worst in people. His job at Animal Humane, however, shows him daily how pets and humans are at their best when they are together.

For Bruce, it’s not just a job, it’s personal. He explained, “I’ve always had dogs. I really have a soft spot for the older animals.” One of his own dogs, Lulu, an Italian greyhound/terrier mix was terribly abused before he and his wife Gloria opened their hearts and home to her eight years ago. “Lulu just loves life every day.”

His easy-going and positive attitude brings a sense of joy to everyone he works with, both two and four-legged alike. Last year Bruce completed his 1,000th adoption, making him one of only five Adoptions Advisors to ever do so!

When asked what motivates him he said, “The way I look at it is, we get one trip through life and so do animals. They deserve the chance to have a good life.” Congratulations Bruce and thank you for embodying Animal Humane’s values of compassion and service every day.
Animal Humane’s Donor-subsidized Veterinary Clinic is the only practice in the Albuquerque area dedicated to providing low-income pet owners with a full range of services. Our Clinic’s main goal is to provide an affordable option for quality, life-saving medical care, so low-income owners may keep their pets—and their pets remain healthy. The end result is that both pet owners and their companions live healthier, longer lives, together.

Our Clinic provides more than 5,000 treatments for low-income owned pets annually (1/3 of which belong to senior citizens), but this astonishing community service is only part of what our expert Clinic Team accomplishes. They also care for our shelter’s entire pet population; an average of 140 pets daily. Ensuring optimal health is essential to making shelter pets ready for adoption, from spay/neuter procedures to dental care and cleanings, to tumor removals and orthopedic surgeries, to routine wellness exams throughout a pet’s stay in our care.

For over four decades, Animal Humane’s Veterinary Clinic has cared for the medical needs of shelter pets while they are awaiting loving families. In 2007, we renovated our original 1977 Clinic and recently expanded it into the adjacent Heritage Building. This expansion allows us to add even more treatment areas and amenities that bring new hope and comfort to the pets we are privileged to help.

- **Dog Ringworm Treatment**
  An area where we have, for the first time, a dedicated space to treat this illness in canines, thanks to a generous donor.

- **Parvovirus**
  We have added a spacious quarantine room for this treatment.

- **Cat Recovery Area**
  This greatly expanded space has dedicated areas for young and mature felines.

- **Comfort Rooms**
  Our clients will experience peace and privacy when it is time to say goodbye to their beloved pets.

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**2015 Clinic year in review**

In 2015, we provided the following services:

- **Total Spay/Neuter Surgeries: 4,941**
  Includes shelter pets, Trap-Neuter-Return felines, pets owned by low-income families and pets cared for by rescue groups.

- **Services for Shelter Pets**
  - Routine/Preventative Care: 8,364
  - Dental Care & Cleanings: 123
  - Special Surgeries: 400
  - Spay/Neuter: 2,834

- **Services for Low-Income Clients’ Pets**
  - Routine/Preventative Care: 3,879
  - Dental Care & Cleanings: 185
  - Special Surgeries: 391
  - Spay/Neuter: 598

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**Angel Fund: final rest for faithful companions**

Animal Humane created our Angel Fund at the urging of a trusted donor and volunteer to assist owners who cannot afford to humanely euthanize their pets at the end of their lives. The stories of how these compassionate funds are disbursed are oftentimes both heartbreaking and heartwarming, as loving companions share their final goodbye. In 2015, one of our clients let us know that she was battling cancer and terminally ill. Her medical expenses consumed her income and she worried that she would either outlive her dogs, or there would be no savings left when their quality of life deteriorated. We felt honored to provide her with the opportunity to say farewell to her cherished pets humanely, and in their own time.

Over a three month period, each of our client’s beloved dogs let her know when they were ready to pass on. It was obvious that all three dogs had lived beautiful, long lives filled with love from their kind owner. Each of the 18-year-old pets arrived at our Clinic with tails wagging and trusting eyes focused on their adoring owner. She stayed with each of them until their final breath. She was tearful with gratitude that our Angel Fund was available so that her dogs could be euthanized humanely and that she could be with them at the end. Animal Humane thanks our incredible donors who support our important Angel Fund and provide great comfort for many families.

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**Friends of the Clinic**

Animal Humane New Mexico is launching a new Friends of the Clinic fundraising initiative to sustain high-quality care at our campus veterinary clinic. The following vignettes outline just a few of the dedicated funds you could invest in with monthly, quarterly or annual contributions to help us continue our life-saving work. To learn more about the diverse Friends of the Clinic giving opportunities and special and informative benefits tied to your giving, check the box on your enclosed newsletter coupon or contact Stephanie Miller at 505.938.7919 or StephanieM@AnimalHumaneNM.org. We look forward to hearing from you!
Extra Love(d): a second chance for a perfect pet

Noah is a loving 2-year-old Shepherd mix with a gentle heart and playful spirit. Last year, a concerned neighbor witnessed Noah in his yard with what appeared to be a large wound on his leg. The neighbor called the Rio Rancho Animal Control team to visit Noah and his family, who ultimately agreed to surrender their dog so that Noah could receive the medical care he needed. Because Rio Rancho Animal Control lacked resources to treat such an extensive wound, they contacted Animal Humane and transferred Noah to our care.

Noah had likely been hit by a car several weeks prior to his arrival and had not yet received medical care for his injury. The damage to his leg was so severe that bone was exposed and there was a deep bone infection. His lips and jaw were found to be injured as well. Since he is such a large and young dog, our Donor-subsidized Veterinary Clinic Team wanted to save his leg. This required several weeks of extensive wound cleaning, debriding, and preparation before his wound could be surgically closed without risk of further infection. When he was ready, our Team also removed his broken teeth and repaired his scarred, torn lip.

Noah was in our Foster Care Program throughout much of his recovery, where he received regular bandage checks and antibiotics that he needed to heal. Once Noah was able to eat normally, finished his medications and had full use of his front leg, he was made available for adoption. Two short weeks later, Noah was welcomed into a loving family—all thanks to our Extra Love Fund, which covers the cost of necessary medical care to treat shelter pets and prepare them for their new homes.

Pet Save(d): the journey of a well-loved cat

Skunk, a 3-year-old black and white Manx cat, sometimes thinks he’s a puppy. He can often be found retrieving random small objects around the house. Skunk’s playful personality brings great comfort to his owner, who provides full-time care for her son who lives with a brain injury. “Skunk is my child, my friend, my security blanket. I love him,” shares his owner.

When Skunk began showing signs of diminished appetite and nausea, his owner brought him to a private veterinarian to determine the source. She had noticed pieces of string when he became ill and suspected that his habit of picking up odds and ends had gotten the better of him. Skunk’s owner immediately searched her home and found that a drawstring from a hoodie sweatshirt was missing. That day, she requested X-rays which revealed a blockage. The veterinarian recommended surgery, but the estimated cost was far out of her reach.

Skunk’s owner knew that he would not improve without surgery, and she did not want him to suffer. Wanting to save Skunk from further pain, she made an appointment at our Donor-subsidized Veterinary Clinic for euthanasia. During Skunk’s appointment, our expert Veterinary Team saw that he was a young and otherwise-healthy cat and that his owner was visibly distraught at what she believed was her only option. When our Team offered to perform Skunk’s surgery using our emergency Pet Save funds to help cover some of the cost, Skunk’s owner was beyond thrilled and grateful.

When owned pets require extra veterinary care or surgery to relieve suffering and enable them to return to their loving homes and families, Pet Save (a donor-supported fund) covers partial or total cost of the necessary veterinary care. Funding for this program saves lives and keeps pets healthy and happy. Today, Skunk is healing well and eating normally—and best of all, he was able to go home to his loving family.
it’s something we both believe in

Mike & Liz Reding, two life-long pet lovers, began their lives together by adopting two special felines to make their Boston house a home. Over 30 years later, now residing in Albuquerque, they share their lives with two new cats, Jett and Bix. Each of these felines has brought joy and companionship to the Redings’ lives, and they both firmly believe in the work that Animal Humane accomplishes.

As it so often happens, Jett chose Liz by grabbing her as she strolled by their condo at an offsite adoption event. The two had an instant connection and Bix was chosen the same day from another litter. Beyond napping atop the radiant heating coils in the kitchen floors, the two felines are perfect partners in crime as Jett can cleverly open drawers and flip latches, allowing Bix to effortlessly explore cupboard contents during the wee hours of the night.

Just as the Redings love the mischief and companionship their cats bring to their lives, they believe in the work that Animal Humane accomplishes and enjoy that something positive comes from their annual contributions.

They are impressed with, and invested in, our campus renovations and are pleased with the welcoming ambiance of our shelter. They also value how Animal Humane partners with numerous non-profits and businesses—and that our local and statewide collaborations impact even more lives, two and four-footed, in positive ways.

Because the Redings have witnessed firsthand how well we care for homeless pets and devotedly work to fulfill our mission, they are bequeathing their home and its contents therein to our shelter. A gift of this nature—one we hope is not realized for decades to come—will save countless lives.

Animal Humane is extremely honored to be chosen for this impactful contribution and looks forward to keeping the Redings informed of our progress that comes from our team’s shared passion and their steadfast support. The mission of Animal Humane New Mexico is something Mike & Liz Reding both firmly believe in. And because they have seen the impact of their donations, in their words, “it made perfect sense to make this bequest.”

If you would like to follow in Liz & Mike’s footsteps, please contact Donna M. Stumpf at 505.938.7888 or DonnaS@AnimalHumaneNM.org. She welcomes the opportunity to answer any of your questions.

Celebrate someone you love!

The center of Harbor Lights Park is filled with beautiful bricks bearing the celebrations and remembrances of love exchanged between people and pets. We invite you to leave a permanent monument to your two and four-footed companions at our main campus. Visit AnimalHumaneNM.org, Donate, and Tribute Bricks online today to order yours.