I remember all my great teachers. From my 8th grade algebra instructor who gave me a love for math to my statistics instructor who ignited my passion for analysis to my advisor who guided me through my M.S. in economics… to my greatest mentor, Peggy Weigle. The lessons of each will last a lifetime.

Great teachers leave an impression on you and light something inside that inspires you to share your knowledge with others and make the world a better place. That is exactly what is happening throughout our community with Animal Humane’s powerful and magnetic Learn Humane curriculum. Young minds are being opened and teachers are embracing diverse instruction that adeptly enables them to introduce valuable lessons of keen character development while expanding their students’ knowledge about pet homelessness and careers in animal welfare.

What began with staff member Jaclyn Sinclair and volunteer Gail Mandel has bloomed and grown extensively under the leadership of Ellen Schmidt, Senior Director of Outreach & Volunteer Programs, over the past four years. Ellen began by expanding our class offerings and reaching out to the Albuquerque Public Schools with a proposal to bring our Learn Humane curriculum to their students. By offering instruction that introduces our youth to consider the needs of companion pets and how their own actions affect others — a forum was developed to teach children to build kind and compassionate relationships with their companion pets and one another.

Following Ellen’s rich advancements in lesson plans, the Brabson Library & Educational Foundation made an enriching investment in our shelter by funding a full-time Humane Educator position for two years. Gina Sena fills this valuable seat — and she has tirelessly created and customized lesson plans for classes and school assemblies for three years running!

In 2015, these two talented women reached 6,861 students and educators through 9,679 educational hours. That’s an impressive level of instruction stretching across our metropolitan area.
Camp Humane

In June and July 2015, our humane education staff and volunteers had the awesome chance to connect with kids and our community through our 2nd Annual Camp Humane summer series! Started in 2014, Camp Humane is Animal Humane’s week-long youth summer camp for elementary and middle-school aged children. During our five days together, we explore the best ways to care for pets, build empathy for others and discover how humans can help all animals and our community.

In our second year of Camp Humane, we welcomed 52 campers and five Junior Volunteer Counselors (JVC) to our Main Campus. Our campers, ranging in age from seven to thirteen, joined us over four different one-week sessions. Together with our 16-18 year old JVCs, Camp Humane participants came from 38 different schools around New Mexico and even one from Arizona! Campers played games and created take-home crafts that teach about pet training, the importance of spaying and neutering, pet needs and more. We also spent time with Animal Humane’s behaviorist Jennifer Allen and our lovely adoptable cats and dogs. Speakers came from the Zoo Crew animal education and outreach team, the City of Albuquerque Animal Welfare Department, Albuquerque Police Department (APD), Bernalillo County’s K9 Unit, APD’s mounted patrol and more! To top it all off we visited with a local herding dog trainer and the wildlife rescue organization Wildlife West.

Camp Humane 2016 is shaping up to be just as fun! Registration for this summer is open and we look forward to meeting our campers and counselors soon! Four sessions are available while space lasts and we cannot wait to see you there!

- Session I: June 20–24 (Ages 8–10)
- Session II: June 27–July 1 (Ages 8–10)
- Session III: July 11–15 (Ages 11–13)
- Session IV: July 18–22 (Ages 8–10)

Learn more and register at: AnimalHumaneNM.org/Events-AHNM/Camp-Humane

From the classroom, our teachings have expanded to week-long Camp Humane offerings (read more below) and recent collaborations with the New Mexico Boys & Girls Club to create Animal Allies. Another Brabson Foundation funded initiative, this after-school program, focused on developing empathy, awareness of community needs, problem solving and leadership skills through exploration of animal welfare topics.

There are no limits to the reach of our instruction as we are working to give teachers resources to fold our refined curriculum directly into their lesson plans so that every child can discover how they can make a difference for pets and humanity today… and throughout their lifetimes.

Just as every pet in our lives has taught us something special, each life we save together goes on to change lives forever. We are truly grateful to be making such an impactful difference with you.

Donna M. Stumpf
Executive Director
June 25 at the KiMo Theater, 421 Central Ave. NW
2 pm Matinee | 5:30 pm VIP Reception | 7 pm Evening Showing

the cattiest films in ABQ

Fresh in its 2nd year, we are excited to announce another meow-velous Feline Film Festival! Last year we held our first-ever cat exclusive event with a local film competition and screening of fantastic feline films. This year we are purr-oud to offer two showings of the top contest entries at the historic KiMo Theater.

Join us for the 2nd Annual Feline Film Festival on Saturday, June 25! We will host matinee and evening screenings at 2 pm and 7 pm.

Celebrate and enjoy the sweet, clever and sometimes silly antics of your purr-fect family members with fellow Albuquerque cat lovers. Meet adoptable kittens, create playful cat crafts and enjoy photo opps to show your purr-sonality! Attend our Aristocat VIP soiree before the 7 pm showing for some added purr-ks complete with Kitten Therapy and your very own festival T-shirt.

Tickets:
• $15 General Admission for those 12 and over
• $10 for children 4 – 11; children under 3 are free
• $50 for Aristocat VIP Admission with reserved seating & soiree access
• All tickets include parking

Reserve your seat at:
AnimalHumaneNM.org/FelineFilmFestival

For questions about the event or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Jazmin Estrada at JazminE@AnimalHumaneNM.org.

partnership for pets

Last year marked the 2nd year of our ASPCA Community Partnership program between Animal Humane and the Animal Welfare Department (AWD). Together in 2015, we placed more pets in homes than in 2014, despite an increase in intake numbers! The Partnership achieved this through successful marketing campaigns, adoption events and creative promotions.

Additionally, we conducted successful Pet Health Fairs that provided 440 families and 728 pets with 1,179 vaccinations and 448 microchips at no cost. These impressive counts were made possible thanks to the combined efforts of Aztec Animal Clinic and VCA Wyoming Animal Hospital. Their volunteer involvement is keeping pets healthy and in loving homes! Equally important, in 2015 the owners of 756 dogs and 367 cats received low-cost sterilizations through Community Partnership funding.

We are grateful to share that our valuable collaboration continues with generous year three funding of $236,740; bringing the ASPCA’s Community Partnership investment in Albuquerque shelters to $653,934.

To continue the positive trends, our Community Partnership will offer six more Pet Health Fairs and continue to offer free vaccinations and microchips to pet owners. We’ll also distribute 875 low-cost spay/neuter vouchers for canines and provide Safety Net funding for veterinary care at partner clinics. Given ASPCA’s recent study identifying a leading reason for re-homing one’s pet was due to costly medical care — these efforts are vital to keeping pets with their owners.

But the Community Partnership does not stop there, they’ve become very creative in their approach to keeping pets in homes. From offering pet deposits when the fee is unaffordable for owners, to building runs or repairing fences that keep pets in backyards, to offering free consultations with trained behaviorists if undesirable habits lead a pet owner to consider relinquishment.

Other new 2016 initiatives include a YouTube Imagine the PAWssibilities video series featuring adoptable pets from Animal Humane and AWD, as well as a Klear the Kennels adoption event June 4 & 5 to place an unprecedented number of dogs and cats in loving homes.

We are extremely grateful that ASPCA is making each of these important efforts possible! We rely on amazing funders like the ASPCA to bring creative and effective programs to the pets and people of our community! We thank them and AWD for the great progress we are making together.
Rico: a journey from stray to beloved family pet

Last September we received Rico, a 3-year-old Sharpei/Greyhound mix, as a transfer from a shelter in Taos. Rico had been in the Taos shelter for almost two years after being found as a stray on the highway. They reached out to us hoping that a city with more people would increase Rico’s chances of finding a home.

Our Behavior Team immediately recognized that Rico would benefit from some training. Luckily, this special dog was smart, high energy and eager to learn. Adoptions Advisor Bruce Cochran made Rico his “pet project,” spending quality time teaching him basic cues and setting him up for playtime with other dogs, usually Nutella who quickly became his best friend.

Our staff loved Rico and knew there was a special family out there who would love this goofy boy. He continued to spend time hanging out in our offices, learning more skills and playing with other dogs.

In early January, a family with three children came to us searching for a wonderful dog. They spent a lot of time with Rico in one of our Real Life Rooms and were very thoughtful about their important decision. To our delight, they decided to take Rico home as a foster at first, then for adoption assuming he did well in their home. They, not surprisingly, fell in love with him and Rico’s journey finally had a happy ending!

At three years and four months old, Rico had spent more than 750 days of his life in shelters, but that didn’t squelch his big personality because we were able to give him the time and attention he needed... and ultimately, through your giving, he found his forever home!

Sanka: extraordinary clinic care helps bring a senior cat home

Sanka is a handsome 13-year-old cat with a regal face and a calm, sweet demeanor. When he arrived as an owner surrender last October, his gums were swollen with abscesses. Luckily, his bloodwork showed his organ function was good, so after a stint in our Donor-subsidized Veterinary Clinic for a respiratory cold, he underwent his dental procedure.

Sanka had a difficult recovery. His upper jaw had been so damaged by the chronic infection that large portions of unhealthy bone needed to be removed. After oral surgery by our veterinarians, Sanka just did not have the energy or comfort to eat. When cats do not eat for several days, they risk liver damage so the decision was made to place him on a feeding tube. This way, Sanka would not have to endure his mouth being touched or handled and his medications and food could be given directly into his esophagus.

The feeding tube worked and he received a lot of TLC from our Clinic Team. Sanka's condition stabilized, his tube was removed, his mouth healed beautifully and he was made available for adoption. His patience paid off when he was adopted into a loving home.

Pets like Sanka would not have any hope of finding a new home without the excellent care provided by our devoted and talented Veterinary Team. To support this high-quality level of care and to continue saving lives, we are launching the Friends of the Clinic fundraising initiative. To learn more about Friends of the Clinic, please contact Stephanie Miller at 505.938.7919 or StephanieM@AnimalHumaneNM.org.

PNM continues to serve the needs of New Mexico’s people and pets!

For the 8th consecutive year, the PNM Resources Foundation has selected Animal Humane for generous funding to support our initiatives of keeping our campus energy efficient. This year, PNM graciously awarded us with a Reduce Your Use Grant to repair the roof of our Mary Claire Bachechi Learning Center. This space is home to our Finance, Human Resources and Volunteer departments who are essential to the operation of our shelter. In addition, our Learning Center is home to one of our most-used training spaces, frequented by both our Behavior Team and independent groups such as Paws and Stripes. By repairing the weak areas of our roof and installing insulation, we are able to keep this frequently-used space safe, warm, and dry throughout the year, while keeping our energy usage low and decreasing our environmental footprint. PNM’s support of these crucial renovations to our campus allows us to focus resources on the pets in our care and keep our staff, volunteers and visitors safe and comfortable. We are grateful for the ongoing support and partnership of PNM Resources Foundation and the positive impact they make on our community!
2015 volunteer of the year

Since he started as a volunteer in February 2015, there are not many Animal Humane activities where you won’t find our 2015 Volunteer of the Year, Tony Brozena, lending a hand.

You can find him at our Pet Food Bank bagging food, interacting with clients and helping to solve any problems that may arise during the course of the morning. His teammates say, “Tony is always working toward Animal Humane’s ultimate goals. When in the Food Bank he tackles any job we need him to do and then some.” Not one to stop at just one volunteer opportunity, Tony also walks dogs at least once a week — more if he can manage it. He also cheerfully agrees to help wherever and whenever he is needed. From moving boxes to leading one of our holiday dog walking teams, there is not a single instance that Tony has been asked to assist when he has not responded with an enthusiastic and cheerful, “I would be happy to!”

Perhaps his most high-profile post came at last year’s Doggie Dash & Dawdle. “Banjo Tony” took the stage and graced everyone with a performance of his exceptional musical abilities. This was in addition to captaining a volunteer team and driving the race kickoff car. It is no wonder that volunteers and staff alike describe Tony with words such as “friendly,” “hard-working,” “kind” and “compassionate.”

It is with the greatest pleasure that we recognize Tony as our 2015 Volunteer of the Year. His dedication to pets and the people who care about them shines through in his every action. We are incredibly grateful that he chooses to share his boundless energy and enthusiasm as an Animal Humane volunteer.

supporting Animal Humane New Mexico for 30 years

As a boy, I grew up having the joy of family cats in our home. Soon after marrying my wife Sue nearly 44 years ago, she brought home a sheltie-cross puppy and our lives were never the same. That dog, who we named Gordito for his delightful physique, was a most gentle soul. After experiencing the comfort and cheer Gordito brought into our lives, we’ve rarely been without one or two dogs in our family ever since. Most recently, we were graced with the love and loyalty of our unique and beloved Val, our late Jack Russell Terrier. The quality companionship, liveliness, humor and gratification a pet brings to our lives makes our family complete.

Sue and I have been supporting Animal Humane New Mexico for 30 years. After experiencing a number of organizations in our work careers, we truly appreciate an establishment that is efficient and dynamic, with continued accomplishments and advancements that result in more lives being saved.

Today, Animal Humane is blessed with wonderful new facilities and a large number of programs including pet adoptions, lost and found, medical services, training, outreach, education, a free Pet Food Bank and a host of other worthwhile programs. Their hard-working staff and nearly 500 volunteers are outstanding. Everyone who works or volunteers there knows what good they are doing in this world. What can be better than that?

Because Sue and I both passionately support animal causes, it is for these reasons I have personally chosen to include Animal Humane New Mexico in my estate plan so that someday (hopefully not too soon) I may continue adding to the good and important work they accomplish.

Consider including Animal Humane New Mexico in your estate plans. To find out more, please call Stefanie English at 505.938.7885 or StefanieE@AnimalHumaneNM.org.
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Greg W. Ruimann
Jet
Diane L. Fitzgerald
Jacks
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Joey, Lucy & Molly
Christine A. Eldrando
Josie
Zenaida & Michael Fervola
June
Karen Anderson
Junior
Lisa Burkatstler & Andrew Auerswald
Kaiser
Roberto & Ron Glazer
Elizabeth Hofving
Katie, Ben, Ginger & Smokey
Dr. Philip & Elizabeth Cook
Kishen, Nekatini, Frankie, Bear, Isis, Cordita & Cookies
Emily R. Martinez
Kinet & Velcro
Marin & Adultbel Smiel
Lacey
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Lazo, Hugo, Arthur, Harvey & Vinnie
Coralie & Pete Baske
Lady
July & Richard Trasager
Linda
Gabriel G. Gomez
Linda, Bob & Davey
Peggy Sykes
Lucky, Trudy & Sebastion
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Ruth Gillen
Edward Sobel
Ginger
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Patricio Stelmer
Gordon
Patricia Aaron
Gravy
Esther & Bob Fleming
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Gray, Buddy, Squeaks & Chloé
Emily & Dave Behrens
Grayfield Cat
Dr. Frank, Salimah Keenig
Griselda
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Gypsy
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Herman
Sandra Gardner
Honeyboo
Suzanne Strong
Houdini & Majic
Elizabeth Wiesers & Ann Parrish
Jack
Margit & Tom Meek
Jackson
Ann Marie Caffrey
Jager
Dr. Michelle Martinez
Jake
Ronald C. Sevin
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Sherry Rakey

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Judy & Lee Amador
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Piper
Linda & Kirby Tillotson
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Kimberly & Curtis Smith
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Dona Henderson
Spock
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Sydney
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