



2022-2023 Gratitude Report



Mission

Our mission is to support and improve the lives of New Mexico's cats and dogs through sheltering, adoptions, humane education and veterinary services.

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Lulu
Adopted from
Animal Humane

Dear Donors & Supporters:

It is said you have to look backward to look forward.

As I spend my last year as President of the Board of Directors, I have been honored to reflect on the goals, passion, and work, not only of the current staff and volunteers, but of those set and accomplished by previous board members, executive directors, donors, and staff, which can be seen in every part of Animal Humane New Mexico's campus and in the work done daily to continue the organization's mission.

Seven years ago, when I joined the board, we saw the completion and opening of The Center at Animal Humane New Mexico which was the culmination of our generous donors' support and a vision set in motion by Peggy Weigle during her tenure as executive director. Over the next six years, I worked closely under the gracious, passionate, and adaptive leadership of Donna Stumpf as she served in this pivotal role. During Donna's tenure I watched her and the staff navigate some of the most challenging emotional, physical, and financial times, brought on, of course, by the coronavirus pandemic. Again, thanks to the determination of our staff, commitment from our Board of Directors, and the continued support of our incredible donors and volunteers, not only did Animal Humane survive, we thrived.

Over the past year I have watched Val Wilson step into the role of executive director, and I look forward to watching her vision weave together with those sent into motion in the past. Together, I know she, the staff, volunteers and supporters will continue the strong legacy of saving lives we have created at Animal Humane New Mexico.

Thank You,
Rebecca Mount, DVM



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Animal Humane's Executive Director

Pictured:
Rebecca Mount, DVM, Board President;
Val Wilson, Executive Director
& Crush, Cat.

Current Issues Facing Animal Welfare

Every day Animal Humane works alongside passionate individuals, like you, to support & improve the lives of New Mexico's cats and dogs. As we settled into our post-pandemic world, we faced new challenges as we worked to achieve our mission. These challenges are not unique to Animal Humane New Mexico as most are impacting shelters state and nationwide.

Economic uncertainty, a lack of spay/neuter resources, and a veterinary shortage have all led to huge spikes in the number of unplanned litters, many of whom eventually end up in a shelter.

Shelters across the country are working at maximum capacity. We see the effects of overcrowding in our partner shelters and in community pets—both populations display increasing behavioral and medical needs.

Despite these challenges, we've buckled down and pushed forward knowing that the cats & dogs in our care deserve nothing less. Because of your support we know that we can persevere through, and eventually overcome, these obstacles while still serving thousands of homeless & at-risk dogs and cats this year.



Lack of Spay/Neuter

Access to spay/neuter resources across the country dropped significantly in 2020. New research has found there are almost 3 million pets in the U.S that did not receive spay/neuter surgeries due to pandemic-related closures. While spay/neuter resources are now open, the problem has been compounded by a nationwide veterinary shortage, which makes it harder for pet parents seeking spay/neuter to find services in a reasonable time frame or at an accessible cost.

Veterinary shortage

While the number of pets in shelters has increased, the number of veterinarians available in Albuquerque and beyond has decreased. In fact, new research has shown that more than 41,000 additional veterinarians will be needed by 2030 to meet the growing demand. As the veterinary shortage was felt across the nation, we faced the unfortunate need to replace our shelter veterinarians and focus our remaining team's efforts on caring for the shelter pets who needed us, temporarily closing our doors to public clients.



Economic Impact

Animal welfare organizations have been feeling the weight of inflation and economic uncertainty. This year, we have seen the prices of various pet products, such as pet food or cat litter increase by almost 30%. Families who love their pets are not only facing these price increases, they are also experiencing house & food insecurity as well. As a result, many pet owners have had to make the difficult decision to surrender their pets to the shelter.



Animal Humane's Approach: 2022-2023 Success Stories & Statistics

No matter the challenges and issues we faced, you were there every step of the way for pets in need. On behalf of the many lives you helped save, we thank you for ensuring all pets can find their success story at Animal Humane.

Hector

Hector's story began in Ruidoso, where he wandered the streets as a stray. This beautiful 3-year-old Labrador Retriever mix was taken in by the Humane Society of Lincoln County and then transferred to Animal Humane. Unfortunately, Hector tested positive for heartworm upon his arrival. **Without treatment, dogs can only live six to seven months with this dangerous parasite, developing lung and heart disease along the way.** Thankfully, Hector had you, and we began his treatment right away.

Treating heartworm can be a grueling process. Pets like Hector rely on your support of our Foster Care program, and the dedication of our Foster Caregivers, for months while the required medications work through their heart and the rest of their body.

With routine visits to our Clinic and loving care from his Foster Home, Hector's heart began to heal. Over the months he was there, Hector was also capturing the heart of his Foster Caregiver!

"Mark and I adopted 2 children in December. We felt getting a dog would really help their transition with us," Beth explained. **"When we met Hector, he was so gentle with them. He put his head on my daughter's lap and that was it. We were in love."**

The moment Hector's blood test came back heartworm free, he became a permanent part of their family. Because of you, Hector is happy, healthy and, best of all, home.



625 pets served in Foster Care
3,066 Total Pets Adopted or Returned to Home
99% Live Release Rate

Hector
Adopted from Animal Humane



394 pets served during community Pet Health Fairs

177 owned pets provided with emergency medical or behavioral support through Safety Net

486 families helped through our Free Behavior Helpline

95,672 pounds of pet food distributed through our Pet Food Pantry



Supporting Both Ends of the Leash

Four times a year, Animal Humane goes out into the community to provide preventative pet care to hundreds of New Mexico families.

For many of these families, our Pet Health Fairs are crucial, as veterinary care has become less and less accessible in recent years. Such was the case for Leslie Robert, who attended our Spring Pet Health Fair on March 12th at Carlos Rey Elementary School.

“Both of our bullies, Canela and Iluvia, (pictured at left) needed to get their shots updated.” Leslie explained, “It has been very difficult to get an appointment at our neighborhood animal clinic. **We were fortunate to hear about the Pet Health Fair where Canela and Iluvia were able to finally get the care they needed.**”

With your support, Animal Humane’s Pet Health Fairs can break down barriers and make veterinary care accessible, while supporting pet parents who only want the best for their pets. **Something as simple as providing vaccinations and microchips can not only ensure healthy, happy futures for pets, they also create a healthier community overall.** Thank you for allowing us to meet people where they are.

Herman

This past October, Animal Humane was contacted by a Project Fetch partner about Herman, a beautiful five-year-old Domestic Shorthair. In an attempt to escape their shelter, Herman had bitten a staff member. This particular partner has a strict policy that they would not adopt out a pet who had a bite history regardless of the circumstances. **All hope seemed to be lost for Herman. But Animal Humane's donors, like you, were there, and Herman was transferred to our care.**

Our Behavior Team determined that what Herman needed most was an energy outlet, so he spent each day in our Cat Program Manager's office to stretch his legs. **Your generosity provided Herman with plenty of toys and, most importantly, time.** As the weeks went by, Herman learned how to react appropriately when he was feeling overwhelmed and became an absolute cuddle bug!

Two months after his transfer to our care, an adopter fell in love with Herman, whisking him home the very same day.

"Herman is so sweet. He is the first one to snuggle up as soon as I sit down and greet me when I get home," explains Michelle, Herman's adopter. **"Animal Humane did everything to make sure Herman and I were set up for success."**

Because of you, stories like Herman's are possible.



Herman
Adopted from Animal Humane



2,109 pets transferred
in through Project Fetch

34 shelter transfer
partners across
New Mexico

112 pets graduated
from a behavior
modification plan

Meet Dr. Robertson

Adena Robertson, DVM, Animal Humane's Chief Veterinarian, knew she wanted to be a veterinarian since she was five. **With 23 years of experience, she has made her mark.** Starting at age 15, she worked in shelter kennels and clinics. After college, she achieved the monumental feat of being accepted to Veterinary School at Colorado State University. **The competition was fierce, with fewer than 35 Veterinary Schools nationwide accepting only 10% of applicants annually—a key component of our current veterinarian shortage.**

Dr. Robertson then worked in emergency and general practice right in New Mexico before opening her own private practice. However, she eventually decided to pursue her interest in shelter medicine.

“Working in a place like Animal Humane and in a clinic that is completely donor-funded has allowed me to see more pets than I ever was able to in my private practice.” Dr. Robertson explains

This spring, our Clinic was able to reopen for community spay/neuter and preventative care. **Thanks to your support, Dr. Robertson and her Clinic Team can care for and treat not only shelter pets, but community pets who wouldn't otherwise have access to veterinary care.**



Sophie
Adopted from Animal Humane



2,139 spay/neuter surgeries for owned and shelter pets
153 special surgeries for owned and shelter pets
85 feral cats sterilized and vaccinated through TNR program

2022-2023 Financials

Animal Humane New Mexico is a private 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that receives no city, state or federal funding. We earn or raise 100% of our annual operating budget. If you have questions about vital programs and services, or our financials, we would love the opportunity to speak with you at any time.

All figures are based on Fiscal Year 2023 financial statements audited by Pulakos CPAs, PC, an independent firm that has given Animal Humane New Mexico a clean opinion. Our full report and IRS 990 are available at AnimalHumaneNM.org/Financials-2023.

Expenses

Programs & Services

Animal Care Programs	\$4,381,792	54.5%
Community Outreach and Education Program	\$1,059,690	13.2%
Thrift Shop Operations	\$896,013	11.1%
Program Expenses	\$6,337,495	78.8%

Support Services

Donor Development and Fundraising	\$908,408	11.3%
Management and General	\$800,025	9.9%
Support Expenses	1,708,433	21.2%
TOTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES	\$8,045,928	100%

Income

General Contributions (including temporarily restricted funds)	\$3,935,045	41.7%
Estate Gifts	\$2,282,510	24.2%
Adoption/Training/Animal Care Fees	\$1,410,478	15.0%
Retail Revenue	\$1,044,230	11.1%
Special Events	\$277,110	2.9%
Investment Inters/Dividends	(\$488,494)	5.2%
Gain (Loss) on Disposal of Assets	(\$6,657)	-0.1%
TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUE	\$9,431,210	100%



Abigail
Adopted from
Animal Humane



We would like to acknowledge the individuals, businesses, foundations and estate donors who made donations during our 2023 fiscal year. Our work is only possible with help from compassionate community members like you.

In order to direct more funding to the pets & people who need it most, we have listed all our lifesaving donors digitally! Just scan the QR code.

Looking Forward: Building Humane Communities

As I reflect on my first six months as Executive Director and look to the future of Animal Humane New Mexico, I'm reminded that both pets and the people who love them are an integral part of our mission. While we will continue to care for homeless and at-risk cats and dogs, it is imperative that we remember the many individuals who rely on the support you have so graciously given them this past fiscal year.

We have already begun to accomplish this with community support resources, such as our Pet Health Fairs and our free Behavior Helpline.

In the next six months, through funding from the Elinor Patterson Baker Foundation, we will be piloting a program for long-term pet boarding. Our experience has shown us firsthand that the 7-14 days we could previously accommodate with our Safety Net program is not enough. **Individuals fleeing domestic violence or facing medical or housing issues, who adore their pets, were forced to surrender them.** Thankfully, with this funding, we are now able to offer 60-90 days of pet boarding, making these difficult circumstances a little easier, as we keep pets with the people that love them most.

We aren't stopping there either. We've removed the income qualification barrier that had long existed for preventive care services at our Donor-subsidized Veterinary Clinic by allowing individuals to self-certify. We've also applied for, though not yet been approved, for funding to pilot a program that will provide basic spay/neuter and preventative care services to those experiencing homelessness through our Clinic.

We're increasing our offsite adoption events, continuing to hold Pet Health Fairs in resource deserts within the Albuquerque area, and of course, continuing to provide refuge and healing for cats and dogs in need of a family.

Thank you for partnering with us to achieve our mission. You make all we do possible, and we look forward to working with you to ensure a more humane community for all!

Val Wilson

Val Wilson, Executive Director



A medium-sized dog with brown and white patches, identified as Rocky, is standing on a rocky, sunlit hillside. The dog has its mouth open and tongue out, looking towards the left. It is wearing a blue collar with a patterned band. The background shows a rocky landscape with some green shrubs under bright sunlight.

Our Locations

Main Campus

615 Virginia St. SE, Albuquerque, NM 87108
505.255.5523

Westside Adoption Center

10141 Coors Blvd. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87114
505.323.PETS (7387)

The Center at Animal Humane (Training, Day Care & Boarding)

615 Wyoming Blvd. SE, Albuquerque, NM 87123
505.255.PLAY (7529)

Thrift Shop

5341 Menaul Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110
505.938.7915

Donor-subsidized Veterinary Clinic

615 Virginia St. SE, Albuquerque, NM 87108
505.217.0300

Rocky
Adopted from Animal Humane