

NEW MEXICO RESOURCES

This section contains the names and contact information for various agencies, entities, organizations and individuals likely to be involved with particular animal-related issues. Not all those listed will be advocates for animals nor have a high level of interest in reducing animal suffering. Persistence, politeness and professionalism will go a long way toward getting help for animals. This section also contains standards for animal shelters developed by the New Mexico Federation of Animal Care, Control and Humane Agencies.

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1) State Agencies

New Mexico Board of Veterinary Medicine

The New Mexico Board of Veterinary Medicine is a Governor-appointed body of seven people, five of whom must be licensed veterinarians in New Mexico. The Board is responsible for overseeing the professional practices of veterinary medicine in New Mexico. The New Mexico Veterinary Practice Act (Section 5 of this book) and regulations promulgated by the Board are available to the public. Complaints about individual veterinarians can be reported to the Board for investigation and action.

New Mexico Department of Agriculture - New Mexico Veterinary Diagnostic Services

New Mexico Veterinary Diagnostic Services performs the following fee-based veterinary diagnostic services on samples provided by individual veterinarians and citizens throughout the state:

- toxicology
- endocrinology
- bacteriology
- virology
- mycology
- necropsies
- histopathology
- cytology
- serology
- clinical chemistries
- hematology

New Mexico Department of Game and Fish / New Mexico Game Commission

The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish is charged with implementing policies determined by the New Mexico Game Commission, and is subject to New Mexico statutes governing Game and Fish (Section 1 of this book). The Game Commission is a Governor-appointed body of seven people charged with establishing wildlife policies for the state. The Department of Game and Fish has a Law Enforcement Division which is responsible for enforcing the game laws.

New Mexico Department of Health - Office of Epidemiology

The state Department of Health is involved in establishing rabies requirements, assists local animal control agencies with rabies testing, has a Hantavirus hotline and consults on human health questions related to diseases carried by animals.

New Mexico Environment Department - Community Services Bureau - Vector Control Program

Vector control is defined as “controlling animal agents of disease”, and the state Environment Department-Vector Control performs the following functions: investigates cases of plague and Hantavirus; identifies a wide variety of vertebrates and arthropods, especially those who carry zoonotic diseases; provides general information about reptiles and amphibians; and educates the public and trains professionals on vector control.

New Mexico Livestock Board and New Mexico Livestock Inspectors

The New Mexico Livestock Board is a Governor-appointed body of nine people who represent the state livestock industry. Seven of the nine Board members must raise and own cattle or sheep in the state. The role of the Board is to govern the livestock industry of the state in the manner required by law. The Board is empowered to employ inspectors to carry out the purposes of the New Mexico Livestock Code (Section 6 of this book). In New Mexico, particularly in rural areas, issues with livestock and livestock cruelty often will be handled by New Mexico Livestock Inspectors. The list of Livestock Inspectors is organized by Area (there are four Areas in New Mexico). Please note that horses are considered livestock in New Mexico.

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New Mexico Racing Commission

The New Mexico Racing Commission is within the New Mexico Department of Tourism. It is a Governor-appointed body of five people which is responsible for, among other things, licensing and promulgating rules and regulations pertaining to horse racing.

New Mexico State Veterinarian

The State Veterinarian oversees state meat inspection, is responsible for emergency preparedness and response related to diseases of animals, as well as monitoring and health inspections of animals traveling in and out of the state who might harbor dangerous and transmissible diseases.

State Agency and Employee Locator

If a state agency or employee is needed and not listed specifically in this Resource Section, phone numbers are listed for both agency and employee directories.

2) Federal Agencies

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)-APHIS (Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service)

APHIS is responsible for inspecting a variety of facilities and entities in which animals are held, such as research laboratories, zoos, circuses, etc. New Mexico is in APHIS's Western Region, and is managed by the Western Regional office in California. APHIS is charged with enforcing the Animal Welfare Act, which is a federal law with very minimal standards for animal care. Please note that the Animal Welfare Act is also very limited in the species it covers, covering only mammals. For instance, no "farm animals" are covered under the Animal Welfare Act, unless they are being used in vivisection (animal research).

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)-Wildlife Services (formerly, Animal Damage Control)

Animal Damage Control is a federal agency with state offices and employees, and their Congressional mandate from 1913 is "to promulgate the best methods of eradication, suppression, or bringing under control on ... areas of public domain or private lands, of wolves, lions, coyotes, bobcats, prairie dogs, ... injurious to agriculture and animal husbandry, for the protection of stock and other domestic animals ... and to conduct campaigns for the destruction or control of such animals." ADC is sometimes called in to remove (by killing or by non-lethal methods) wildlife deemed to be "pests". There are no regulations governing how ADC has to operate, making it extremely difficult to identify and monitor illegal activity. However, the agency is required to follow state and federal laws with regard to their use of poisons and traps.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service may need to be contacted if you encounter issues with animals that are endangered or are subject to federal protective laws, such as Mexican wolves, rare birds, box turtles, etc. This federal agency, which has local offices in New Mexico, is charged with seeing that federal laws involving taking of species, interstate transportation and sale of certain species, etc. are enforced.

3) Animal Shelter Standards

Developed by the New Mexico Federation of Animal Care, Control and Humane Agencies

4) Directory of Animal Services

(published and updated annually by Animal Protection of New Mexico, Inc.)

This statewide publication is organized by county, and includes all animal control agencies, sheriffs departments and animal protection organizations. In those counties with no animal control agency, the county sheriff is responsible for enforcing animal control laws.

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5) New Mexico Roster

Published by the New Mexico Office of the Secretary of State, this publication lists contact information for:

FEDERAL OFFICIALS:

United States Senators

They act upon federal legislation, some of which will directly impact animals.

United States Representatives

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STATE OFFICIALS:

Governor

New Mexico's Governor is responsible for appointing members of many Boards and Commissions, many of which approve policies that directly impact animals.

Lt. Governor

Secretary of State

State Auditor

State Treasurer

New Mexico Attorney General (AG)

He/she is the highest law enforcement officer in the state. Advice regarding investigation, prosecution and other issues relating to animal cruelty may be obtained by calling the AG's office. In addition, for situations involving fraud with animals or businesses mistreating animals, it may be useful to also contact the Consumer Affairs Division within the AG's office.

New Mexico Board of Education

Usually there would be little reason to contact them for animal-related issues, although there could be involvement in areas of humane education, dissection policies, etc.

New Mexico Commissioner of Public Lands

He/she is responsible for managing New Mexico's "State Trust Lands", which are often leased for grazing and oil and gas drilling, etc. These lands are home to abundant native wildlife.

Justices of the Supreme Court

They may be called upon from time to time to hear an animal-related case referred to them from a lower court.

Justices of the Court of Appeals

They may be called upon from time to time to hear an animal-related case in an appeal of a lower court decision.

Public Regulation Commission

Usually there would be no reason to contact them for animal-related issues.

Legislative Leadership

They are the leaders within New Mexico's Senate and House of Representatives.

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State Representatives

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District Judges

Felony offenses are resolved in District Court, although they may begin in a lower court. Since certain types of animal cruelty are now a fourth degree felony, advocates interested in felony animal cruelty prosecution may be involved in District court cases.

District Attorneys

Knowing who the District Attorneys (DA's) are throughout New Mexico is important because they have primary jurisdiction over all criminal cases (animal cruelty cases are criminal cases). New Mexico has 13 Judicial Districts, and there is a District Attorney assigned to each one. Every District Attorneys office has a "Victims Advocate" who can help the public understand the legal process. It is advised that animal advocates speak with these individuals for assistance.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

(for each county, alphabetically listed)

County Commissioner

County Commissioners are responsible for, among many other things, passing county animal control ordinances.

County Clerk

County Treasurer

County Assessor

County Sheriffs

While APNM's Directory of Animal Services (item #1, above) contains some county sheriffs (in counties in which there is no animal control), the list of *all* county sheriffs may be valuable. Particularly in rural areas, sheriffs may have to be called for assistance with animal-related cases.

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New Mexico Board of Veterinary Medicine

7301 Jefferson St. NE, Ste. C
Albuquerque, N.M. 87109-4363
Phone: (505)-841-9112
Fax: (505)-841-9127
www.state.nm.us/vetbd/

BOARD MEMBERS:

Name

City

Ray Powell, DVM, Chair
Timothy Hanosh, DVM, V-Chair Albuquerque
Kathleen Ramsay, DVM, Secretary,
Susan Larsen, DVM,
John A. Romero, DVM,
Dale Petty, Public Member,
Elisabeth Jennings, Public Member,

Albuquerque

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Albuquerque
Santa Fe
Clovis
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New Mexico Department of Agriculture -
New Mexico Veterinary Diagnostic Services

700 Camino de Salud, P.O. Box 4700
Albuquerque, N.M. 87196-4700
phone: (505)-841-2576; fax: (505)-841-2518

Director and Veterinary Pathologist: Dr. Flint Taylor
Staff Veterinary Pathologist: Not currently filled; in transition

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New Mexico Department of Game and Fish

P.O. Box 25112, #1 Wildlife Way
Santa Fe, N.M. 87504
800-862-9310
www.gmfsh.state.nm.us

Acting Director:	Bruce Thompson	phone: 505-476-8008; fax: 505-476-8124
Law Enforcement:	Dan Brooks	phone: 505-476-8061; fax: 505-476-8133
Public Affairs:	Don MacCarter	phone: 505-476-8003; fax: 505-476-8116

New Mexico Game Commission

P.O. Box 25112, #1 Wildlife Way
Santa Fe, N.M. 87505

COMMISSIONERS:

Tom Arvas, Albuquerque
7905 Spain Northeast
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109
Work (505) 293-3515

Alfredo Montoya, Vice-Chairman, Alcalde
P.O. Box 856
San Juan Pueblo, New Mexico 87566
Home (505) 852-2551
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David Henderson, Santa Fe
P.O. Box 9314
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504
Work (505) 983-4609
Fax (505) 983-2355
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Jennifer Atchley Montoya, Las Cruces
4010 Oleta Drive, Apt. A
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001
Home (505) 526-1320
Fax (505) 523-2866

Peter Pino, Zia Pueblo
026 Chamisa Drive
Zia Pueblo, New Mexico 87053-6035
Work (505) 867-3304
Fax (505) 867-3308

Guy Riordan, Chairman, Albuquerque
9514 Kandace Drive, NW
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87114
Home (505) 897-1371
Fax (505) 881-5430

Leo Sims, Hobbs
P.O. Box 2630
Hobbs, New Mexico 88241-2630
Home (505) 397-3906
Work (505) 393-3024
Fax (505) 391-6684
email: calleyjo2002@yahoo.com

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New Mexico Department of Health -
Office of Epidemiology

1190 St. Francis Dr., Runnels Building, Room North 1350
Santa Fe, NM 87502
phone: 505-827-0006; fax: 505-827-0013

State Public Health Veterinarian: Dr. Paul Ettestad

New Mexico Department of Health
Office of Epidemiology

1190 St. Francis Dr.
Santa Fe, N.M. 87505
phone: (505)-476-8531; fax: (505)-476-8638

Environmental Specialists:
Nelson Powers
Pam Reynolds

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NEW MEXICO LIVESTOCK BOARD

300 San Mateo NE, Suite 1000
Albuquerque, NM 87108
505-841-6161

Executive Director: Danielle Manzanares
phone: 505-841-6161; fax: 505-841-6160

NEW MEXICO LIVESTOCK BOARD

Bill King, Chairman.....Stanley
Bill Sauble, Vice-Chairman.....Maxwell
Bob Maldonado, Secretary.....Moriarty
Tweeti Blancett.....Aztec
Robert Garcia.....Santa Fe
David Kincaid.....Pinon
Ken Miller.....Bosque
Vinnie Monetatchi.....Ramah
Joe Delk.....Mesilla park

NEW MEXICO LIVESTOCK INSPECTORS

AREA #1

District Name and City

		<u>Phone</u>
	Bobby Pierce, Area Supervisor	262-1700
5	Coy Dictson, District Supervisor, Roswell	622-2635
5	Joe Niece, Roswell	624-7769
5	Travis Holley, Roswell	622-6496
5	Troy Patterson, Roswell	623-2256
11	PeeWee Switzer, Carlsbad	885-6253
12	Christopher Harrison, Lovington	396-8300
13	Tim Allison, Portales	356-3823
13	Barry Allen, Melrose	253-4614
13	John R. Eisenberger, District Supervisor, Clovis	760-6545
13	Butch Smith, Melrose	253-4560

AREA #2

District Name and City

		<u>Phone</u>
	Kyle Hibner, Area Supervisor	487-2078
1	Joe Jackson, Springer	483-5558
1	Pablo Montoya, Raton	445-7666
2	Joel Gilbert, Grenville	278-2232
2	Don Gilbert, Grenville	278-2620
3	Shawn Davis, Tucumcari	461-3049
3	Frankie McKinley, Tucumcari	461-1811
15	Heath Lee, Ft. Sumner	355-1505
15	Frank Padilla, La Loma	427-0390
18	Ray Baca, District Supervisor, Las Vegas	454-9106
18	Greg Laumbach, Rainsville	387-6244
18	Allen Herron, Roy	673-2340

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AREA #3

<u>District</u>	<u>Name and City</u>	<u>Phone</u>
6	Randell Nelson, Flora Vista	334-6548
6	Vicky Saunders, Bloomfield	632-2287
	Albuquerque Area Field Office	841-6136
8	Milton Romans, District Supervisor, Estancia	384-5259
7	Bea Bell, Los Lunas	865-7626
8	Kevin Lucero, Albuquerque	235-1126
8	B.J. Winchester, Los Lunas	401-1233
8	Beth Mitchell, Estancia	980-1050
9	Leroy Martinez, Tierra Amarilla	588-7244
24	Gary Mora, Ranchos de Taos	737-9144
23	Mark Waters, Gallup	863-9227
28	Colvin Connell, Willard	799-2776

AREA #4

<u>District</u>	<u>Name and City</u>	<u>Phone</u>
	Sam Wilson, Area Supervisor	541-5542
4	Kenneth Hileman, Sacramento	687-4224
7	Janice Blandford, Deming	546-3765
	Las Cruces Area Field Office	233-4787
10	Trey Bays, District Supervisor, Mesquite	373-0076
10	Don Hatfield, Mesquite	382-1299
14	Larry Fagan, Socorro	835-1276
16	Bryan Waldrop, Animas	548-2351
17	Buddy Eby, Silver City	538-9698
20	George Price, Capitan	354-3221
21	Horacio G. Armijo, Williamsburg	894-7545
22	Tommy Padilla, Quemado	773-4654

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New Mexico Racing Commission

300 San Mateo Blvd. NE, Suite 110
Albuquerque, NM 87108
phone: 505-841-6400; fax: 505-841-6413

COMMISSIONERS:

Name

Jack A. Cole, Chair
David Sanchez, Vice Chair
Arnold J. Rael
Ken Corazza
Al Lucero

Agency Staff:

New Mexico State Racing Commission Director: India Hatch
Deputy Director: Julian Luna
Investigators: phone: 505-841-6400

New Mexico State Veterinarian

(offices are with the New Mexico Livestock Board)
300 San Mateo NE, Suite 1000
Albuquerque, NM 87108
phone: (505)-841-6161; fax: (505)-841-6160

State Veterinarian: Dr. Steve England

State Agency and Employee Locator

For state agencies not listed in this Resource Section,
call: 1-800-825-6639

To locate a state employee by name, call:
1-505-476-7771

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U.S. Department of Agriculture - APHIS

Western Regional Office:
2150 Centre Ave., Building B, Mailstop 3W11
Ft. Collins, CO 80526-8117
Western Region Director: Dr. Robert Gibbens
970-494-7478
fax: 970-494-7460
email: aewest@aphis.usda.gov
website: www.aphis.usda.gov

National Office:
USDA-APHIS
4700 River Rd, Unit 84
Riverdale, MD 20737-1234
Acting Deputy Administrator of Animal Care: Dr. Chester Gipson
phone: 301-734-49807833
fax: 301-734-4978

U.S. Department of Agriculture - Wildlife Services
(formerly Animal Damage Control)

New Mexico office:
2113 Osuna Rd. NE, Suite B
Albuquerque, NM 87113
New Mexico State Director: Alex Lara
phone: 505-346-2640; fax: 505-346-2627

Washington, D.C. office:
1400 Independence Ave. SW
Room 1624 South Agriculture Building
Washington, DC 20250
Deputy Administrator (national): vacant
Assistant Deputy Administrator: Martin Mendoza
phone: 202-720-2054
fax: 202-690-0053

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Regional Office:

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, N.M. 87103

Physical Address:

500 Gold Ave. SW

Albuquerque, NM 87102-3118

Regional Director: Dale Hall

phone: 505-248-6282; fax: 505-248-6845

Wolf Program contacts: Ecological Services Field Office, 505-346-2525 (Albuquerque):

Maggie Dwire, phone: 505-761-4783; fax: 505-346-2542

Colleen Buchanan, phone: 505-761-4782; fax: 505-346-2542

Law Enforcement, Albuquerque field office:

phone: 505-346-7828