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A New Regional Animal Shelter Benefits Everyone!



- Provides a safe, clean environment
- Reduces potential disease transmission
- Provides more space for large and small homeless animals
- Reduces potential damage to livestock caused by wild dog packs
- Reduces the population of feral cats, which can carry Bubonic Plague
- Increases the chances of pet adoption

What Can You Do to Help?

Contact **Governor Bill Richardson** at Office of the Governor, 490 Old Santa Fe Trail, Room 400, Santa Fe, NM 87501.

Contact **Rep. Edward Sandoval**, who is the chair of the Taxation and Revenue Committee at P.O. Box 630, Santa Fe, NM 87501.

In addition, contact your elected officials:

- Rep. Paul Bandy (505) 334-0865
- Rep. Ray Begay (505) 368-4192
- Rep. James Strickler (505) 327-3190
- Rep. Tom Taylor (505) 325-8941
- Sen. Steve Neville (505) 327-5450
- Sen. Bill Sharer (505) 325-5055

Let them know you support a new regional animal shelter. Write your own personalized letter or use the one provided and mail it to your representative c/o State Capital Building, Santa Fe, NM 87501.

For more information or to download a sample letter, visit w.sanjuananimalleague.com.

Did You Know...

The Farmington Animal Shelter is overcrowded. In 2006,

- 8,525 animals passed through the shelter's doors
- 20% were adopted
- 9% were claimed
- 5,959 were euthanized
- Euthanasia rate was 70%
- The current shelter only has 54 kennels and cages

Dear

I support the concept of a new, regional animal shelter to serve San Juan County. A new shelter will be a community asset that:

- provides more space for small and large animals
- allows more time to keep healthy, adoptable companion animals, increasing their chances to find loving homes
- reduces the risk of disease among shelter animals by eliminating overcrowding
- provides a healthy environment for shelter animals, staff, and the public.

Currently, San Juan County has only two animal shelters—one in Aztec and one in Farmington—to serve a companion animal population, estimated to be 100,000 and growing. Both shelters are old, outdated, and overcrowded. There is no shelter in Bloomfield and no continuously operating shelter in Shiprock. The current facilities simply cannot handle the number of lost, abandoned, and surrendered animals that come through the doors. As a result, many healthy animals, including mothers and their litters, must be euthanized each week.

A new regional animal shelter is an important step in solving the pet overpopulation problem that we face. Information regarding the current and proposed animal shelter is available from the city of Farmington's Animal Shelter Task Force. I ask you to support measures to provide capital funds for the construction of this animal shelter.

Sincerely,