



Animal Protective Association of Socorro

# Barks and Mews

March 2016 Newsletter

## APAS Board Members for 2016

A belated happy new year to everyone. Our Board election in January offered no big surprises, and the same dedicated group that volunteered for APAS in 2015 is back again this year to keep our programs running.

Kitty Pokorny (that's me) was elected for a third year as President of APAS, Cecil Abel is our returning Vice President, Nelia Dunbar, who has truly taken our finances and reporting to a new level, is monitoring our finances again this year for a fourth year, and Stephanie Mitchell, will be recording it all again for us as Secretary for a second year. Other

Board Members include Dorothy Brook, our spay/neuter coordinator, Jane Love, who is one of our longest participating members and does many things for us, and Connie Robnett, who will be running our webpage. We also have a couple of really active members who keep things moving; Rosemarie Murray, who keeps our membership database up-to-date, and Jean Eilek, who pinch hits for just about anything and is heading up our grant writing activities. Thank you all for making APAS work!

—Kitty Pokorny

## The APAS Yard Sale is Coming! Saturday, April 30 & Sunday, May 1

The annual APAS yard sale is our largest fundraising event of the year, and we need your help to make it a success. You can help by:

- Hanging up the enclosed flyer at your place of work. It will help us advertise the sale and our request for donations.
- Volunteering to help us pick-up large donation items for the yard sale. Ideally a couple of strong folks with a truck or trailer will do. We usually get a few calls for pick-ups each year. Please email [apassocorro@gmail.com](mailto:apassocorro@gmail.com) if you can help.
- Donating your gently used items to our sale. We take most everything (garden/yard items, furniture, toys, tools, jewelry, kitchen items, even the kitchen sink). We ask that items be operational. Unfortunately, we don't have the staff to deal with clothes donations or old computers/monitors. Newer computer items are okay.

- Donating your more valuable items to our silent auction. We've had campers, antique furniture, musical instruments, electric lawn mowers, jewelry and tableware donated.



- Volunteering to help us sort and price yard sale items. This usually goes on a week before the yard sale.
- Volunteering to help us on the day of the sale. We need people to help ring up sales, load items into cars, and just monitor the sale.

Open drop-off times for donations will be available on Saturday–Sunday, April 23–24 from 9 am to 2 pm and Monday–Thursday, April 25–28 from 1 to 4 pm. If you cannot hold onto your yard sale items until the week before the sale, you are welcome to bring items to Dorothy Brook before then, but please call her at 835-0259 to make an appointment. Thank you.



—Kitty Pokorny

# 2015 in Review

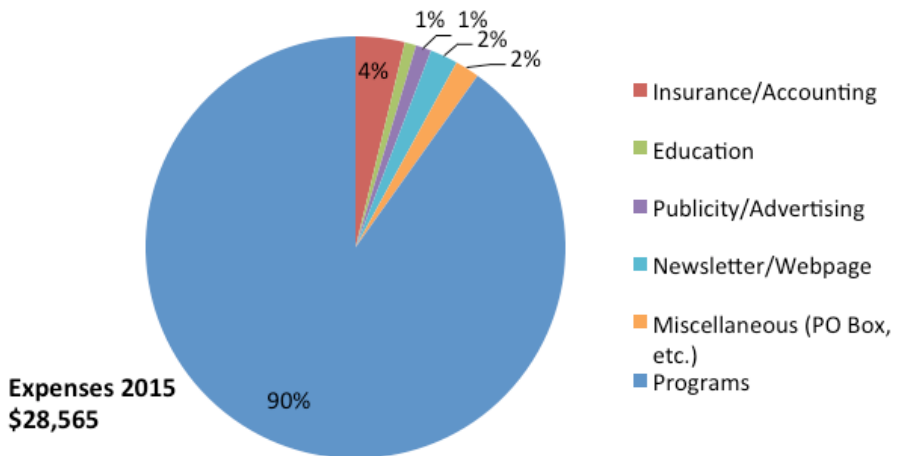
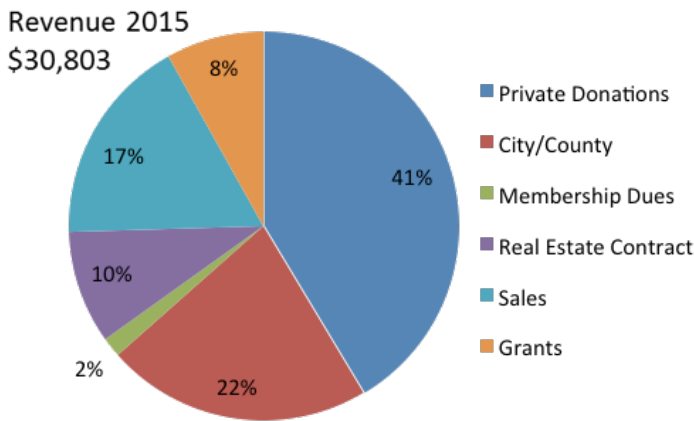
APAS rounded out 2015 on a good note. While we spent a couple of months fretting over our finances, we closed out the year a little ahead of the game. We were fortunate to receive funds from the Walmart Foundation in 2015 and our revenues slightly overtook our expenses by December (see charts below). Your donations were what got us there!

We helped 267 Socorro pets get spayed/neutered in 2015, and assisted 13 pets with emergency medical services. It was also a huge year for the transport of Socorro shelter animals; 568 adoptable animals were transferred to neighboring rescue groups in Albuquerque, Colorado and Utah for adoption. Many APAS volunteers were instrumental in getting these animals on their way to their new home by driving them from Socorro to Albuquerque to meet their connection. Positive Paws is the non-profit in Albuquerque arranging the rescue groups on the other end and coordinating with our shelter. This

relationship has been a huge benefit for our shelter-pets.

When the Socorro Animal Shelter and Adoption Center hired a new and effective manager, things were bound to change, and change they have. APAS was very excited to hear that the Socorro Animal Shelter is working to ensure that all animals adopted from the shelter have current vaccinations and are spayed or neutered *before* going home (with the exception of kittens and puppies under 6 months of age). This process is not only a huge health benefit to the animals, but it ensures that our adopted pets are not reproducing and adding to the pet overpopulation problem. To help with this program, APAS is no longer issuing our blue adoption coupons for every adopted shelter pet, but rather directing the funds to the shelter for each adopted animal to ensure these services are administered up front. We'll see what changes await in 2016.

—Kitty Pokorny





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**Please mail this form and donation to: APAS, PO Box 451, Socorro, NM 87801.**

Donation:

\_\_\_\_ \$50 Silver \_\_\_\_ \$100 Gold \_\_\_\_ \$150 Platinum \_\_\_\_ \$250 Business sponsor\*

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**Membership and Donation Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership year is January 1 to December 31.**