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On the Positive: Thanks to all our animal advocates

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As we approach the traditional Thanksgiving holiday, the board of directors for the Humane Society of Southern New Mexico wants to express its sincere thanks to all the animal welfare, support, advocates and organizations that have made this past year a rather distinguished time for our community.

The list of individuals and organizations to be thanked extends far beyond the limits of this article. It includes those in leadership who shoulder responsibility for community action to those whose single act of compassion, concern and generosity has affected the welfare of a stray, homeless perhaps mistreated animal, the happiness and well-being of a family being rejoined with their companion, or assisting the establishment of a new relationship between a family and a loving pet.

All the individual stories of love and kindness we have been privileged to share are also far too numerous to relate here but many, many are heart-breaking yet up-lifting and help make this a community trying in many ways to meet difficult circumstances and situations.

Some stories make headlines about "miracle" animals and folks involved receive due recognition for their heroic efforts, but rest assured there myriad acts similar to these stories occurring probably daily that deserve a pat on the back, a hug of gratitude or just a simple thank you.

As you think about these organizations and individuals and what they contribute to our community and well-being with their animal advocacy, think about what each of you can do this coming year to help alleviate and resolve these problems and issues. Get involved personally as much as you can, stay informed about issues and suggestions for resolution, offer your advice and opinion, and give your support, small or large, to the organizations of your choice.

While we all recognize there is still much to be done and controversy may occur, it appears there has been a refocusing of efforts across the board by all the elements involved. There will be many difficult challenges ahead for the coming year that we will have to work hard to resolve from all points of view, require concessions and innovative solutions but thanks to all concerned for the progress that has been made this year. Let's work hard to make next year even better.

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