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**General Meeting Minutes**  
YMCA (South Building)  
12500 Comanche Road NE  
Albuquerque, NM  
3 February 2019

Attending were: Nancy P, Debbie S, Al and Lynn D, Paul P, Guy and Liz D, Yvonne B, Ray W, Ed U, Phil C, Jim T, Graziella S, Margaret D, CJ McElroy, and Frances G.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Yvonne B. called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM.

Overview: (Yvonne B)

Thank you so much to our board and general members who continue to serve this organization with such skill and care. There is so much demand all around us for the very urgent needs on behalf of so many issues both local and worldwide, yet these folks devote crucial time to Prairie Dog Pals. There are so many demands on each of these folks beyond our organization so I am beyond grateful for the time, talent, and attention they give to our small corner of the world. Thank you, also, to the volunteers and advocates who assist, motivate and encourage us. I am reminded every day that we could not operate, or even exist without you.

While Prairie Dog Pals continues to perform our missions of rescue, stewardship and education, the volume of rescues continues to decline from an annual high of 2,027 prairie dogs in 2008. The good news is that there are fewer fragmented urban colonies in Albuquerque that require rescue, but consequently that means fewer contracts from COA, APS, and other entities for their relocation. These contracts have funded the equipment and utilities we use throughout the year enabling us to provide pro bono work for the rescue of colonies where no one entity accepted the responsibility for their rescue. Despite the fact that the total number of rescued prairie dogs continues to decline, the costs of our rescue operation were higher this year. An unintended, but inevitable consequence of fewer prairie dogs in the urban landscape means that the plight of prairie dogs will decline in the minds of the general city population. As our operation continues to adapt to this changing landscape, PDP must find new ways to

adequately fund all three components of our mission. During this meeting we can discuss ideas for passive and interactive fundraising.

Opportunities:

The forces of fortune have conspired to give us a better Democratic edge and an empathic governor for the first time in 8 years. Bills that were pocket-vetoed last year are being re-submitted for the current long session. There is an electric kind of energy in the Roundhouse this year, and a sense of hope that we have not seen for years! There are, at the present count, 21 bills submitted that concern animal issues (not all are animal friendly), but two of our board members will guidance on two important ones that are. The legislature has until February 14th to submit bills for consideration, so everything is still fluid at this point in the session. See the attachments for a list of the bills.

YIPS:

- Although only our own Jim T. can be publically named, three different hospice/sanctuary providers stepped up to accept the Jackalope pds.
- Frances G. for accepting three un-releasable pds at the end of season altogether, owing to the Jackalope rescue that impacted our foster care cushion.
- Joan Silaco for donating over \$750 worth of Hallmark Keepsake treasures to our garage sales.
- Debbie S. for coordinating site feeding and hosting two garage sales.
- State Land Commissioner Stephanie Garcia Richard/APV for banning Coyote Killing Contests on State Trust Land by Executive Order #001.
- New Mexico Legislators who have sponsored and introduced 21 animal friendly bills for the current long session of the Legislature
- Costco, first major retailer to remove Roundup and Glyphosate herbicides from its shelves.
  
- NIPS: Wyoming for recently voting to continue allowing the chasing and crushing of coyotes by snowmobile.
- New Mexico, and many other states, for continuing to host coyote killing contests.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2018 meeting: The minutes were approved as issued.

3. Old + New Business

Treasurer: (R. Watt):

We are still solvent, however we spent more money last year on labor and food than budgeted. The board discussed how to reduce costs: 1) Reduce paid labor for pro bono work; 2) Perform a site survey to determine sustainable levels of PDP supplied food.

At the moment there are no contracts with APS, COA or DOT in 2019. These contracts not only pay for the contract work but they support other work within PDP

\$39,913	Beginning Balance
\$33,801	Ending Balance
(\$6,112)	Net

Donations, garage sales, and contracts are three areas that bring in the most money for prairie dog pals. While we make a bit of money on outside sales they only represent 5-10% of our income. We plan to have several garage sales this year with Debbie and Ray's help. Ray will be looking into contract work. I want to talk about two areas that can bring us some income.

### Active Fundraising

Entrepreneur: (Active Participation is required for this effort). Prairie Dog Pals is looking for an entrepreneur who would be willing to market special items that have been donated from our advocates that have with a value that likely exceeds what could be obtained at a garage sale. These could be items such as large TVs, appliances, furniture, art pieces, decor, special books, special jewelry, and the odd, unique pieces that would require a wider audience in order to be marketed for a better price. Over the years, we have re-donated items to other bricks and mortar non-profits because of a lack of storage and/or time to reach a wider audience. If PDP can identify someone who would perform this work on our behalf it would save us from having to transport some of the more valuable or unwieldy items to and from our garage sales and avoid risk of damage, loss, or a failure to maximize return on the value. PDP would like to create a position for a Sales Superintendent. I would like to post this to our website, and contact folks who might consider this opportunity or who might know of someone who would perform this task. I envision a social media/ computer savvy person who could post photos and a brief message to Craigslist (Albuquerque only), Ebay (only specific items), NextdoorNeighbor, and Facebook. While we have very dedicated volunteers who are giving their time and expertise freely, I would like to offer that this person be allowed to keep a percentage of the proceeds so that they stay committed to this mission. This person would be allowed to take the necessary time to promote any items he/she thinks they could market, and we should negotiate a fair percentage for their trouble and would include allowances for pick-ups from their residence/or deliveries, if necessary. I don't begrudge the items we have surrendered to other non-profits, but I do feel uncomfortable about the dispersal of items that generous folks have donated to us specifically for the prairie dogs...This was discussed at the board meeting and Ray will continue to act as the lynch pin for internet sales; Ed has agreed to store what he could. If you know someone who might be interested, let Yvonne know.

### Passive fundraising

A Nigerian Princess wanted to give Prairie Dog Pals \$21,000,000 which would have tided us over quite nicely for years to come. Unfortunately our bank was unable to accept payment in S&H Green Stamps so the deal fell through, however there other areas in which we are more successful.

Cash and checks are always accepted. While cash is best handled in person you can send checks to Prairie Dog Pals, PO Box 14235, Albuquerque, NM 87191.

Credit Card Donation: You can call Jim T at 505 872 9842 and make a donation via credit card, via Square.

Facebook: There is a button on our Facebook and Website page to donate money to Prairie Dog Pals through Facebook. The button takes you to Network for Good. You can, however, donate directly through Facebook.

Network for Good: There is a button on the Website page to donate money to Prairie Dog Pals through Network for Good.

Prairie Dog Pals is registered with United Way and if you are working you can direct a donation to Prairie Dog Pals through them.

Igive: Prairie Dog Pals has an account with Igive. Think of Igive as an online shopping mall. They have an extensive number of “stores” that offer your selected charity a percentage of the purchase. They also have Igive coupons and “sales” or specials. Finally Amazon is an Igive store and clicking on the Amazon link will take you to Amazon Smile where purchases will earn both the Igive and Amazon portions for PDP.

Amazon Smile: If you shop Amazon, sign up for Amazon Smile and you can direct .5% of your purchase to Prairie Dog Pals.

We are also applying for a local fundraising effort through the Buffalo Exchange; if approved we will let you know, but for now you can read about the program in the attachments.

We are a listed charity with Smiths Community Rewards Program. This program will donate .5% of your purchases to Prairie Dog Pals; it won't affect your gas points or coupons.

There are also links on the Website that will allow you to donate your car, boat, airplane, or interstellar space craft.

Consider doing a personal fundraiser through Facebook, Go Fund Me or one of the other on line fundraising plans. For the past two years Jim T has done a fundraiser on his birthday and raised money for Prairie Dog Pals. In 2018 his donation was \$570.

Finally we are investigating partnering with CaringCent. There are details about their programs in the attachments.

Take a look at the attachments and see what appeals.

Site stewardship: (E. Urbanski)

PDP had a budget established for stewardship. The program expanded further than planned and we spent over \$8,000 for supplemental feeding. The initial estimate for 2019 is approximately \$10,000. PDP cannot sustain this level of expenditure and Ray will survey the sites to determine what is feasible.

Kudos goes out to the stewards who forged alliances with Costco, Whole Foods & Pueblo Market to secure produce for the prairie dogs and who braved the heat of the summer and the slopes of I40 to sustain the colonies.

The stewards work hard and could use some help distributing food to sites where the natural vegetation will not support the indigenous colonies.

Outreach and Education: (J. Trever):

J. Trever: Needs volunteers for tabling & event sponsorship.

Outreach was less intense than 2017 with fewer events, regardless accomplished the following: tabled at the Festival of Cranes; there was one less event at the Valles Caldera due to the threat of fire; participated in Celebrate Sevilleta; conducted an evening presentation at Las Vegas National Wildlife Refuge (a 250 mile round trip); tabled 2 days at the summer garage sale, provided presentations at camp Animal Humane; provided 2 lectures a week apart at the Mission Avenue Elementary School; also did two lectures at Animal Humane, and 1 lecture at Mission Elementary.

Attended a number of presentations and lectures and promoted Prairie Dog Pals, offering to provide presentations. Reached out to APS administration but got limited feedback. Can give more lectures. Educating young people can make the most impact for wildlife. The possibility of giving companion lectures with Sherry Mangle of APNM was discussed.

Volunteers are needed to help with transportation and set up and take down at presentations. Consider putting requests on website or putting a "request" into the "help" section of the Journal.

Jim T takes spokes rodents with him when he gives lectures and tables. This past year he lost Prairie. He is now using the Gunnison's prairie dogs that he has fostered, however, they are not as social. Jim adopted 3 non-releasable prairie dogs at the end of the season. One had to be euthanized and 1 of the "midgets" passed away. Of the three, only Tiny remains.

Intergroup Coordination: (P. Carter):

Highlighted a few of the bills, there are 20 related to animal and wildlife issues, in this year's session (through 16 March.) The legislature rocketed out of the gate, bills are moving through committee and on the floor.

SB 228 wildlife corridors, directs state DOT and G&F to study and implement new habitat for wildlife moving across the state.

SB 206 Environmental Review Act implements process for environmental analysis by state agencies similar to the MEPA process but at the state level; 18 states have already implemented similar requirements but NM doesn't; state agencies don't have to follow a scientific review process.

Phil worked on 76, banning coyote killing contests; the state land commissioner used her first act to ban killing contests on state land.

SB 266 Forest and Watershed Restoration, sets up a new board new, 3 public stakeholders to evaluate and recommend forestry and restoration projects, new and interesting implications to restore wilderness areas.

If you have any questions concerning the legislation contact Phil. One terrible joint resolution guaranteeing the right to hunt or fish didn't make it out of committee.

Guy noted that a constitutional right to hunt and fish creates problems, as it would preclude a civil rights trial for violations. Creates a whole level of bureaucracy with due process and licensing.

Media and Art: (S. Davidson – presented by E. Urbanski)

Sharyn has done an incredible job of getting the PDP name out there. The website hits for her pictures are incredible and she plans to do more. The most recent picture for Prairie Dog Day got over 14000 hits in less than 24 hours.

Christmas card sales were brisk, but we were not prepared for the demand. We will start in November to get orders to be delivered on 1 December. There are also holiday cards available for \$10 per box.

Calendars: We sold 15 calendars this year raising a bit over \$200. Mailed calendars were \$20 and in town, \$15. They are really cute and the feedback from the recipients was unanimous.

Editor: (F. Gauthier):

Still working on the newsletter hopes to get it out in February. Delays encountered due to being out of town and moving back. Frances also edits much of PDP formal correspondence to clients and users.

Legal: (C. McElroy)

Nobody got arrested so that alone made it a good year.

Roxy's Bill: Would prohibit trapping and poisoning on public land. The bill is prompted by a number of animals that were trapped in snares and died. It doesn't stop lessees from killing wildlife on land they lease. It has a good start and good press and it looks good for passage.

Another bill will prohibit trafficking in wild animal parts. The bill has one sponsor and is a bit grandiose prohibiting the sale of items made out of animals if they are on the international list. Like most things the devil is in the details. The bill prohibits changes of ownership for money and the transactions may be hard to prove. The bill would not stop someone from bringing back to NM the head of a lion they had killed, since ownership of the item would not change. If the item is an antique (more than 100 years) old transfer is permitted and the law doesn't ban the sale of musical instruments, items used by Indian tribes or for educational purposes. Enforcement is an issue. The fines are three times the value of item or \$25,000. While this is a NM law, enforcement should be covered at the federal level at the border. Phil worked on it. This is the first year it has been proposed, might get some traction. Game and Fish would have the responsibility for enforcement. In the past, the strongest opposition is musicians because of the use of animal products in musical instruments (but that is exempt in this bill). It would be helpful to add a ban on transporting these products to the bill, as it would prevent importing trophy animals.

Private & Singleton rescue: (M. Dowling):

Caught 2 baby squirrels that were rehabilitated and subsequently released and a prairie dog.

PDP Operations: (R. Watt/E. Urbanski):

Ray W will assess the sites to calculate the populations and sustenance requirements.

Socorro PDs, first exit. What happened to them?

Paul P related ongoing issues with the loss of habitat. One involved a nice pasture with prairie dogs and cows and wonderful grass. The owner plowed the field under and planted non-native grass. The prairie dogs are gone.

He also commented about the prairie dogs along NM 314 between Los Lunas and Belen and how they had been bulldozed. The rest of the story follows: NM DOT contacted Prairie Dog Pals early in the summer and requested that the prairie dogs on the west side of NM 314 be removed as they had created large burrows adjacent to the road that posed a risk to automobiles. PDP proposed to remove the prairie dogs on both sides of the road but were advised that the east side of the road was BNSF right of way. BNSF plowed the prairie dogs under.

Paul P inquired about the possibility of getting a grant from NM G&F. This will be investigated. PDP has received grants from NM G&F in the past and would need to develop a specific project(s). Additionally the grant cycle seemed to be every two years and it would need to be confirmed.

Paul noted that science trumps politics and that the species is threatened. Michelle is empathetic, program it after Arkansas, but they upped ante and followed Missouri lead, and 1/4% sales tax to fund animals and plants.

At Large: (G Singleton):

Plans to do more trapping this season but needs some help. Willing to train an assistant if anyone wants to learn how to trap. Frances said she could help out. Ed will check on the permit requirements. The sites are identified in the work plan for 2019. Tentatively plans to trap on Fridays.

#### 4. Items of interest

Yvonne introduced Guy and Liz, a tireless couple devoted to improving the environment both natural and political for wildlife. Guy, who is an attorney, has also worked with the asylum seekers at the border.

Guy and Liz live in Valencia County and there is a burrowing owl/prairie dog site that is about to be developed. The site has the interest of many people including members of the Audubon Society, Whitfield Nature Center, Wildlife Conservation Advocacy SW, the Las Vegas National Wildlife Refuge, the Seville National Wildlife Refuge and general public who go there to watch and photograph the owls and prairie dogs. In fact when Ed and Liz visited the site in late January someone stopped by to see what they were doing so there are "eyes on the ground".

They have also been in contact with groups at the Seville and Kirtland groups that are counting and banding owls to determine migration habits. Once the owls return from Cabo San Lucas they will be protected by the migratory bird act. Still the development of the lot is a concern and many people would like to see it revert to a wildlife area.

They have been working with the developer since 2017 and he appears to be agreeable to having the owls and prairie dogs moved before the start of construction. They are trying to finalize plans and permits to relocate. Prairie Dog Pals will help with the prairie dog relocation and Guy is working with the municipality to see if he can get us access to water.

Frances asked about the owl relocation process. Guy advised that the owls were trapped and relocated under a federal permit; however it was a very complicated process.

There was discussion about changes with the Department of the Interior under Trump and the effect on wild animals in general. Where as previously accidental capture (of owls) was considered take, now it is considered incidental. NM has laws offer more protection for hawks and owls.

Paul P suggested considering a Share with Wildlife grant from NM G&F, which would depend on timing as they are trying to move the owls and PDs very soon. If possible he offered to assist with the relocation. Ultimately Biological Services would decide.

Work on the Coyote Killing ban has been going on for some time. Phil has been working on it since 2012 and he, and APNM were threatened. They want it to be a wildlife killing contest ban, but started with Coyotes to get the foot in the door. The ultimate goal is to get killing contest banned on all lands for all species. However NM is a patchwork of state, federal, private, tribal and leased lands so enforcement would be difficult. It is further complicated by multiple jurisdictions. Ranchers claim the right to protect their lands and cattle no matter what. Guy related a story of being out walking and being confronted by hunters as to what he was doing.

Guy related a story about the Los Lunas Killing Contest that used t-shirts with the logo "killing me smalls". When the songwriter learned of the use of his words, he had a cease and desist order issued. Unfortunately these hunts go on. Senator Munoz from Los Lunas said that if we stopped coyote killing they'd kill bobcats. One prairie dog contest netted over 400 prairie dog tails; after they shoot the prairie dogs they cut off the tails to bring in for counting, they leave the carcass to rot.

Nate Gentry Jim Dynes, and Mark Moore are sponsors, crossing aisles, which is great however, hunters are very loud, bombarding legislators with concerns, saying the ban is opposed to 2nd amendment. Liz has a hunting and fishing license but she hunts with a camera, having a license gives her a seat at the table. Should the general public buy licenses so that we had a voice? It might send the wrong message. It may be worth a try...tell us what we need to do and we will spread the word. Licenses cost \$25 for fishing and \$35 for fishing and hunting. There are areas in the state that you can't enter if you don't have a license.

There are a lot of other things going on. There are two other trapping bills; there is an alternate bill that waters things down and a memorial for a group to meet and discuss. The bills appear to give a lot of power that is already given. At the moment you can trap any unprotected species without a license on all 25 million acres in the state. There is talk about closing specific areas as wildlife management areas, like the Sandias but this wouldn't cover other areas in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. All in all it sounds good but really isn't.

Trappers are saying to keep domestic dogs on leash and stay on the trail and they should be fine. The trappers however set traps so they can just drive by and check them, so they are both near roads and paths. It is illegal to release a captured animal from a trap. The individual in Placitas who recently released a fox was charged but the charge was dismissed. A lady in Santa Fe recently got her shoe caught in a trap. The G&F person went out and reset the trap!

Dogs have been trapped in Embudo Canyon. If you see a trap you can get the ID code and report it but you have to be very careful; if you trip the trap, you've broken the law. Mary Katherine Ray is promoting Trap Free NM and has lots of information.

Be vocal to your legislators, let them know what they ....go out hiking use our public lands, report. They (Guy and Liz) were able, with others, to protect 1000

acres in Valencia County...no hunting, fishing, shooting. They reported the one group, gone 15 minutes, and left dead coyotes. Los Lunas and MRGCD were very helpful, stakeholders.

Report report report...if you see something questionable, call it in.

Yvonne mentioned that Liz had been in a current movie, the Ballad of Buster Scruggs. It is a dark movie but interesting.

With the current session, we should be hopeful but not smug; talk to your representatives and tell them what you think.

With all that is going on in the legislature this year we should be hopeful but not smug. Pick an issue and pursue it through your elected representative (and even those you didn't elect).

Prairie Dog Day: Yvonne plans to investigate an outreach opportunity with Tim Keller. Years ago, our very empathetic and humane Mayor, Marty Chavez, designated February 2, to be our own local Prairie Dog Day, as a counterpart to the nationwide Groundhog Day. This is one reason why PDP holds its annual board and general meeting as close as possible to this date every year still. I promise that this year I will request that Mayor Tim Keller designate February 2 to be Prairie Dog Day in 2020, and will endeavor to plan some public acknowledgement of this.

## 5. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 355.

Meeting Schedule: The next annual meeting will be scheduled for Sunday, February 2, 2020.

## New Mexico Legislature - Animal Friendly Bills:

SB 367 - Funding Spay/Neuter (the companion House Bill was killed by committee vote, comments can be shared only after the meeting, off the record)

SB 76 - Prohibit Coyote Killing Contests (E. Urbanski and Y. Boudreaux attended the signing of the SLO's first executive order, banning this atrocity on State Trust Land)

HB 366 - Wildlife Protection & Public Safety Act (banning traps and poisons on public land, (CJ McElroy will present comments)

HB 218 - Equine Facility Purchase of Certain Horses (closing the horse slaughter pipeline)

HB 52 - Harm to Companion Animals as Domestic Abuse

HB 206 - Environmental Review Act

HB 263 - State Game Commission Changes

HB 266 - Forest & Watershed Restoration Act

HB 332 - Special Method of Valuation for Certain Land

SB 38 - Wildlife Trafficking Act (CJ McElroy will present comments)

SB 203 - Rename Dept. of Game & Fish as Wildlife Department (this one warrants discussion)

SB 228 - Wildlife Corridors Act (Phil Carter will present comments)

SB 234 - Pollinator Protection License Plate

SB 417 - State Game Commission Purpose & Species

SB 26 - Study Wild Horse Park

## Work Items for 2019

### Spring

#### Tramway

- Cloudview (1/2 day trap + 1/2 day flush)
- Indian School (1/2 day trap + 1/4 day flush)
- Fire Station (2 day trap)
- Candelaria (1 day flush)
- Raleys (1/2 day trap + 1/2 day flush)
- Quality Inn (1-2 days trapping + 1 day flushing)

#### Freeway

- I 40 EB off ramp @ Eubank off ramp (1 day flush)
- I 40 EB off ramp @ Juan Tabo (1 day flush)
- I 40 EB off ramp @ Tramway (1 day flush)
- I 40 WB on ramp south @ Tramway (1/2 day flush)
- I 40 WB on ramp north @ Tramway (1 day flush)
- I 40 WB off ramp north and south @ Juan Tabo (1 day flush)
- I 40 WB on ramp @ Eubank (1 day flush)

#### Belen

225 Main Street in Belen. Call Darlene Aragon @ 720 3466 to revisit lot behind real estate agency...1-5 PDs maybe. This is a follow up and no charge. (1/2 day trap + 1/2 day flush)

#### Los Lunas

- Charlesworth (3-5 days)
- Owlville (3-5 days)

As soon as the prairie dogs become active, trap at "active" burrows (to be scheduled).  
When weather warms above 50 flush (to be scheduled).

#### Summer

Continue with flushing/trapping once the pups have emerged  
COA Parks and Recreation: Ray Watt is point of contact for COA/APS work.  
JJDPMS: Construction of parking lot.  
Sandia Vista Park: Construction of Dog Park.

APS: No Contract

## CaringCent

There are two programs: 1) RallyGive and 2) CaringCent

**Rally Give: Spark Support for your Cause Every Day with Recurring Pledges  
Attract New Donors and Increase Recurring Donations from Existing Supporters**  
Your supporters care about the great work you do on daily basis. Our recurring Micro-pledge platform helps you and your supporters celebrate the small but meaningful accomplishments that you achieve throughout a month. Donors proactively support you when you're doing good. This makes sense – the more services you provide, the more resources you need. This experience – wrapped in your brand – drives continual engagement. Like all of our programs, you don't need to change how you're currently processing donations – RallyGive's recurring Micro-pledges are another option to attract new supporters and increasing recurring support existing supporters.

**Swipe Give: Donations wherever your supporters swipe**

Attract new donors with easy, convenient and affordable RoundUp donations  
Your supporters want to give to you at the checkout counter. Let us help you help them. We provide you with all the tools you need to easily launch the program and engage your supporters in a fun way that empowers them to support the nonprofit they care about—YOURS!

[roun-ding; verb]

A marginally clever term for the mathematical process that generates “virtual change” from a purchase made with a debit or credit card – for example, a \$32.37 purchase is rounded to \$33.00, generating \$0.63 in virtual change. CaringCent enables donors to send this change to an organization through a secure, fun, and rewarding donation platform. Even more clever, our rounding platform will grow and energize your donor base. Micro-donations are donations that are small in amount—like rounding up to the next dollar at the checkout and donating the difference. It is the fastest growing donation type—join your colleagues in the micro-movement!

Carolyn will look into signing up for CaringCent



## iGive

It is “always” the giving season and Prairie Dog Pals has found a number of ways for online shoppers to “multi-task” by helping charities while they shop. [www.iGive.com](http://www.iGive.com) is a website that operates like a mall. Registration is free to everyone and there are no hidden charges for anything you purchase. However, whenever you purchase from any of the vendors collaborating through this website you can designate a specific charity for them to assign a small percentage of the purchase. I have signed up Prairie Dog Pals to be one of the many charities they support.

The entire service is completely transparent. Each vendor advertises the percentage of charitable donation they will divert to your chosen charity, (hopefully you will choose Prairie Dog Pals) when you shop with them. The list of charities is posted on the website as well as the accumulated donations that are mailed to the specified charity each month. PLEASE take one minute to register and designate Prairie Dog Pals as your charity. Whenever you return to that website (think “mall”) to browse, or shop, all the calculations, processing, etc., are done for you. You can link to the website at anytime to check our progress, but more importantly, you can help by spreading the word. We hope you can let your friends, family, and associates know about this wonderful service and that you can encourage them to help us as well!!!

iGive is a program that allows you to generate donations to PDP by shopping with any one of over 1400 online vendors. Register at [iGive.com](http://iGive.com) and choose “Prairie Dog Pals” as your cause. Then whenever you want to shop at an iGive store, link to it from iGive’s website or weekly email newsletter. A percentage of what you spend (amount varies by vendor) will be donated to PDP. The most convenient way to use iGive is to install the optional iGive Button, a simple web browser app that’s easy to install and uninstall.

There are a few caveats. Since the stores and iGive use internet cookies to track donations, you won’t be able to take advantage of this program if you use the “do not track” function built into your browser or employ cookie blocking software. PDP will only receive a donation from your purchase if you use an iGive link to access the store’s website and you are an active iGive member. To be an active member you have to a) receive the weekly e-mail newsletter, b) visit the [iGive.com](http://iGive.com) home page at least twice a month (in two different weeks), or c) have made a purchase from an iGive merchant in the last 60 days. Also, you must use only iGive deals and coupons because using a non-iGive coupon will void the cause donation. iGive maintains direct feeds from the stores to provide you with all the latest offers and savings.

Did you know that if you shop at Amazon Smile, which is exactly the same as Amazon, and designate Prairie Dog Pals as your beneficiary, .5% Amazon.com is an iGive store, but it's a special case. When you shop at Amazon, you'll automatically be directed to smile.amazon.com. The result is a higher donation; PDP will receive the donation from Amazon Smile as well as from iGive. ❖

## About AmazonSmile

Shop at Amazon Smile and Benefit Prairie Dog Pals!



Amazon.com maintains a companion site called smile.amazon.com. It works just like the regular amazon.com, with the same prices and the same vast selection. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice.

On your first visit to smile.amazon.com, select "Prairie Dog Pals" as your charitable organization before you begin shopping. From then on, shop on smile.amazon.com, and the company will donate to PDP 0.5% of the purchase price of each eligible item (marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on the product detail page). Your Amazon account will be linked to both websites. Your shopping cart, wish list, wedding or baby registry, and all account settings are the same. But be sure to use smile.amazon.com whenever you shop so that PDP benefits from your purchases.

For more information about the AmazonSmile program, go to <http://smile.amazon.com/about>.



If you shop at Smith's grocery stores, you can help PDP by participating in their Community Rewards program. There is no cost to enroll, and enrollment will not affect your fuel points or coupon discounts. To sign up:

- 1) If you don't already have one, get a Smiths Rewards Card and activate the card in the store with the cashier or Customer Services.
- 2) When you get to a computer, get on line and go to <https://www.smithsfoodanddrug.com/>
- 3) Hit the button on the right hand side "Sign In", and enter your email address and password
- 4) If you don't have an account, hit the button "Create and Account" and provide the necessary information to create an account; once the account has been created log in.
- 5) After you have signed in, you should see "Hi (your name) My Account" at top right of page. Click on this heading. You will get a drop down list, click on "My Account" again.
- 6) On the left side of the "My Account" page, there are choices (beginning with Account Summary.) Go to "Inspiring Donations" (5th one down) and click on that.
- 7) Follow the prompts, adding NN166 for PDP. (The old number 65191 also works.) Follow the prompts to save to your profile.

Then use your Community Rewards card each time you shop at Smith's, and PDP will receive a small percentage based on your grocery bill.