

JANE MICHELLE SALSBURY (FISCHER), DVM, 57, died Thursday, Aug. 27, 2009, after a short battle with lung cancer. She was born in Albuquerque. She attended Albuquerque's Manzano High School for two years before graduating from Berlin American High School in 1970. During high school, she competed in swimming and held several New Mexico state swimming records. She was a paddler on the team that won the 1968 Canadian National Championship in war canoe. She earned a bachelor of science degree in animal science, as well as a master of science degree in equine reproductive physiology and doctor of veterinary medicine degree, all from Texas A&M University. Her master thesis involved pioneering studies related to embryo transfers in cows, and for her work, she was recognized in Who's Who of American Women. Before graduating from college, she spent two years studying horsemanship in England and France, where she became fluent in French. She also raised dogs on a farm in Ontario, Canada. For more than 10 summers, she taught riding at Cimarroncita Ranch Camp in Ute Park. Upon receiving her veterinary degree in 1990, she returned to New Mexico to practice veterinary medicine. She worked with Dr. Ron Mauro in Espanola, and also had a mobile practice that treated large and small animals throughout northern New Mexico. She then opened Mountain Veterinary Clinic in Rinconada. Several years later, she rejoined Dr. Mauro's practice. In 2006, Dr. Salsbury started Espanola Valley Vet Clinic on N.M. 74. Over the years, she treated thousands of pets with compassion, dedication and gentleness, and in turn, was loved by her patients and their owners. She was preceded in death by her parents, Col. Harry J. Salsbury Jr. and Thelma Kittle Salisbury. She is survived by her husband of 11 years, Robert "Bob" Fischer of Dixon; brother, Harry Salisbury (Sue) of Kingwood, Texas; sisters, Jennifer Salisbury (Fred) Ragsdale of Corrales, Jean Salisbury (Joseph) Linehan of Dubai, UAE; Robert's son, Bradley Fischer; other relatives and friends; and bulldogs, Mister and BB. Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, in the Sangre de Cristo Chapel of DeVargas Funeral Home, 623 N. Railroad Ave., Espanola. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to, Espanola Animal Shelter, 160 Hamm Parkway, Espanola, NM 87532.