



## Dr. Tolani Francisco

Dr. Francisco is a 1990 graduate of the Kansas State University College of Veterinary Medicine. She currently is the Wild Horse and Burro Coordinator for the US Forest Service in Albuquerque, NM. (She transferred to this position in January 2017) Dr. Francisco spent 13.5 years in Colorado, initially while on active duty in the US Air Force (USAF), as the Public Health Officer at Buckley Air Force Base, then as the Regional Epidemiology Officer for the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services (USDA APHIS VS).

While on active duty, Dr. Francisco attained the rank of Major. She was stationed at Nellis AFB, Las Vegas, NV, Brooks-City Base, San Antonio, TX and Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, AL. Before entering the USAF, Dr. Francisco spent two years in Trinidad, Bolivia with the USDA APHIS International Services working as a Veterinary Medical Officer (VMO) overseeing the Foot and Mouth Disease eradication efforts in the Departments of Beni and Pando. She was responsible for developing a vaccination program for 5M head of cattle in these two departments to attain a free zone to allow exportation of Bolivian animals to Brazil. In the 1990's, she spent 6 years in Albuquerque as a section VMO for the USDA APHIS VS after starting her federal career in Helena, MT as a VMO. In 1990, Dr. Francisco initiated her veterinary career in a mixed animal practice in Reno, NV. While in practice in Reno, Dr. Francisco had her first experience with wild horses while providing veterinary care to the BLM Wild Horse holding facility at Pyramid Lake. Dr. Francisco has offered emergency and preventive care for all tribal animals at the Pueblo of Laguna (large and small) since 1990. In 2017, she established Native Healing LLC which is now a 501©3 organization at Laguna to provide free/low-cost veterinary care to tribal animals. In her spare time, Dr. Francisco loves to try to grow alfalfa on her 5-acre farm in Bosque Farms. She is a "reforming" marathon runner, has cattle with the tribal Sedillo Cattle Association and has two family dogs and two new kittens. She is married to Jason Schlie, who is a Conservation Law Enforcement officer at White Sands Missile Range. Jason often says of his wife, don't give her 30 seconds, because she will find something else to do! She is the daughter of Eldon and Shirley Francisco and has one brother, Curtis who all reside in the Village of Laguna.