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**David L. Bone, DVM, DACVS donates much needed
medical equipment to the Arizona Humane Society**

**VETERINARY SURGICAL REFERRAL PRACTICE ASSISTS LOCAL
PET COMMUNITY**

Southwest Veterinary Surgical Service (SVSS), established in the valley since 1987, continues to work with local community organizations to further the well-being of pets in the valley. As leaders in specialty care, SVSS realizes that many homeless animals are not as fortunate to have dedicated owners that oversee their medical and surgical care. These abandoned pets are assisted by community shelters and often undergo surgical sterilization procedures prior to being adopted by new families. SVSS has assisted the Arizona Humane Society's (AHS) diligent efforts to ensure safe surgical procedures are performed by donating top-notch laboratory equipment to the AHS. The equipment, valued at over five thousand dollars, will be used to perform bloodwork prior to surgical procedures and to diagnose and treat injured animals in the second chance program at AHS. "We were happy to donate much needed laboratory equipment to the Arizona Humane Society," says David L. Bone, DVM DACVS. "The lab equipment will ultimately help the AHS to save many pets and to provide advanced veterinary care to abandoned animals."

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, the Arizona Humane Society underwent heroic



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efforts to rescue, treat, and reunite abandoned animals with their owners. Hundreds of animals were flown into the Phoenix metro area, and SVSS was proud to be a part of that rescue effort. “By providing emergency overflow housing for Katrina rescued pets at our Gilbert hospital, we were able to assist the Arizona Humane Society’s efforts to continue to accept local animals while simultaneously aiding a devastated region of the country,” says Bradford Dixon, DVM, MS, DACVS. “We were happy to do our part to help these animals out and enable them to be adopted. We surgically repaired hernias and sterilized pets so that they were ready for new homes.”



These puppies were found to have severe hernias that were repaired by SVSS prior to adoption.

Much like a human hospital, SVSS provides treatment for pets with complex surgical problems. SVSS is an extension of veterinary practices throughout the valley, working in conjunction with referring veterinarians to provide comprehensive patient care and exceptional client service. The surgical specialty referral practice employs five American College of Veterinary Surgeons (ACVS) Veterinary Surgeons that specialize in advanced surgical treatment of companion animals. SVSS also is fortunate to have an anesthesiologist on its staff that is board-certified with both the American College of Veterinary Anesthesiologists and the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care, and she is one of only seven veterinarians in the world to hold these combined credentials. As leaders in specialty care, the SVSS mission is to provide compassionate and comprehensive care to all patients.

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