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## Animal Victims of Hurricane Katrina Saved by Humane Society... ...What Now?

*Arizona Veterinary Specialists Board, Treat Abandoned Animals from New Orleans*

**WHO:** Arizona Veterinary Specialists and Emergency Animal Clinic

**WHAT:** The Arizona Veterinary Specialty Center (AVSC) is boarding dogs and cats displaced during the tragedy in New Orleans and rescued by the Humane Society and other volunteers. The animals arrived in the Valley yesterday and will be transported to AVSC today.

Specialists at AVS will treat the animals for a variety of ailments including skin infections, ear and eye infections, heartworm disease, and gastrointestinal disorders and will board and care for them over a 3-week period at the newly-completed Arizona Veterinary Specialty Center in Gilbert.

AVS and Humane Society will attempt to reunite these pets with their owners during the 3-week boarding period. A pet adoption event is in planning stages for those animals that cannot be reunited—more info to follow.

**WHEN:** **Monday, October 17, 2005**

Pets move in at AVSC, where they will reside until at least Nov. 4.

**WHERE:** 86 W. Juniper Avenue, Gilbert, Arizona 85233

Phone: (480) 635-1110 Website: [www.azvs.com](http://www.azvs.com)

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

- AVS welcomes volunteers to help walk and give love to these abandoned animals. Interested persons should visit [www.azvs.com](http://www.azvs.com) for more information or contact Sandy at (480) 635-1110, extension 3, to volunteer
- AVS treats animals for a vast array of chronic and acute illnesses, ranging from cancer to liver failure to skin conditions to vision and surgical problems
- AVS has specialists in the fields of ophthalmology, dentistry, surgery, dermatology, internal medicine, oncology, radiation oncology, anesthesiology, radiology, and emergency and critical care who provide a comprehensive array of services to ensure the health of an important part of the family: pets
- The newly completed, 32,000 square foot AVSC is the largest and most technically advanced veterinary hospital in the state of Arizona

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