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AHS to re-open South Mountain clinic, offering affordable spay/neuter and wellness services for dogs and cats beginning January 2nd

(PHOENIX) – The Arizona Humane Society’s spay, neuter and wellness clinic in south Phoenix will re-open on January 2, 2008 and once again offer affordable veterinary services for the pets of area residents.

Located at the AHS Nina Mason Pulliam Campus for Compassion, 1521 W. Dobbins Road, the Margaret McAllister Brock Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic will be open Tuesday-Friday. **For the first time, spay and neuter services will be offered three days a week with no appointment necessary.** Patient check-in will begin at 7 am on surgery days.

“Now, spay and neuter services will be available on a first-come, first-served basis every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday,” said AHS Public Clinics Manager Angela Bartell. “Check-in will begin promptly at 7 am on those days, so we encourage people to line up early with their pets. We can accommodate about 20 to 30 surgery patients per day.”

The clinic will also be open for walk-in vaccination services every Friday from 8 am to noon and from 1 to 5 pm. Pet parents don’t have to schedule an appointment for shots on Fridays – and the \$16 office visit fee will be waived. Pet parents will still have the option of scheduling an appointment for vaccines for their dogs and cats on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Spay and neuter surgery costs will range from \$32 to \$48 for cats, based on gender; and from \$53 to \$95 for dogs based on gender and weight. Vaccines for dogs and cats are \$16 each. Microchips are just \$35, and the fee includes the initial registration. Other services include: de-worming; testing for canine heartworm and feline leukemia; and treatment for ticks and fleas.

The clinic is accredited by the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA), which sets the standards for excellence for veterinary practices across the United States.

For more information – including requirements animal patients must meet for surgery and complete pre-surgical instructions – call (602) 395-3864 or visit www.azhumane.org.

WHAT PET PARENTS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT REQUIREMENTS AT THE AHS CLINIC:

- ♥ Spay/neuter services are available for dogs and cats ranging in age from 2 months to 5 years;
- ♥ Dogs and cats must weigh a minimum of 2-1/2 pounds to undergo surgery;
- ♥ Surgery patients cannot have food 12 hours prior to surgery;
- ♥ Only two pets per household per day will be accepted for surgery, unless vacancy allows;
- ♥ For *all* clinic services, all dogs must be on a leash, and all cats must be in a carrier.

CLINIC HOURS:

- ♥ **7 am to 5 pm, Tuesday-Thursday**
(first-come, first-served surgery; vaccines by appointment)
- ♥ **8 am to noon and 1 to 5 pm Fridays**
(walk in vaccine clinic; no surgery)
- ♥ **Call (602) 395-3864.**