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Arizona Humane Society Receives \$15,000 Grant from PetSmart Charities® *Grant to assist in purchase of new digital X-ray machine, giving hope to homeless pets*



The Arizona Humane Society plans to use the \$15,000 grant from PetSmart Charities to purchase an X-ray machine, such as this one.

(PHOENIX) – The Arizona Humane Society recently was awarded a \$15,000 grant from PetSmart Charities to assist in the purchase of a new digital X-ray machine for its Second Chance Animal Hospital™.

With more than 45,000 companion animals coming through the organization's doors, nearly one third of these animals require X-rays. Last year alone veterinary staff at the Arizona Humane Society took roughly 27,500 X-rays.

"While we are incredibly proud of the quality of medical care we provide for the animals that pass through our doors, we simply are in immediate need of a digital X-ray machine," said Dr. Nancy Bradley, director of medical services for the Arizona Humane Society. "Our current X-ray machine was donated over 10 years ago and requires frequent, costly repairs and maintenance because of the high volume of its use."

Thanks to the generous grant from PetSmart Charities, as well as gifts from two anonymous donors, the Arizona Humane Society will be able to purchase a new digital X-ray machine to help the 13,000+ animals requiring X-rays each year. The digital X-ray machine has many benefits including:

- Reducing the amount of time a homeless pet needs to be under anesthesia. With the current X-ray machine, it takes 20 minutes for a film to develop compared to just six seconds for a digital image to develop, thereby decreasing an animal's time spent under anesthesia from almost half an hour to just a few minutes.
- Providing an improved analysis of X-rays taken, which results in greater accuracy in diagnosis.
- Eliminating postponement of this vital service due to broken equipment.

"We are thrilled to learn that PetSmart Charities will help fund the purchase of a new, digital X-ray machine for use by our veterinary medical team at the Arizona Humane Society. This new technology will allow our medical team to provide faster medical care to sick and injured pets thereby reducing needless suffering," said Arizona Humane Society's executive director, Tim Crum.

For more information the Arizona Humane Society and its Second Chance Animal Hospital™, call (602) 997-7586 or visit www.azhumane.org.

Founded in 1957, the Arizona Humane Society is the state's largest, nonprofit animal-welfare and protection agency. The mission of AHS is to improve the lives of animals, alleviate their suffering, and elevate their status in society.

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