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MULTI-SPECIALTY VETERINARY HOSPITAL OPENS IN PHOENIX AREA

Medical choices for pets have increased as quickly as those for their human owners. Until now, many advanced veterinary referral services were unavailable in a central, convenient location. Now a 32,000 square foot, state-of-the-art facility with the latest in veterinary technology has opened at 86 W. Juniper Avenue, Gilbert, Arizona. The Arizona Veterinary Specialty Center opened its doors in November, 2004 and is home to a multitude of veterinary specialists whose skills and knowledge have earned them respect and recognition by their peers and clients alike.

Much like a human hospital, AVS provides treatment for pets with complex medical and surgical problems. AVS is an extension of veterinary practices throughout the valley, working in conjunction with referring veterinarians to provide comprehensive patient care and exceptional client service. 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. Specialists in the fields of ophthalmology, dentistry, surgery, dermatology, internal medicine, oncology, radiation oncology, anesthesiology, radiology, and emergency and critical care provide a comprehensive array of services to ensure the health of an important part of the family: pets.

Until now, a specialized facility with the depth of specialty services and level of technology like AVS didn't exist in the state of Arizona, let alone the Southwest. "As far as convenient, comprehensive specialty pet care, Arizona was underserved," says Laura Bone, DVM, MBA, Executive Director of the surgery practice located at AVS. "Now clients have the convenience of finding all of these specialties under one roof. This is important because many of these specialists routinely collaborate on complex medical and surgical conditions referred by veterinarians. Having caring specialists conveniently located in a modern, comfortable environment makes the experience more pleasant for both the patient and the client."

With a staff of dedicated professionals, many of whom are nationally renowned in their fields, AVS will attract patients from as far away as New Mexico, Utah, Nevada, California, and Texas. In addition, veterinarians from all over the world come to AVS to further their training. Patients will come to the new facility just south of the Superstition Freeway in Gilbert as referrals from their regular veterinarian. "As leaders in specialty care, our mission is to provide compassionate and comprehensive care to all of our patients," Bone added. "Pets are family."

