



**Humane Voters of Arizona
Phoenix City Council Candidate Questionnaire 2011**

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Animals play an important role in the lives of many Arizonans, who consistently demonstrate concern for animal protection. Humane-minded citizens of all political stripes care deeply about the positions their elected officials take on animal protection issues. Humane Voters of Arizona (HVA) appreciates your input on this 2011 Phoenix Mayoral Candidate Questionnaire.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Have you ever been involved in any animal protection issues? If so, which ones?

Yes No Comments My wife Lynn and I have been involved with lab rescue in Arizona and we rescued our beloved dog Bear from abuse and neglect from Tucson. We are also involved with best friends and recently traveled to best friends in Utah to visit and set up volunteer opportunities to help the variety of wonderful animals who reside and transition there.

Do you have, or have you had in the past, any companion animals that have had an impact on you?

Yes No Comments Lynn and I both have lived with and rescued multiple dogs for our entire lives. Most days our couch is more habituated by Bear and Sarah than it is by us

Do you financially or philosophically support any local or national animal protection organizations? If so, which ones?

Yes___ No___ Comments_____Humane Society, Desert Lab Rescue, Best Friends Animal Sanctuary_____

COMPANION ANIMALS AND HOMELESSNESS

Every year, tens of thousands of cats and dogs are killed in shelters throughout Arizona. Taxpayers bear the cost of picking up, housing, and ultimately euthanizing these homeless or unwanted animals. The pet overpopulation crisis is the direct result of irresponsible breeding and animals left unaltered in our communities.

Would you be willing to work with animal care and control agencies and/or shelters in Phoenix to address problems related to the homeless animal crisis?

Yes X No___ Comments_____A very passionate yes to this question. I have very strong negative feelings about puppy mills and the retail sales of animals while so many homeless animals are left to be euthanized. I am willing to consider some bold and edgy political moves to significantly impact this issue. _____

Between 30-40 % of cats that enter shelters in Maricopa County will be euthanized. Those shelters are working with many neighborhoods and a group of non-profits to do Trap Neuter Return of feral cats and to provide low cost and no cost spay neuter services to owned cats.

If elected, would you be interested in learning more about Trap Neuter Return and plans to reduce the number of unwanted cats in Phoenix?

Yes No

Comments _____

Would you support a resolution acknowledging the grassroots effort to solve this community problem?

Yes No Comments_ I will sponsor

it _____

Thank you for your time. Please return the completed questionnaire to:

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