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**Humane Voters of Arizona
Phoenix Mayoral 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:** On the Phoenix City Council, I worked on various animal protection issues, including:

- horse tripping
- police response to animal cruelty
- disposition of animals
- prosecution of animal cruelty cases

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

Yes No **Comments:**

My wife and I were blessed to have raised Ike, a wonderful terrier. One of the great things about Ike is that no matter how bad your day might have been you come home to his unconditional love. He's been a great friend to our whole family.

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

Yes No **Comments:**

My wife and I have been active volunteers for the Arizona Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. In that capacity, we would rescue injured animals during the night and transport them to safe facilities. We have provided financial resources to the Humane Society and the Arizona Animal Welfare League.

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 No Comments:

Absolutely, working with all available resources to advocate programs that will reduce the number of homeless animals is something that is very important for our city. Effective Spay and Neuter programs will be a major part of this effort, but we will not be successful in reducing the number of homeless animals without working with those organizations that already possess the expertise.

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:

I look forward to learning about Trap Neuter Return program, and supporting efforts to help reduce the number of unwanted cats in Phoenix. As mayor, I will actively support activities that safely help pet owners and their animals.

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

Yes No Comments:

Yes, to make Phoenix a better city for people and animals alike we must acknowledge that no single entity will be responsible for the changes we want to make. I have, and will continue to acknowledge the importance of grassroots work in all aspects of society, but especially when it comes to the pets that so greatly enrich our lives.

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

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