

PIGGIE POO

Arizona's Small Animal Rescue

Case Study: Van Buren Street's House of Horrors Animal Cruelty Case

May 18, 2008



May 18th is a day we at Piggie Poo will never forget. After a tip from a conscientious neighbor, the Executive team headed down to a home in South Phoenix, expecting the worst. We weren't disappointed - we found the *House of Horrors*.

That day the rescue seized 20 piggies that were kept in a tiny 28" x 40" rabbit hutch, outdoors in unbearable heat. All pigs were covered in feces; most were severely bitten with acute alopecia (hair loss), scabbing, bleeding, and malnutrition with general malaise.

Two pups didn't survive and one pregnant sow had to be euthanized as her still born pups had caused pervasive infection in her uterus.

Homer, the dominant boar of the herd, was relentlessly attacked by the other six boars in the enclosure. In such a tiny cage, vying for breeding rights and with resources at a negligent minimum, Homer's suffering was particularly grave. Much to our joy, Homer not only survived, but he thrived in foster and was ultimately adopted by his foster mom Kelly.



*Homer at
day 1
day 3
and day 21*



*Toasty
marshmallow
nose boy, Carl*

*Brothers born
In Foster
Po & Wall-e*

Nearly all the sows in this in-take were pregnant, and the final count from the House of Horrors totaled 43 ruby eyed white guinea pigs.

Everyone knows how difficult it is to place ruby eyed piggies, however to date we have placed all but three, Po, Wall-e and Carl, who are welcome to stay with Piggie Poo forever, or until a perfect family is found.