



## Arrow Javelina

It was late afternoon, feeding time around Southwest Wildlife, when a call came from a game warden. He had an injured javelina but could not get away to take her to Sonora Veterinary Hospital. He asked if we could meet him and pick her up. One of our volunteers, Dave Furnish, agreed to meet the game warden and transport the javelina to the hospital.

The doctors sedated her so they could examine her and take X-rays. To their surprise, there was an arrow in her leg and it had split the bone right down the middle. This was no accident. This was a deliberate act—a deliberate act of horrible cruelty. Not at all like the kindness shown by the homeless man who saved the fox. Had she not been found by the game warden, she would have suffered a slow and painful death. Dr. Soderstrom repaired her leg and she came to Southwest Wildlife to recuperate.

Much to our amazement, this courageous lady had a surprise for all of us. Two days after arriving at Southwest, she gave birth to two babies. Sadly, one of her babies did not survive, but the other is thriving and out of danger. Soon, mom and her baby will be introduced into a herd at Southwest, and this spring they will be released back into the wild.