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2nd Chance for Pets Director Selected to Speak at WSVMA Conference

Los Gatos, CA (March 2008) – 2nd Chance 4 Pets Director Amy Shever was selected to speak at the Washington State Veterinary Medical Association's 97th Annual Conference to be held October 3rd - 5th 2008 in Spokane, Washington. 2nd Chance 4 Pets is a nonprofit organization dedicated to reducing the tragic euthanization of pets due to the death or incapacity of their human companions.

Shever, who regularly speaks to veterinarian conference audiences, animal welfare groups, and pet owners, initiated the *Veterinarian Outreach Program*. This program is an organized effort by 2nd Chance 4 Pets to educate veterinarians across the U.S. about ways to help pet owners plan for the *lifetime care* of their companion animals.

In the WSVMA presentation, Shever will present the following: (1) keeping animal companions in mind when planning for emergency situations; (2) identifying backup pet caregivers and maintaining written care instructions; (3) outlining legal options such as pet trusts, wills, and estates; (4) reviewing pros and cons of willing pets to animal sanctuaries and perpetual care facilities; and (5) highlighting how veterinarians can work together with animal care organizations in their communities to educate pet owners about *lifetime care* for their pets.

According to the ASPCA, 2% of companion animals surrendered to U.S. shelters each year are surrendered due to the death of the pet owner.

About 2nd Chance 4 Pets:

The mission of 2nd Chance for Pets is to reduce the number of pets unnecessarily euthanized each year due to the death or incapacity of the human companions who care for them. 2nd Chance 4 Pets is a nonprofit, 501(c) (3) all-volunteer organization. The

organization works nationwide to provide pet owners with comprehensive information and lifetime care solutions for their pets. Please visit www.2ndchance4pets.org for more information.

About Washington State Veterinary Medical Association (WSVMA):

The Washington State Veterinary Medical Association is a statewide not-for-profit organization benefiting veterinary medicine, with a membership of over 1,200 veterinarians, representing a broad spectrum of veterinary practice. The Washington State Veterinary Medical Association creates a strong practice community that provides education, representation, and the sharing of ideas dedicated to improving member success as well as animal and human health.