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2nd Chance 4 Pets Invited to Speak at American Avian Veterinarians (AAV) Conference

LOS GATOS, CA (August 3, 2006) – The Association of Avian Veterinarians (AAV) has invited 2nd Chance 4 Pets, a non-profit organization dedicated to eliminating the tragic euthanization of healthy pets due to the death or incapacity of their human companions, to speak at its annual conference scheduled for August 3 – 6, 2006 in San Antonio, Tex.

An estimated 3000 veterinarians are expected to attend the conference. 2nd Chance 4 Pets will present information to conference attendees about the need for pet owners to plan for the continuous care of their pets and provide them with information to help educate their pet owner clients.

Each year, more than 500,000 animals in the U.S. are relinquished to shelters and euthanized because their owners passed away without making provisions for them. "It's a huge problem that is hardly recognized," says Amy Shever, Executive Director of 2nd Chance 4 Pets. "We believe that by reaching out to the veterinarian community, we can work together to help pet owners establish emergency plans and select caregivers who are committed to caring for their pets should the owner pass away or become too ill to care for them."

"I truly believe that the mission of 2nd Chance 4 Pets is critically important," adds Lauren Knobel, DVM. "In my 16 years as a veterinarian, many of my pet owner clients were extremely concerned about how to protect their pets in case of their own illness or

death. Having an organization focused on providing education and tools to help pet owners is an incredible resource. I applaud their efforts and fully support their work."

About AAV:

Established in 1980, the Association of Avian Veterinarians is an international professional organization of practitioners advancing and promoting avian medicine, surgery, stewardship, and conservation through education of its members --- the veterinary community and those they serve.

About 2nd Chance 4 Pets:

The mission of 2nd Chance 4 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. They are working nationwide to provide pet owners with comprehensive information and lifetime care solutions, ensuring that their pets will receive lifetime care. For more information, please visit www.2ndchance4pets.org.

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