



## News Release

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### **2<sup>nd</sup> Chance 4 Pets to Speak at Annual American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM) Conference**

LOS GATOS, CA (April 20, 2007) — The American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (ACVIM) has invited 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance 4 Pets to speak at its annual conference in Seattle, Washington, on June 6 – 9 , 2007.

2<sup>nd</sup> Chance 4 Pets is a non-profit organization dedicated to eliminating the tragic euthanization of healthy pets due to the death or incapacity of their human companions. Each year, more than 500,000 animals in the United States are relinquished to shelters and euthanized because their owners passed away without making provisions for them. Recent natural disasters have drawn additional attention to this issue.

"It's a huge problem that is hardly recognized," says Amy Shever, Executive Director of 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 ACVIM:**

The American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine ([www.acvim.org](http://www.acvim.org)) is the national certifying organization for veterinary specialists in large and small animal internal medicine, cardiology, neurology, and oncology. Established in 1973, ACVIM's purpose is to advance the knowledge of animal health and diseases, and to foster the continued development of specialty veterinary care.

**About 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance 4 Pets:**

The mission of 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 their pets will receive lifetime care. For more information, please visit [www.2ndchance4pets.org](http://www.2ndchance4pets.org).

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