



News Release

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2nd Chance 4 Pets Featured in *Animal Sheltering Magazine*

LOS GATOS, Calif. (February 24, 2013) — 2nd Chance 4 Pets is featured in an article in the Spring 2013 issue of *Animal Sheltering*. This publication is distributed to almost 6000 shelter and rescue groups across the country and is produced by The Humane Society of the United States. The article, “Matters of Life, Death, and Responsibility: Planning for the possibility that pets will outlive their owners”, written by James Hettinger, outlines the importance of pet owners having a plan in place for their pets should they die or become disabled. Hettinger references recommendations of 2nd Chance 4 Pets’ Director, Amy Shever, and her contemporaries, to help responsible pet owners ensure lifetime care for their pets.

2nd Chance 4 Pets’ founder, Amy Shever, is featured in the article, which references her experience of working with veterinarians, animal welfare groups, pet sitters and pet owners to develop a realistic plan to guarantee future care for pets should they outlive their owners. Hettinger cites Shever’s message about the importance of pet owners establishing a backup caregiver and “formalizing an agreement in writing” to ensure that the wishes of the pet owner are known and carried out in the event of their death or disability.

The article also features 2nd Chance 4 Pets Advisory Board Member, Gerry Beyer, a University Law Professor at Texas Tech, who co-authored “Fat Cats & Lucky Dogs: How to Leave (Some of) Your Estate to your Pet”, an article that was published in a law review several years ago and most recently a book. Beyer points out that pet owners are becoming increasingly interested in

the topic of planning for their pets. According to Beyer, “States [he adds] have been rapidly enacting laws that make it easier for people to plan for their pets, and all but a handful of states now have pet trust laws in place.”

About 2nd Chance 4 Pets

The mission of 2nd Chance 4 Pets is to reduce the number of pets unnecessarily surrendered to animal shelters 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 Animal Sheltering

Animal Sheltering is a quarterly magazine produced by the Humane Society of the United States and is targeted to those who care about the animals in their community—including animal shelter directors and city animal control managers to kennel staff, volunteers, and private individuals working as activists, breed rescuers, wildlife rehabbers, and veterinarians. For more information please visit www.animalsheltering.org.

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