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2nd Chance 4 Pets Director Amy Shever to Present at the Aging in America Conference

LOS GATOS, Calif. (March 5, 2015) — 2nd Chance 4 Pets Director Amy Shever has been invited to deliver a presentation on the importance of pets for the elderly at the Aging in America Conference to be held March 23-27, 2015 in Chicago. Shever, will be joined by Keith Greene, SPHR, Chief Membership Officer with Meals On Wheels Association of America; Dianne McGill, MS, Executive Director & CEO of Banfield Charitable Trust; and Rachel Duer, MA, Community Engagement Program Specialist, Texas Adult Protective Services.

The 90-minute workshop entitled “Aging in Community with Pets: Insights, Innovations, and Advance Planning” will highlight the crucial role that pets play in the lives of older adults. Senior pet owners experience less depression and have lower blood pressure than seniors who don’t have pets. The panelists will describe successful programs that provide support to older pet owners. Attendees will learn about key issues to consider when working with clients who have pets, including innovative community-driven programs provide pet food distribution and low/no cost veterinary services, and how to help seniors make a plan for their pet’s “lifetime care” if their pet should outlive them.

The Aging in America Conference is the nation’s largest multidisciplinary conference covering issues of aging and quality of life for older adults. Over 2,500 attendees from across the United States and abroad come to learn, network, and participate.

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 the American Society on Aging (ASA)

Founded in 1954 as the Western Gerontological Society, the American Society on Aging is an association of diverse individuals bound by a common goal: to support the commitment and enhance the knowledge and skills of those who seek to improve the quality of life of older adults and their families. The membership of ASA is multidisciplinary and includes professionals who are concerned with the physical, emotional, social, economic, and spiritual aspects of aging. For more information, please visit <http://www.asaging.org>.

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