



## News Release

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### **2<sup>nd</sup> Chance 4 Pets Participates in the Second International Symposium on Veterinary Hospice Care**

LOS GATOS, CA (September 8, 2009) – 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance 4 Pets was among the exhibitors and participants at the Second International Symposium on Veterinary Hospice Care, which was held at the University of California at Davis School of Veterinary Medicine September 5-8. The symposium explored veterinary hospice care, based on human hospice care models, and addressed the needs of people wanting to care for their dying animals in the comfort of their own homes. 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance 4 Pets’ volunteers distributed literature and spoke with attendees about the importance of *lifetime care planning* for pets.

“We are very encouraged by the positive reception we received from the professionals at the Symposium, who are committed to working with responsible pet owners and addressing proper, humane care of animal companions through their entire lifespans,” said Amy Shever, Director of 2nd Chance 4 Pets. “Their commitment complements our mission to ensure that all pets receive love and care, even if the pets outlive their human caregiver.”

The Symposium, co-sponsored by the Nikki Hospice Foundation for Pets and the Assisi International Animal Institute, brought together pioneering animal professionals working in multiple fields from all over the world. The issues discussed at the Symposium focused on how human hospice care is embracing veterinary hospice care. The topics covered relating to veterinary hospice care included the value of homeopathy, veterinary technicians, the role of the professional pet-sitter, pet end of life care, addressing the needs of the grieving pet parent, operating an animal sanctuary and pet hospice, and the “sacredness of dying”.

#### **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. 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance 4 Pets works nationwide to provide pet owners with comprehensive information and lifetime care solutions for their pets. Please visit [www.2ndchance4pets.org](http://www.2ndchance4pets.org) for more information.