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2nd Chance 4 Pets Participates at International Symposium on Rehabilitation and Physical Therapy in Veterinary Medicine

LOS GATOS, CA (August 20, 2008)—2nd Chance 4 Pets, a nonprofit organization dedicated to eliminating the tragic euthanization of healthy pets due to the death or incapacity of their human companions, recently participated in the 5th International Symposium on Rehabilitation and Physical Therapy in Veterinary Medicine. The symposium, which was sponsored by the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine and the International Association of Veterinary Rehabilitation and Physical Therapy, was held on August 13-16, 2008 in Minneapolis, MN. Through its participation in this event, 2nd Chance 4 Pets' volunteers distributed important information to the animal care professionals in attendance, as well as increase awareness about the 2nd Chance 4 Pets organization and mission.

The symposium focused on the collaborative relationship between veterinary and physical therapy professionals, and featured presentations outlining the most current scientific and clinical information in this field.

“By participating in this symposium, our organization was given an excellent opportunity to provide important information to animal care professionals and specialists who work directly with responsible pet owners,” said Amy Shever, Director of 2nd Chance 4 Pets. “Thousands of animals in the US are surrendered *not only to shelters* but also to veterinarians when their owners die or become too ill to care for them. Many of these animals are healthy and adoptable but are euthanized because their owners neglected to create provisions for them. A critical step with the

veterinarian community is to provide information and educational materials to veterinarians so they can directly address the issue with their pet owner clients.”

About The University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine:

The University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine’s mission is to improve the health of animals and people by educating current and future veterinarians and biomedical scientists, discovering and disseminating new knowledge and skills, and providing state-of-the-art veterinary services. More information is available at www.cvm.umn.edu.

About The International Association of Veterinary Rehabilitation and Physical Therapy:

The objectives of the International Association of Veterinary Rehabilitation and Physical Therapy are "to provide for the association of persons engaged in the practice, teaching, or research in the area of veterinary physical rehabilitation and therapy for the presentation and discussion of items of common interest, to further scientific investigation, and to upgrade the specialty of veterinary physical rehabilitation and therapy in order to provide better patient care based on sound scientific study for the betterment of animal health and well being." More information is available at www.iavrpt.org.

About 2nd Chance 4 Pets:

2nd Chance 4 Pets’ mission 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 working nationwide to provide pet caregivers with comprehensive information and lifetime care solutions, ensuring that their pets will always receive care. For more information, please visit www.2ndchance4pets.org.

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