



2nd Chance 4 Pets Fact Sheet

What is 2nd Chance 4 Pets?

2nd Chance 4 Pets (<http://www.2ndchance4pets.org>) is a
An animal welfare organization that strives to reduce the number of
family pets unnecessarily euthanized each year due to the death or
incapacity of their human companions.

Who is 2nd Chance 4 Pets?

2nd Chance 4 Pets is an all-volunteer, 501(c)(3) non
profit organization based in Los Gatos, CA.

When and why was 2nd Chance 4
Pets established?

After the tragedy of September 11, 800 pets were
orphaned when their owners perished unexpectedly, the founder,
Amy Shever, created the organization in 2004 to expose the problem
of pets being relinquished and euthanized due to the death of their
human companions.

How can 2nd Chance 4 Pets
help me or someone I know?

2nd Chance 4 Pets is working throughout California and
the U.S. to provide pet guardians with comprehensive
lifetime care solutions to ensure that their pets will always be cared for.
For more information about the lifetime care of your family pets,
please visit <http://www.2ndchance4pets.org>.

Pet Facts

- 63% of all households own at least one pet, which equates to 69.1 million homes.*
- There are 65 million dogs and 77.6 million cats in the United States.
- 87% of pet owners consider pets members of their family
- In the U.S., we spent \$34.4 billion on our pets in 2004. The American Pet Products Manufacturers Association (APPMMA) estimates that we will spend \$35.9 billion in 2005.*
- The pet trends of 2005-2006 include: feathered French day beds for afternoon naps, designer bird cages, doggie massages, feline spas, monogrammed sweaters and pet-friendly hotels.*

- Pets can lower blood pressure, reduce stress, lower health care costs, prevent heart disease and help fight depression.*
- Over 500,000 pets are orphaned each year due to death or disability of their human companion.
- Pet trusts are now legal in some form in 32 states including Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Missouri, Montana, New Mexico, New York, Nevada, North Carolina, Oregon, Tennessee, Utah and Wisconsin. There are other alternatives in states without the pet trust laws. **
- You can provide for your pet for the rest of his/her life should anything happen to you.

* All statistical information can be found in APPMA's 2005/2006 National Pet Owners Survey

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