



News Release

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2nd Chance 4 Pets to Lead Webinars for PetSmart Charities, Association of Pet Dog Trainers, and Pet Sitters International

LOS GATOS, Calif. (November 1, 2011) — Amy Shever, director of 2nd Chance 4 Pets, a national animal welfare organization, will be leading national webinars for PetSmart Charities, the Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT), and Pet Sitters International (PSI). The webinars will provide information about options that are available to ensure lifetime care for pets and define how organizations can help pet owners plan for the possibility that their pets might outlive them.

More than 500,000 pets enter U.S. shelters each year because they have outlived their owners. Many of these animals do not adjust well to the experience in a shelter; they refuse to eat and are labeled “unadoptable.” The lives of these pets could have been saved if their owners had planned for the continued care of their pets.

“PetSmart Charities, APDT, and PSI are working hand in hand with 2nd Chance 4 Pets to ensure that pet owners have appropriately planned for the possibility that their pets might outlive them,” said Amy Shever. “We are privileged to be participating in these three webinar series. We thank these organizations for relentlessly supporting animal welfare and helping us get out an important message to pet owners and organizations that help companion animals. By working together with these organizations, we will help save the lives of many pets and provide peace of mind to the people who care for them.”

2nd Chance 4 Pets' webinars will be held at the following dates and times:

PetSmart Charities (www.petsmartcharities.webex.com)

November 7, 9 a.m. PT

November 8, 10 a.m. PT

November 10, 12 noon PT

Pet Sitters International (www.petsit.com)

December 14, 1 p.m. PT

Association of Pet Dog Trainers (www.apdt.com/education/webinars)

February, 9 a.m. PT

In addition to outlining how to ensure lifetime care for pets, the webinars will instruct participating organizations how to hold community workshops and deliver important information to pet owners in their area. Attendees will also learn how to leverage workshops to match homeless pets with new pet adopters as well as to identify new volunteers and donors.

About 2nd Chance 4 Pets

The mission of 2nd Chance for 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. 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 PetSmart Charities

PetSmart, Inc., established PetSmart Charities, Inc., in 1994 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization committed to supporting animal welfare and animal adoption. The PetSmart Charities' mission is to improve the quality of life for all pets by creating and supporting programs that save the lives of homeless pets and to promote healthy relationships between people and pets. PetSmart Charities is assisting more than 3,400 animal welfare organizations to help pets throughout the United States and Canada. Whether it's adoption, spay/neuter, retention, emergency relief, or other unique programs that improve the quality of life for pets, PetSmart Charities is at the forefront of finding innovative solutions.

About the Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT)

The APDT is a professional educational organization of dog trainers who are committed to becoming better trainers through using positive, dog-friendly methods based on sound scientific principles. With over 5,000 members worldwide, the APDT provides professional dog trainers with a respected and concerted voice. The APDT promotes caring relationships between dogs and people and works to increase public awareness of dog-friendly training techniques. For more information, visit the APDT website at www.apdt.com.

About Pet Sitters International (PSI)

Established in 1994, Pet Sitters International (PSI) is the world's largest educational association for professional pet sitters, representing nearly 7,000 independent professional pet-sitting businesses in the United States and Canada as well as abroad. PSI provides members with access to affordable bonding and liability insurance as well as educational resources that include a comprehensive Certification Program, *Pet Sitter's WORLD* magazine, *The Scoop* e-news, and PSI's annual Quest convention. For more information, visit www.petsit.com, home of the Official Pet Sitter Locator™, or sign up to receive *The Scoop on Pet Care*. Visit the PSI Store Online, the largest specialty retailer of products for pet sitters and pet-sitting business owners.

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