



THOUSANDS OF PETS ARE ORPHANED EACH YEAR DUE TO THE DEATH OR DISABILITY OF THEIR HUMAN COMPANIONS. 2ND CHANCE 4 PETS FOCUSES ITS ENTIRE EFFORTS ON ADDRESSING THIS LONG UNRECOGNIZED ISSUE.

2nd Chance 4 Pets dedicates this newsletter to the individuals who donate their time helping us save pets and provide peace of mind to pet owners.

Together we prevent pets from being left homeless because they outlived their pet owners. Thank you for recognizing this important effort.

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LESSONS LEARNED FROM HURRICANE SANDY

When Hurricane Sandy hit the New York and New Jersey areas this past November, 2nd Chance 4 Pets volunteers were alerted to many situations where pets suddenly became "orphaned."

In response to the Hurricane Sandy disaster, our volunteer team has produced a new "emergency ID card" that can be hung on a door knob or placed in a location in a pet owner's home where they would be easily visible to others as a communication device when natural disasters or other emergencies arise.

We would like to encourage you to fill out one or more of the enclosed "emergency ID cards" to place in your own home and provide cards to your friends and relatives with pets.

2nd Chance 4 Pets will be participating in several veterinarian and animal welfare conferences across the U.S. over the next 12 months. Our ultimate goal will be for pet owners to have plans in place for their pets to be prepared for natural disasters like Hurricane Sandy. We will distribute thousands of emergency ID cards and literature.

2nd Chance 4 Pets realizes that the more pet owners who can identify backup pet caregivers and maintain pet care instructions, the less pets will end up at shelters because they have outlived their humans.

A second important lesson learned from Hurricane Sandy is the need for **pet identification**. The photos below are proof of how critical it is for dogs and cats to have both ID tags and microchips with current phone numbers and addresses.

What a difference a day makes...



BEFORE



24 HOURS LATER

A pet's appearance can change drastically in a very short time. Remember this when looking for a lost pet.

The volunteers at 2nd Chance 4 Pets wish you a happy, healthy and safe holiday and we thank you for your continued support!

PET EMERGENCY KIT CHECKLIST

Emergencies, by definition, can occur without advanced warning. Preparedness can ensure that both you and your pets will be safe and secure should disaster strike. The following checklist includes items that are necessary to ensure safety for your pets.

- Crate or carrier large enough for your pet to stand up and move around in and a sheet for cover
- Current photos and licenses to prove ownership
- Medical records, proof of shots being up-to-date
- Two-week supply of food—If your pets eat only canned food, include a can opener
- Three-day supply of bottled water
- One-month supply of medicine, if applicable
- Non-spill feeding bowls
- Cat litter and pan
- Leashes, harnesses
- Plastic bags and newspaper for waste disposal
- Blankets and/or towels
- Paper towels
- Combs/brushes
- Disinfectants
- Radio, flashlight and batteries
- Favorite toys

THANK YOU FOR RECOGNIZING THE WORK WE DO TO HELP ANIMALS!

Including 2nd Chance 4 Pets in your will is one of the most commonly known ways in which to make a lasting gift to charity—and one of the simplest. After ensuring that your family is taken care of, you can name 2nd Chance 4 Pets in your will so that our organization receives a gift from your estate.

How do I leave a gift to 2nd Chance 4 Pets?

You should first decide what type of legacy you wish to leave to 2nd Chance 4 Pets. Let your attorney know what you want to do. He or she will need to know that the following words are typically used in wills to describe 2nd Chance 4 Pets: "2nd Chance 4 Pets, a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of California and having its principal mailing location at 1484 Pollard Rd, No 444, Los Gatos, CA 95032."

Can I leave my pets to the care of 2nd Chance 4 Pets?

Our organization cannot be responsible for the care of your pets. However, we can provide you and your attorney with information to help you determine appropriate options to ensure that your pets will be cared for should they outlive you.

Thank you for recognizing our important efforts. Together, we will help save pets' lives, bring peace of mind to pet owners, and reduce the burden on animal shelters and rescue groups.

PLANNING FOR THE POSSIBILITY THAT YOUR PETS MIGHT OUTLIVE YOU



STEP 1: Identify Caregivers

Identify people who would be willing to care for your pets in the hours, days, or weeks after an emergency as well as those who would be willing to adopt your pets should you die or become incapacitated. If you cannot find friends, relatives or neighbors to serve as potential caregivers, local pet sitters and members of animal rescue groups may be able to help. If you do not identify a caregiver for your pets and your pets outlive you, a complete stranger may have to determine if and how your pets will continue to receive care.



STEP 2: Prepare Written Instructions

Prepare written instructions outlining how your pets should be cared for. How do you want your pets to live—in another household or in a sanctuary? What kind of special care do your pets require? Do you want your pets to stay together? To make sure your wishes are followed, you must document your instructions and let others know where these instructions are located. On the front page of our website, download and print a free copy of our guide that will help you document care instructions for your pets.



STEP 3: Set Up a Fund

You currently pay for food, supplies and medical care for your pets. Should anything happen to you, these expenses will still need to be covered. Consider setting aside funds to cover temporary or permanent care of your pets. Professionals that can help you include estate planners, financial planners and your life insurance company. Take into consideration the amount you spend each year on your pets and the life expectancy of the pets.