



## News Release

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### ***The Oregonian* Features 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance 4 Pets**

LOS GATOS, Calif. (July 14, 2009) – Word is spreading about the need for pet owners to make plans for their pets should their pets outlive them. That’s good news to the director of 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance 4 Pets, Amy Shever. She founded the nonprofit several years ago with the goal to reduce the number of pets left homeless and facing euthanasia as a result of losing their caregiver. Shever recently spoke with *The Oregonian* about a problem that affects as many as half a million pets every year.

"To reach the majority of pet owners, I strongly encourage them to identify a backup caregiver for their pets," Shever says in the article. "Don't assume that your (children) will take care of your pets should something happen to you."

In the July 14 article, writer Jacques Von Lunen notes that Oregon is one of 37 states that consider so-called pet trusts as legally binding. Most such documents, he adds, are not too complex or expensive to create, especially in conjunction with a will.

But if the paperwork involved to create a trust seems daunting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance 4 Pets encourages pet owners to follow these three steps: first, identify people who would be willing to care for your pets in an emergency situation or adopt them should you die or become incapacitated. Prepare written instructions outlining how your pets should be cared for. And third, consider setting aside funds to cover the expenses to temporarily or permanently care of your pets.”

“Every year, thousands of pets are euthanized because their owners died without making arrangements for the continuous care of the pets. As responsible pet owners,” Shever says, “It is up to us to ensure that our pets have a loving home throughout their entire lives.”

The article can be found on the organization’s website: [2ndchance4pets.org/press.html](http://2ndchance4pets.org/press.html).

**About 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance 4 Pets:**

The mission of 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.2ndchance4pets.org) for more information.

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