

SECOND CHANCE PET ADOPTIONS' 22<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL

# Evening of Pawsibilities



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2022

FACEBOOK LIVE STREAM

8:35 - 9:25 PM

*PLEASE NOTE: ALL TIMES IN THIS EVENT PROGRAM  
ARE FOR THE EASTERN TIME ZONE.*

## Event Program

THIS YEAR'S REMOTE SUPPORTERS CAN PARTICIPATE IN:



THE SILENT AUCTION,  
THE COFFEE & WINE PULLS,  
THE RAFFLE DRAWING,  
DONATING TO THE EVENT GOAL, &  
WATCHING THE DIRECTOR'S FEATURE  
VIDEO AND MORE VIA LIVE STREAM!

To our partners in rescue,

Welcome to the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Second Chance Pet Adoptions *Evening of Pawsibilities!* We're thrilled to have you as our esteemed guests, and we look forward to the life-changing night ahead!

Tonight's gala is truly special to us: given that this year marks the organization's 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we are delighted to have all three of Second Chance's founders—Cheri Sowter, Judy Benrud, and Deborah Ruggero—in the room with us this evening. These trailblazers set out on a life-saving mission in 1987, and our commitment to their vision has not wavered since then: we aim to champion homeless cats and dogs who are healthy or treatable in the quest to find their forever homes and engage with our community to promote responsible pet ownership, ultimately reducing future generations of homeless animals, so that one day, every animal has a loving family.

The journey has not always been an easy one, for our founders or our present-day staff and volunteers; 2022 has been particularly challenging as we encounter fuller-than-usual county shelters and fewer-than-usual willing and available fosters. It's scary out there, and pets need support as much as ever—which is why we're grateful that you're here with us tonight. The ability to do this work has always depended on help from our community, and we're glad to be surrounded by the Second Chance family this weekend, including those who have been with us for 35 years and those we are just welcoming!

Please, bid often and bid generously, and donate if you can—animals who are currently injured, ill, and alone are counting on all of us for their second chances to find love.

With the warmest thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Ballesteros". The signature is stylized with a large, bold "D" and "B".

Dave Ballesteros  
President, Board of Directors

## *For Our Remote Participants:*

Whipped Cream (adopted in April) welcomes you to join all the fun! In addition to catching us via live stream on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/SecondChanceNC](http://www.facebook.com/SecondChanceNC) from 8:35 to 9:25 (no Facebook account needed!), our remote participants can:

- bid on and win silent auction items (many can be shipped! see our shipping policy at [www.EveningOfPawsibilities.com](http://www.EveningOfPawsibilities.com))
- purchase Wine and Coffee Pulls (though wine cannot be shipped), Buy-Now items, and raffle tickets (need not be present to win \$1,500 on Amazon!)
- donate through your GiveSmart account and get your name on the screen at the front of the room (or choose to remain anonymous if you prefer).



## *Your Home Base to Get Them Home*

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GiveSmart serves as your “home base” for this event. To bid, buy, or donate so animals like Watson (rescued with his mama and siblings) can find their forever homes, you’ll need a free GiveSmart account & to register for 2022.

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YOU could be the big winner of our raffle prize: a \$1,500 Amazon gift card! From pet supplies and home goods to clothing and entertainment, everyone knows that you can find *anything* on Amazon. Treat yourself or cover all your holiday shopping needs!



To get your paws on your winning ticket, you'll navigate to Item #8 in GiveSmart and purchase as many tickets as you'd like. **BUT HURRY:** raffle ticket sales close at 7:30 P.M. Eastern sharp on September 24!

There are no physical raffle tickets for you to keep track of. Our volunteers are converting all online sales to paper tickets for your convenience and will get them in the drum for you. The winner will be announced during the *Evening of Pawsibilities* at approximately 9:10 P.M. that night (live stream viewers will be able to watch on Facebook, too). Not present in the ballroom or watching the stream? No problem! The winner will be contacted by email and/or phone and the gift card will be emailed on Sunday, September 25.

Raffle tickets are not tax-deductible charitable gifts, but every purchase helps animals in need get their second chances to find loving forever families!

## Wine Pull

Find your new favorite wine...assuming Wendy Gayle (rescued as a stray in August) will share! Purchase a White Wine Pull or Red Wine Pull (in the 800 series in GiveSmart or found using the Wine Pull category) and receive a surprise bottle of wine that retails between \$23 and \$75! (The White category includes rosé & sparkling.)



Please note, while you can purchase a Wine Pull, from afar, it must be picked up from Second Chance, as we *cannot* mail alcohol. A-paw-logies!

## Coffee Pull



Take me home! My adoption profile is on Second Chance's site!

Kick-start your day with a new-to-you brew! To get your paws on some java, purchase a Coffee Pull (in the 900 series in GiveSmart or found using the Coffee Pull category) and receive a surprise package of coffee in your check-out bag. (You get to choose between whole beans, ground beans, or pods for single-cup machines.) Each Pull purchase helps save the lives of animals like Kuechly, rescued in February and currently adoptable (and borrowing foster dad Mike's cup)!

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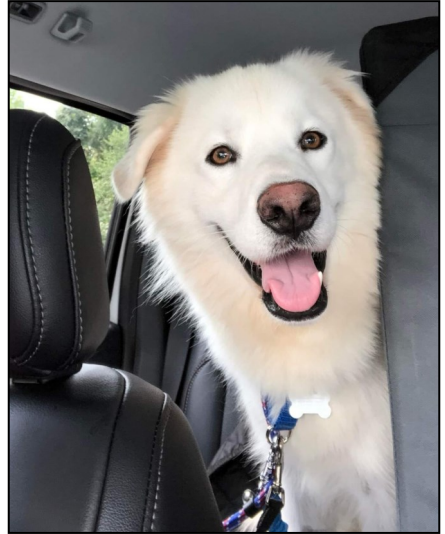


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## Hearts to Home

Through our *Hearts to Home* transport program, we rescue at-risk dogs from overcrowded county shelters in NC, foster them for roughly 10-14 days, and drive them to our partner rescues up north, where these dogs then find their forever families. If you're interested in saving dogs' lives by fostering for 10-14 days, or by driving a short leg of the journey (or both!), please contact coordinator Megan Wencel at [H2H@SecondChanceNC.org](mailto:H2H@SecondChanceNC.org) today!



Levi: a very good boy on his transport back in July!



## Heeling Hearts



Did you know NC is among the top 10 states in the U.S. for pets with the highest rates of heartworm disease? Through *Heeling Hearts*, we rescue & treat heartworm-positive dogs at no additional cost to adopters!



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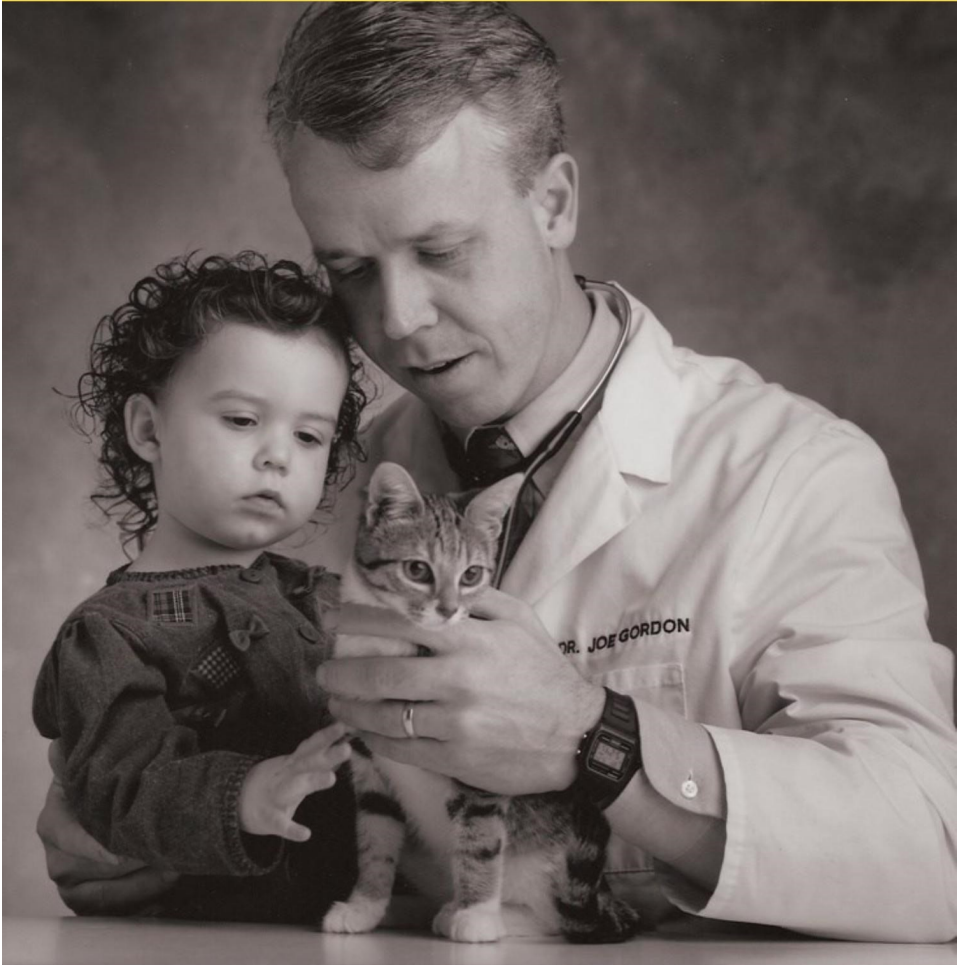




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EVENT COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND EVENT VOLUNTEERS — YOU, MORE THAN  
ANYONE, PULL THIS EVENT TOGETHER. THANK YOU KINDLY!**

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Brian and his wife, Kirke, met hound dog Minolo (left) at the 2021 Evening of Pawsibilities... and could not imagine their family without him!

## *Pies For Paws: A Pupdate*



You may recall meeting Tim Chlopowicz in the 2020 virtual *Evening of Pawsibilities* live stream. Tim began fundraising for our animals in July 2020, taking a pie to the face for every \$1,000 he raised. As of last week, Tim's fundraising efforts surpassed \$35,000, just in time for our 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration! On top of raising money, Tim is a hardworking volunteer who helps with animal transport. We're grateful that Tim and his family are a part of ours!

# *Second Chance Family*

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*plus the fabulous members of the dog adoption application screening team:*

KAREN, WENDY, MICHELLE, CLAIRE, ALLIE, ASHLEY, & PAULA

*and all who help with clinic, cat care, dog walking, reception, and facility cleaning!*



# HOW TO BID

## USING *GiveSmart*

### Getting started

Open a browser on your laptop, phone, or tablet and navigate to [2022eop.givesmart.com](http://2022eop.givesmart.com). Click the registration button to participate without a ticket.

### How to start bidding

Click the link in your welcome text and it will take you to your own personal bidding page. Click on an item you would like to bid on. Enter the amount and press the “Bid” button.



### “Can GiveSmart bid for me?”

Through the magic of mobile bidding, you can bid in the silent auction whether you’re at home, on a business trip, at a football game, etc. If you’re busy and unable to watch your items all night, just set a max bid! Click on an item, then click the “Auto Bid” tab to set your max bid to keep you winning automatically until you’ve been outbid and need to enter a new bid.

### Have you been outbid?

You’ll receive a text message the moment it happens!

### Did you win?

When the auction is over, you will receive a text message letting you know if you won the item(s) you bid on. Your message will also include payment instructions for a quick, convenient, and secure check-out.

### Want to donate to the animals?

Simply navigate to the Items page and click on the button “\$” at the very top. Enter an amount and hit the “Donate” button. Your name will show up on the big screen at the front of the room! (Or, you can remain anonymous.)



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