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New Non-Profit Launches to Help Seniors' Pets

May 2008 (*Dallas, TX*) . . . The future for Dallas-area seniors' pets just got a little brighter with the launch of a new non-profit organization named SPAN.

Seniors' Pet Assistance Network (SPAN), the vision of 77-year-old animal lover Adelle Taylor, was created to serve the needs of Dallas-area seniors requiring help in caring for their companion animals.

Mrs. Taylor became inspired to form SPAN after being contacted by a local senior outreach organization to help foster a pet whose owner was placed in a nursing home. Once she realized the immediate need Dallas-community senior pet owners were facing, she went to work forming SPAN.

"I literally created SPAN at my dining room table with the help of my daughter and a few other animal lovers," recalls Mrs. Taylor. "As we worked on the procedural aspects of forming a non-profit for a good, solid year, we were able to raise enough money through word of mouth to help our first client."

SPAN's first client had three dogs, a cat, and a fish for which she was the sole caregiver and was financially unable to pay for veterinary care. "She was diagnosed with stage four breast cancer and her illness had limited her ability to bathe the pets and keep them free from fleas," recalls Mrs. Taylor. "As a result, her home was infested with fleas, to the degree that home health and cleaning services were no longer able to visit her home and assist her."

Working with an area veterinarian, SPAN financially assisted the client in securing veterinary care for her dogs and cat, including updating all of their immunizations, heartworm medication, and flea treatment and preventative.

"Her home was accordingly cleaned and the pets — now healthy, medically treated, and free of fleas — were able to return home," said Mrs. Taylor. "And home health services were, in turn, able to return to her home to assist her."

Presently, SPAN provides financial assistance for basic pet needs such as food, grooming, and veterinary care with future plans to include: providing new homes for pets that can no longer stay with their owners, offering in-home assistance and providing transportation to and from veterinary clinics and other pet-related errands for seniors who are homebound.

“We still have a long way to go in raising funds since we’re solely funded through private donations, but through the support of the community I’m confident that this is a cause everyone will embrace,” said Mrs. Taylor. “And really and truly, I see this organization going national one day!”

For more information on how you can make a difference in a seniors’ pets life, please visit www.seniorpets.org.

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