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PETS and The AGING

Agenda
April 23, 2003

Brought to you at Emory University by Emory Center for Health in Aging

5:30 p.m. **Dinner Reception**

6:30 p.m. **Opening Remarks**

Dr. Rita McManamon
President, PAWSitive InterAction
Sr. Veterinarian, Zoo Atlanta

Dr. Nalini Saligram
Chair, PAWSitive InterAction
Director, Corporate Communications, Merial

6:40 p.m. **Welcome & Introductions**

Sharon Gruber
2003 Summit Chair, PAWSitive InterAction
Happy Tails Pet Therapy

6:45 p.m. **Presentations**

- **Paws, People, and Purpose: A Winning Trifecta for Successful Aging**
  Dr. Edward Creagan
  Professor, Mayo Clinic Medical School, American Cancer Society Professor of Clinical Oncology, The John & Roma Rouse Professor of Humanism in Medicine

- **The Science Behind Pets and The Aging**
  Dr. Rebecca Johnson
  Professor, Gerontological Nursing & Public Policy, Director, Center on Aging
  Sinclair School of Nursing, University of Missouri - Columbia

7:55 p.m. **Panel Discussion – Pets as Social Support for the Elderly**

- **Moderator - Dr. Sandra Barker,** Professor of Psychiatry and Director, Center for Human-Animal Interaction, Virginia Commonwealth University
- **Dr. Joseph Ouslander,** Director, Division of Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology, Chief Medical Officer, Wesley Woods Center, Emory University, and Director, Emory Center for Health in Aging
- **Dr. Gail Powell-Johnson,** CEO, Atlanta Veterinary Eye Clinic, and Past President, Greater Atlanta Veterinary Medical Society
- **Dominique Siler,** Director, Community Relations, Brighton Gardens Buckhead, Sunrise Senior Living

8:30 p.m. **Dessert Reception**