Fraud Watchers Receives Honor from the
International Pet and Animal Transportation Association

November 8, 2012 – The International Pet and Animal Transportation Association (IPATA), the non-profit organization dedicated to the care and welfare of pets and animals during transport, presented the 2012 Industry Partner Award to Fraud Watchers (Fraudwatchers.org), a non-profit anti-scam organization manned entirely by volunteers, which works to deactivate Websites involved in fraudulent activity such as “puppy scams.”

Fraud Watchers has seen an increase in pet scams over the past couple of years. They investigate online fraud and work consistently to get fraudulent Websites shut down.

“In most instances, Websites are shut down within 24-hours of being reported,” says Cherie Derouin, IPATA Executive Director. “If we have questions about a person, email address or telephone number we think is associated with fraud, they are always willing to research the item and get back to us. Without Fraud Watchers it would take us hours, if not days, of staff time to get websites shut down but with them it only takes us a few minutes of our time to report it to them.”

IPATA’s Industry Partner award recognizes a person or company on behalf of some type of consultancy, business products or services which pushed the barriers within the industry. It is open to members and nonmembers of IPATA whose partnership with IPATA has resulted in improved welfare, improved business for IPATA members or enhanced ability to serve customers.

The IPATA International Conference is the world’s largest gathering of pet shipping professionals. Attendees include animal handlers, pet moving providers, kennel operators, veterinarians and others who are dedicated to the care and welfare of pets during transport.

About IPATA
The International Pet and Animal Transportation Association, Inc. (IPATA) is a non-profit, worldwide trade association for animal handlers, pet moving providers, kennel operators, veterinarians and others who are dedicated to the care and welfare of pets and animals during transport. The organization was founded in 1979. It began with six founding members and now has more than 325 members in over 70 countries. IPATA serves its members, the pet transport industry, and the public at large. For more information, or to find a professional pet shipper, visit www.ipata.org.