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PILOTS TO THE RESCUE NEWS

May was a wild month for [Pilots To The Rescue](#). Thanks to our brave volunteers and loyal partners, we rescued 64 dogs and 35 cats from five U.S. states, including two litters of puppies who were found abandoned in Miami. We're happy to report that at least three beautiful dogs we rescued in May have since been adopted!

In this month's newsletter, read all about how an emergency landing in the wilderness of Kentucky didn't stop the PTTR team from traveling more than 12 hours to complete a critical mission. You can also learn a helpful tip for teaching your newly adopted dog how to stop barking whenever someone comes to your front door!

Thank you for your support in making these missions possible!

Miles and Lewis Find Their Forever Homes in New York!

The adorable Yorkie pictured here is Miles, one of the 9 dogs PTTR rescued from an overcrowded shelter in Georgia on May 7th. Our friends at [Saving Georgia Dogs](#) transported the animals to Greenville, South Carolina, where they were picked up by PTTR pilot in command [Robert Fernandez](#) and his co-pawlet [Paul Mamauag](#). Once Robert and Paul returned to New Jersey, the dogs were received by [The Second Hand](#)

[Dog Rescue, Inc.](#) in Rochester, New York.

Given his heart-melting features, it's no surprise that it took less than two weeks for Miles to be adopted. Also onboard was a Cocker Spaniel named Lewis (pictured below), who is settling into his forever home as well! ☐



PTTR Suffers Oil Leak, Finishes Rescue on Wheels



On May 21st, PTTR Top Dog [Michael Schneider](#) flew to southern Kentucky to retrieve 7 dogs from [the Knox-Whitley Humane Association](#). Accompanying Michael on board were co-pawlet [Brooke Lima](#), the founder of [buystuffnotdogs.com](#), and [Michelle Young](#), a veteran of the U.S. Army and celebrated social media influencer (both pictured above).

Shortly after leaving Kentucky, we discovered that our new plane, “Ruff Rider,” was **leaking oil** at an alarming rate! We had no choice but to make an emergency landing in rural Kentucky, so far from the nearest town that we had no access to taxis, Uber, or even a rental car service. ☐☐

Miraculously, we were able to contact the Knox-Whitley Humane Association, which sent us a van so we could



continue our mission on wheels! That's right: Michael, Brooke, and Michelle **drove through the night** all the way to New Jersey, where the dogs were finally received by our longtime partners at [Mt. Pleasant Animal Shelter](#).

Moments like this remind us why we're so lucky to have such selfless volunteers. Even though we were temporarily **stranded in a remote area**, Brooke and Michelle refused to let the emergency landing break their spirits. Their love for animals was simply too great to be deterred by a mechanical mishap and they were happy to keep the dogs calm while Michael drove through multiple U.S. states to reach our destination.

Volunteer Spotlight: Kate Gunderson

This month, we're spotlighting [Kate Gunderson](#), a licensed pilot who helped PTTR Pilot in Command Robert Fernandez and Co-Pawlet Mike Bello rescue 11 dogs from homelessness on May 13th. Fascinated with the stars at a young age, Kate scored her dream job at NASA's Johnson Space Center right after earning a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the Rochester Institute of Technology. As the youngest member of NASA's Flight Science Officer aircrew, she recorded hundreds of flight hours and provided engineering support for over 20 aircraft.



Since 2022, Kate has been attending the National Test Pilot School in Mojave, California on a full-ride fellowship. She also focuses on harnessing her wealth of aviation experience to help women pursue careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math). If you've ever wondered how to become a mechanical, aerospace, and flight test engineer with NASA, check out Kate's [official website](#) to learn all about her amazing journey to make her childhood dreams come true!



Cambridge Elementary in NJ Raises 3K for PTTR



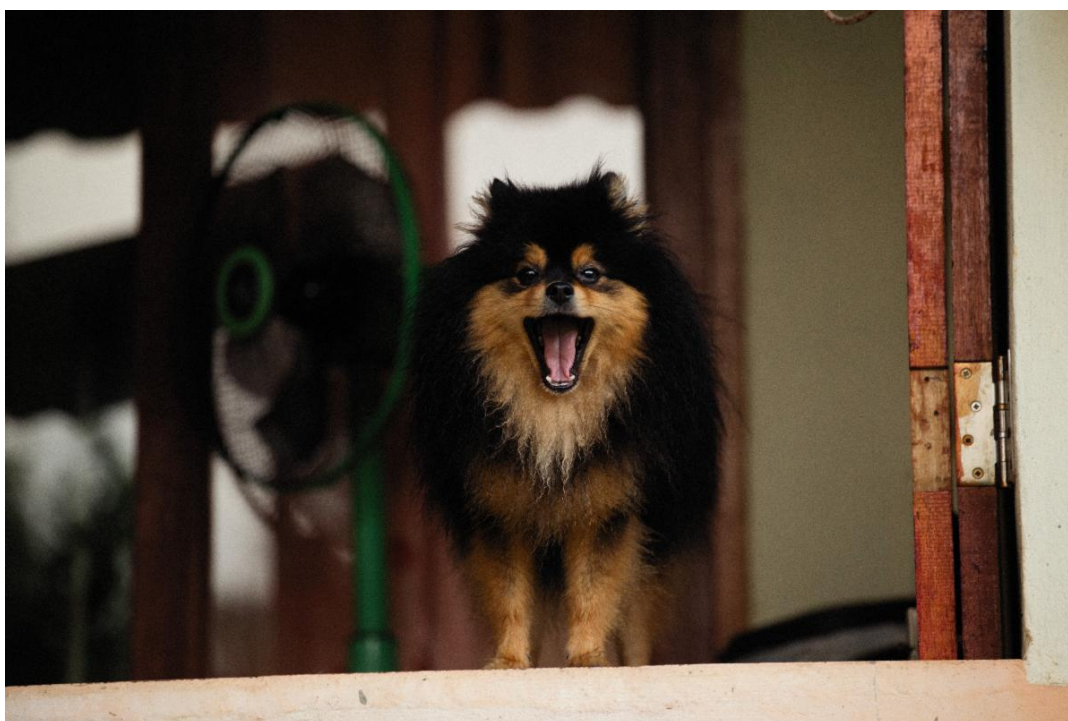
Every year, Cambridge Elementary School in South Brunswick Township, New Jersey holds a "Pennies for Pets" fundraiser to support an animal rescue organization of their choice. We are honored to announce that PTTR was not only the selected beneficiary of [this year's fundraiser](#), but that these remarkable students managed to raise an incredible \$3,000!!!

So, on behalf of the entire PTTR team, we extend our deepest gratitude to the students of Cambridge Elementary, along with Christina O'Brien, the ambassador of



Cambridge Elementary's Cougar Council. The raised funds will go towards an upcoming collaborative mission with [Amazing Mutts Puppy Rescue](#), the recipients of last year's "Pennies for Pets" donations. Follow Cambridge Elementary [on Facebook](#) to show your support for these students!

Adoption Tip of the Month



Does your dog bark incessantly when someone comes to your door? As naturally protective creatures, dogs instinctively view incoming strangers as intruders, and they bark to notify you of their presence. **To teach your dog not to bark every time Amazon delivers a package, you must resist the urge to verbally reprimand them.** It's not easy, but you must ignore the barking. If you yell at your dog, they'll think you're joining in on the excitement and will simply continue to bark. Your dog must learn that barking does not elicit a reaction, including opening the door.

Instead, don't open the door until your dog stops barking. You can even turn your back to your dog just to show them that their barking does not elicit any sort of reward. Once your dog goes silent, THEN you can reward their good behavior with their favorite snack and plenty of verbal and physical praise.

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Help PTTR Save 10x More Lives with a New Plane!



HELP
PILOTS TO THE RESCUE
RAISE THE MONEY TO PURCHASE
A CESSNA CARAVAN
(= +SPACE+SPEED+MORE DISTANCE CAN BE TRAVELED)
& SAVE MORE LIVES!

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During the middle of May, an anonymous angel donor delivered a **VERY generous check offering to match every dollar we raise up to \$250,000 towards a larger aircraft!** The check couldn't have come at a better time, as we are still in the process of assessing Ruff Rider's condition following the oil leak from earlier this month.

Incidents like this are the exact reason we need a more robust plane like the Cessna Caravan, which has the potential to increase our rescue capacity by 5 to 10x. That means we'd be able to save countless more lives, but not without your help! □

NOW is the time to double your impact on PTTR by doubling your donation and in doing so, quintupling the number of animals we can fit on our plane at once!

All donations, big or small, will go directly towards the Cessna Caravan. Our goal is to reach our goal of \$250,000 by the end of 2023, and we truly believe we can make that happen.

To learn more about our ongoing Cessna Caravan fundraiser, click [here](#).



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2023 Mission Stats



45
Missions



53,766
Miles



501
Souls



329
Dogs



171
Cats



1
Wolf

2023 Goal: 1000 Souls!



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I would love to hear from you! □

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