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PILOTS TO THE RESCUE NEWS

Much of the world may be on vacation (and our plane may have needed a few repairs) but that doesn't stop [Pilots To The Rescue](#) from continuing our life-saving work. Once our plane was ready for action again, we completed three missions in a row and saved more than 50 dogs! We're also delighted to report that over the past few weeks, more than 10 recent PTTR paw-sengers have found their forever homes.

In this month's newsletter, you can meet some of these lucky rescues along with their new families. You can also get to know one of our newest volunteer pilots on a deeper level and learn a new tip for protecting your adopted dog's body temperature in the sweltering summer heat!

Thank you for your support in making these missions possible! □

11 Dogs Find New Families in Upstate New York □

On June 11, PTTR Pilot in Command [Robert Fernandez](#) and co-pawlet Angelica Diaz rescued 13 dogs from Western Georgia. The dogs were supplied by [the Harrison County Animal Shelter](#) and the [Polk County, GA Animal Adoption and Recovery Shelter](#). Once Robert and Angelica returned to Essex County, New Jersey, the dogs were received by our longtime partners at [the Second Hand Dog Rescue, Inc.](#) in Rochester, New York.

Thanks to the Second Hand Dog Rescue's expertise in connecting new rescues with aspiring pet parents, 11 of these paw-sengers were able to find their forever homes in just a few weeks. This includes the two dogs below, pictured with their new families!



PTTR Swoops in to Find Space for 3 Litters of Puppies



Pictured here is Blondie, one of the 28 dogs PTTR Pilot in Command Robert Fernandez and co-pawlet [Kyle Morrison](#) rescued from Northeast Georgia on July 28th. □

In a collaborative mission with the [Toccoa-Stephens County Humane Shelter](#), the dogs were received by [The Second Hand Dog Rescue](#). We'd like to give a special thank you to our volunteer driver, Fred, and Wendy from Second Hand Dog Rescue, who coordinated a meet-up to exchange the dogs in Cortland, New York.

Making this mission even more heart-warming is the fact that our pawssengers included three litters of precious puppies. Below, you can see BettyBoop and BeetleBailey, who came from a litter of 9!



Over the following two days, PTTR completed two more missions, including a trip to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, where PTTR Pilot in Command [Vikingur Thorsteinsson](#) along with co-pawlet and celebrated magician [Doug McKenzie](#) rescued 13 dogs. This mission was made possible by the [Everglades Animal Coalition](#) and Compassion Farm, which had originally retrieved the dogs from multiple overcrowded shelters in Florida. The dogs were eventually received by [Toby's Dream Dog Rescue](#) in West Haven, Connecticut.



□ **AS SEEN ON TV:** On July 30, this rescue was featured on South Carolina's ABC affiliate WPDE. You can watch the televised segment [here](#), which includes interviews with Viking, Doug, and Everglades Animal Coalition volunteer Jessie Pena! □

Volunteer Spotlight: Rob Fernandez

This month, we're spotlighting one of our newest volunteer pilots, [Rob Fernandez](#).



Born in Cuba, Rob kept his dreams of becoming a pilot alive even though this career path didn't seem possible when he was younger. ☐➔ When he moved to the United States, it didn't take long for him to discover ATP Flight School, the largest flight training company in the country. It was here where Rob obtained his license as a private pilot.

Animals have always been part of Rob's life as well. Growing up, his family cared for several dogs along with a flock of chickens and even some bunny rabbits. So, when the opportunity to fly for PTTR came up, Rob couldn't be more grateful to combine his two greatest passions in life. "It feels like a milestone in my life that I'll never forget," he said of his experience with PTTR so far. Rob is extremely proud to be involved with PTTR and he can't wait to use his talents to save more lives in 2023 and beyond!



Adoption Tip of the Month ☐



Your dog may love playing outside in the summer sun, but too much play in extreme temperatures can increase the risk of dehydration. If your hometown gets especially hot during the summer, you may want to avoid going for walks or playing outside for extended periods of time during peak sunlight hours. Instead, try to take your dog outside before the sun rises too high in the sky or around when the sun is beginning to set.

To tell if it's too hot to take your dog outside, place your hand on the sidewalk for 7-10 seconds. If you can't keep your hand on the sidewalk for at least 7 seconds, it's probably too hot for a walk or a play session. □

Also, if you have a pool and you want your dog to cool off, don't try to force your pet into the water. This is a completely unknown environment for them, so it's crucial to let them go at their own pace. And like virtually any other behavior, you can always entice your dog with treats and praise to help them understand that the water is good for them.

YOUR GIFT MAKES THESE MISSIONS POSSIBLE

How to Support PTTR When Money is Tight

We understand that right now, times are hard, and not everybody can afford to support the organizations they love.

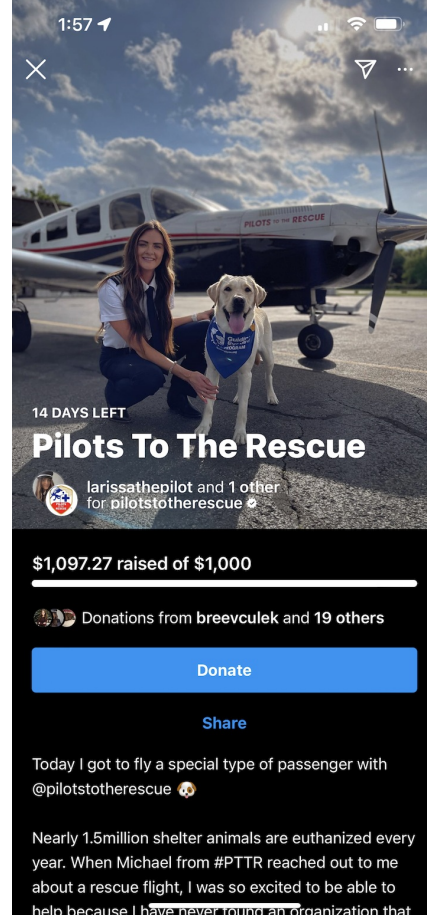
Thankfully, there are still plenty of ways to help PTTR save more lives, and one of them is by creating a nonprofit fundraiser with an Instagram post. □

First, create or choose an image for a new post as usual. Second, tap **Next** and then **Add Fundraiser**. If you search for and select Pilots To The Rescue, you'll automatically be taken to the "Fundraiser Details" page. Lastly, enter

the details for your fundraiser, tap **Done** and hit **Share!**

For the next 30 days, a link to the fundraiser will be displayed in your bio. When someone clicks the link, they will be directed to donate.

For more information on how to set up a fundraiser on Instagram, click [here](#).



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2023 Mission Stats



56
Missions



66,120
Miles



721
Souls



460
Dogs



260
Cats



1
Wolf

2023 Goal: **1000 Souls!**



Pilots To The Rescue (PTTR) is a non-profit, volunteer-driven, 501c3 public benefit aviation organization. PTTR's mission is to transport domestic and endangered animals as well as people at risk. PTTR supports its network of trained volunteer pilots so they can focus on their missions and do the greater good.

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I would love to hear from you! □

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