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PILOTS TO THE RESCUE NEWS

Summer is *finally* here, and [Pilots To The Rescue](#) is taking advantage of this nice weather by saving more lives across the country. * ☐ In the month of June, we rescued more than 65 dogs and more than 85 cats, including a group of puppies who had nearly succumbed to a life-threatening virus. We couldn't have done it without our amazing team of volunteers, like our driver, Fred, who drove more than 10 hours to spare 33 cats from euthanasia!

In this month's newsletter, you can learn how an elementary school fundraiser helped us fund one of our largest missions to date. You can also read a helpful tip for keeping your adopted dog calm during firework shows on the Fourth of July!

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

Cambridge Elementary Funds an Entire PTTR Mission

On June 9, PTTR Pilot in Command [Paul Mamauag](#) and co-pawlet [Jason Oliver](#) flew from our home base of Essex County Airport in Fairfield, New Jersey to Greenville, Tennessee, where they rescued an incredible 32 dogs. The animals - which included 30 puppies and 2 adult dogs - were supplied by the Texas branch of [Amazing Mutts Puppy Rescue, Inc.](#) and received by Amazing Mutts Puppy Rescue's New Jersey branch.

This massive mission was made possible by the remarkable students at [Cambridge Elementary School](#) in Kendall Park, New Jersey. Earlier this year, the Cambridge students collected more than \$3,000 in donations to Cambridge Elementary's "Pennies for Pets" fundraiser. □ □

We'd like to extend a special thank you to Christina O'Brien, the ambassador of Cambridge's Cougar Council, who has set a wonderful example for her students through her dedication to animal rescue. □ □ □ □ We are also deeply grateful for the support of the Cambridge families who helped fund this mission, many of whom have previously adopted rescue animals from Amazing Mutts Puppy Rescue.



Pictured below are Rosie and Rocky, two puppies we rescued on this mission, followed by Jimmy, who is part of a litter that was named after different characters from the classic movie (and new TV series on Amazon Prime), *A League of their Own!*



Rosie



Rocky



*A
league
of
their
own*

Jimmy

PTTR Saves 23 Cats from Euthanasia in NC

On June 15, PTTR Pilot in Command [Robert Fernandez](#) and co-pawlet Jason Oliver

flew to North Carolina to give 23 cats a new chance at life. 🐱 These loving animals were supplied by [Gaston County Police Animal Care & Enforcement](#) and received by the [Humane Society of Carroll County, Inc.](#) in Westminster, Maryland.

Below, you can see two of our furry passengers we captured during our flight, waiting patiently to arrive at their destination!



Volunteer Spotlight: Michelle Paolillo

This month, we are honored to shine some light on one of our newest volunteer pilots, [Michelle Paolillo](#). The proud daughter of a pilot, Michelle grew up around the aviation industry and continues to draw inspiration from her father's prosperous career in the skies. In 2023, she became a certified flight instructor through ATP Flight School in Morristown, New Jersey. Michelle subsequently began her aviation career as a corporate pilot with Maklee Air!



A lifelong animal lover, Michelle rescued a kitten named Gouda a few years ago, and she still cannot believe the amount of joy he continues to bring into her home. She participated in her first PTTR mission June 12, when she helped PTTR Pilot in Command Paul Mamauag rescue a clowder of cats from North Carolina in a collaborative mission with [Cat Tales Rescue](#). Below, you can see Michelle showing some love to one of her favorite passengers from this amazing experience! ☐



Adoption Tip of the Month ☐

July 4th is a notoriously rough night for our furry friends. Loud noises are a common source of anxiety for dogs, and nothing



triggers this anxiety faster than a firework show. Thankfully, there are a few things you can do to make this **July 4th** much calmer for your dog.

First, take your dog for a nice long walk or bring them to your favorite dog park for a full day of play. Dogs are naturally more relaxed when they have less pent-up energy and will have less trouble sleeping through the night of fireworks. ☐ ☐ ☐

During the firework show, you can minimize the noise as much as possible by closing the windows, blinds, and curtains, which will also shield your dog from those disturbing flashes of light. You can also play calming music to drown out the loud booms. Every dog has their own taste in music, but soft rock, reggae, and classical seem to be popular choices amongst our canine companions.

YOUR GIFT MAKES THESE MISSIONS POSSIBLE

PTTR Still Needs Your Help to Quadruple our Animal Cargo



Thanks to your support, we've raised \$17,901 towards our end of the year goal of \$250,000. It's a solid start but we've got big dreams when it comes to the number of animals we intend to save. That's why we've got our hearts sent on the [Cessna Caravan](#), which will allow us to **rescue 5-10x more animals** on each flight. ☐ ☐

It pains us to have to leave animals behind solely because we don't have enough space. With the Cessna Caravan, we won't have to decide who gets to leave and who gets to stay for such an unnecessary reason...the same reason so many homeless pets get euthanized in the first place.

Remember, **every dollar you donate towards this goal will be matched by an anonymous donor.** That means \$100 becomes \$200, which is all the more appropriate considering the Cessna Caravan will help us literally



double the power of our life-saving efforts.

So, let's keep the momentum going because every pet's life matters! ☐☐

PILOTS TO THE RESCUE™

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HELP PTTR RESCUE 10X THE NUMBER OF ANIMALS PER FLIGHT!!

The plane we would like to get is a Cessna Caravan.

With this aircraft we can save more lives!

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2023 Mission Stats



52
Missions



60,655
Miles



640
Souls



382
Dogs



257
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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