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PILOTS TO THE RESCUE NEWS

The team at [Pilots To The Rescue](#) is feeling more thankful than ever lately. Though our fleet was grounded this past month, our incredible drivers allowed us to save 28 dogs from euthanasia, including a very scared momma dog and her 4 newborn puppies. We're also grateful for our dedicated shelter partners, who were able to coordinate pick-ups and drop-offs at reasonable locations for our East Coast-based crew.

In this month's newsletter, you can meet some of the dogs we rescued in November, all of whom are now healthy and safe in larger shelters with more space and resources. You can also learn a helpful tip for preparing your adopted dog to be left alone in a new home!

Thank you for your support in making these missions possible!

Two Cane Corsos Get a Second Chance at Life in PA

On November 18th, PTTR volunteer driver [Albert Picewicz](#) got behind the wheel of the PTTR Paw-ty van to drive from Essex County, New Jersey to the [Town of Hempstead Animal Shelter](#) in Wantagh, New York.

Greeting Albert upon his arrival were two Cane Corsos weighing in at a combined 200 pounds. Albert then headed to Dubois, Pennsylvania, where the two gentle

giants were received by [Must Love Corsos Rescue](#), a rescue organization that specializes in rescuing neglected or abandoned Cane Corsos.

Pictured below is the mighty Zeus, who kept Albert company during his 5 and 1/2-hour drive across central Pennsylvania.



PTTR Rescues a Traumatized New Mom and Her 4 Pups

Just a few days after the previous mission, Albert embarked on another trek to Pennsylvania, this time further South to the state capital of Harrisburg. It was here where Albert picked up 13 dogs in a collaborative mission with the [Polk County, GA Animal Adoption and Recovery Shelter](#) and [Huckaby's Hope for Paws](#). Following his return to New Jersey, the dogs were received by our longtime partners at [The Second Hand Dog Rescue, Inc.](#) in Rochester, New York.

This mission was particularly important because one of Albert's passengers had suffered severe emotional trauma during her brief stay at an overcrowded shelter in Georgia. Maz, a Husky mix, had given birth to four puppies just one week before she and her pups were surrendered by their previous owner.

If PTTR hadn't intervened, all five dogs would have been euthanized in late November solely because of a lack of space. Below, you can see the heart-wrenching fear in poor Maz's eyes right after she was left in this new and unnerving setting.



We are happy to report that Maz is currently doing much better under the care of her foster family. Missions like this are a reminder of why it's so critical to transport these animals to more spacious shelters as quickly as possible. If Maz had spent any more time in an overcrowded shelter, she would have likely developed behavioral issues, which would have made it much harder for her to be adopted.

Ground Transport Spotlight: Albert Picewicz



This month, the spotlight goes to our road warrior [Albert Picewicz](#), who recently graduated from Rutgers University with a Bachelor's Degree in finance. A lifelong friend of fellow PTTR driver [Adrian Bokszy](#), Albert and Adrian had previously collaborated with another friend, Pedro Metzler, to launch Wet Wings, which currently provides sanitation services for PTTR aircraft.

PTTR Top Dog [Michael Schneider](#) was also the first guest of Albert and Adrian's entrepreneurial podcast, "Whetstone." □ □

Prior to Wet Wings, Albert had harnessed his entrepreneurial acumen to start several businesses related to tutoring, landscaping, and used goods sales.

Given his comfort on the road, it's also no surprise that Albert harbors a deep passion for travel. In 2024, he was lucky enough to watch the World Cup in Qatar, and he's even had the privilege of watching a Formula 1 race in Texas, USA.

In the coming years, Albert aims to play an instrumental role in the expansion of PTTR while encouraging more of his neighbors in Clifton, New Jersey to adopt and not shop for pets. We are eternally grateful for Albert's efforts over the past few months, which kept multiple dogs off the euthanasia lists in overcrowded shelters.



Adoption Tip of the Month □



Regardless of how much your dog loves you and trusts you, moving into a new home with your furry friend can induce tremendous fear and anxiety. Eventually, you're going to have to leave your dog alone when you go out. So, here are a few ways to help your dog prepare to spend time alone in a new home.

Before you go out, take your dog for a nice long walk. This will give your dog a chance to burn off some energy and go to the bathroom, which will make it easier for them to calm down and maybe even take a nap when you're out.

Next, create a calming environment with your dog's preferred comforts. You might consider leaving the TV or the radio on or even placing a belonging that carries your scent in your dog's bed. And of course, make sure your dog has access to water and food (or a savory treat).

Lastly, it's crucial to not make a fuss when you leave or return. Instead, make your exit and return as uneventful as possible so your dog can see that this is a normal occurrence and a regular part of their lives. So, once you've prepared your home for your departure, leave quickly and calmly. You could also use a certain word or phrase (like "see you later" or "be back soon") to help your dog establish a routine and associate this phrase with your inevitable return.

YOUR GIFT MAKES THESE MISSIONS POSSIBLE

This Season, Your Gifts Can Be Lifelines for Homeless Pets □

Do you have a friend or loved one who is just as passionate about animal rescue as you are? If so, make this person's holiday extra special by giving them a gift that also serves as a pledge to save innocent souls from euthanasia.

When you purchase [PTTR apparel](#), you're directly contributing to our ability to put homeless pets in better care, where they have a much higher chance of adoption. And every time you sport your PTTR gear, you're reminding everyone around you to adopt and not shop while drawing more attention to PTTR's work and inspiring more people to join our cause.

To show you how much we value your support, all shipping fees for PTTR apparel are on us! So, have a look at our [custom collection](#) of shirts, hats, bags, and all kinds of accessories and use this holiday season to take a stand against animal cruelty.



More good news: After undergoing engine repairs for over a month and a half, our plane, Big Maw, is finally ready to take to the skies again. However, the fact that we had to stay grounded for so long is also a reminder of how many more lives we could save with a larger, more robust plane that's designed for constant travel.

We know just the plane: **the Cessna Caravan.**

A few months ago, we received an unbelievably generous pledge to match every dollar up to \$250k that we raised for the Cessna Caravan. All that stands between us and that \$250k is [the remaining \\$250k](#) from our community. As of this moment, we've raised about 22% towards that goal. With the end of the year right around the corner, *we need your help now more than EVER.* ☐☐

Visit pilotstotherescue.org/support to help us secure our new plane and save thousands more homeless pets from euthanasia each year.



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2023 Mission Stats



70
Missions



86,863
Miles



934
Souls



605
Dogs



328
Cats



1
Wolf

2023 Goal: 1000 Souls!



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I would love to hear from you! ☐

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