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PILOTS TO THE RESCUE NEWS

The weather may be getting colder, and our planes may be in the shop for repairs, but [PTTR](#)'s work is too important to let a few inconveniences impede our progress. **In the month of October, we rescued 47 dogs and 42 cats**, several of which have since been adopted!

We couldn't have completed these rescues without the help of our dedicated drivers, Albert, and Adrian, both of whom **drove thousands of miles** (yes, *thousands*) this past month to continue saving homeless pets from euthanasia.

In this month's newsletter, you can meet some of the dogs we rescued in October along with their new families. You can also learn a new tip for teaching your adopted dog how to calmly get acquainted with a new furry sibling!

Thank you for your support in making these missions possible!

South Carolina's Chip & Skip Find New Homes in PA

Pictured here is the adorable King, one of the six dogs PTTR rescued from an overcrowded shelter in South Carolina on October 7. Our volunteer driver, Albert, made the trek down south to pick up 2 adult dogs and 4 puppies from the

[Hilton Head Humane Association.](#)

With his furry cargo in tow, Albert then headed back up to Skippack, Pennsylvania, where the dogs were received by our longtime partners at [Rylie's Rescue](#). □ □

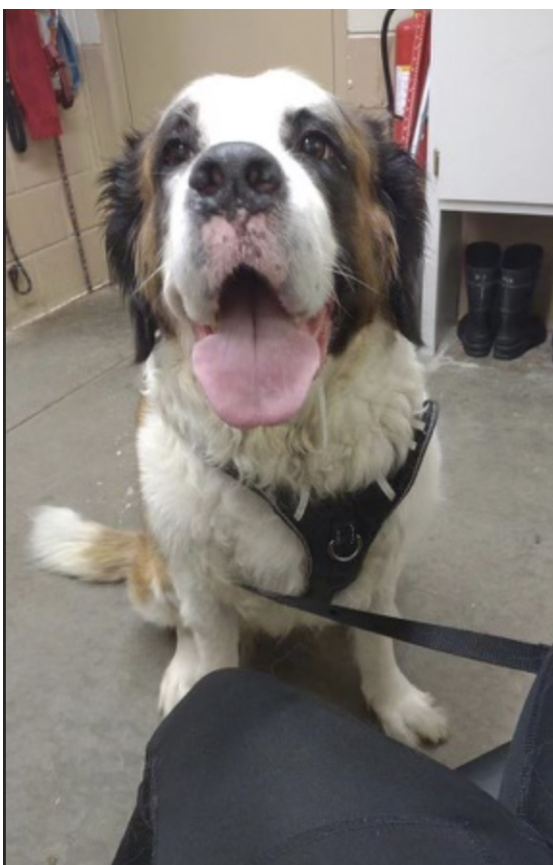
Also onboard for this rescue were two much smaller paw-ssengers named Chip and Skip. Thanks to Rylie's Rescue, it took just a few weeks for both puppies to find their forever homes.

Below, you can see Chip (top) and Skip (bottom) relaxing in the arms of their new families.





16 Georgia Natives Get a New Chance at Life in NY



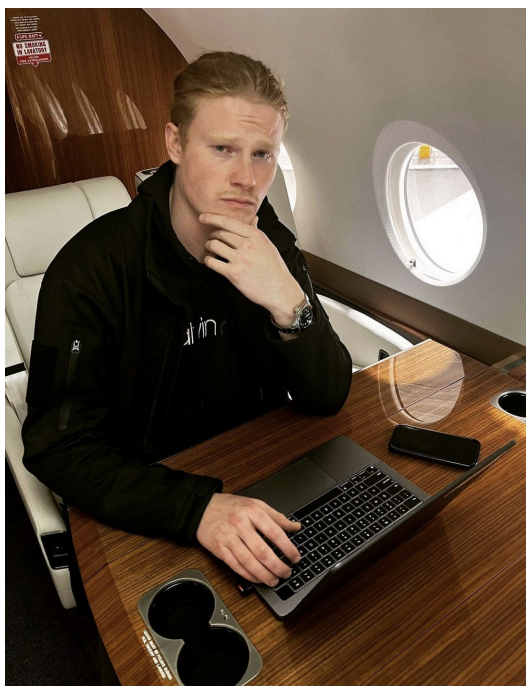
No, that's not the star of the Beethoven movie franchise from the 1990s. It's Heidi, a majestic **106-pound St. Bernard** we rescued along with 13 other dogs on October 24. □

In this multi-day mission, our driver, Adrian, began by driving to Knoxville, Tennessee to pick up the dogs, which were supplied by [Saving Georgia Dogs Rescue](#), the [Haralson County Animal Shelter](#) and the [Polk County, GA Animal Adoption and Recovery Shelter](#).

The next day, Adrian drove to Scranton Pennsylvania, where the dogs were received by [the Second Hand Dog Rescue](#) in Rochester, New York. Adrian's masterful motor skills really came in handy on this mission, since he was handling some fairly fragile cargo. Driving at a very careful pace, Adrian managed not to disturb any of his paw-sengers, which included **multiple litters of newborn puppies!** □



Volunteer Spotlight: Adrian Bokszy



This month, we're shining some well-deserved spotlight on [Adrian Bokszy](#), whose passion for animal rescue kept PTTR going in October while all three of our planes were grounded.

A lifelong entrepreneur, Adrian was first introduced to PTTR Top Dog [Michael Schneider](#) a few years ago when he was working as a service technician at PTTR's headquarters of Essex County Airport.

Noticing Adrian's exceptional work ethic, Michael eventually enlisted Adrian's own company, Wet Wings, to provide detailing and sanitation services for PTTR's aircraft. □ □

During his childhood, Adrian grew up with a dog who sadly succumbed to a severe illness.

So, once he learned about Michael's work as an animal rescue pilot, Adrian asked if he could play a larger role in our missions.

Now a licensed private pilot, Adrian hopes to eventually contribute to

PTTR as a volunteer pilot. ☐☐✈

Inspired by Michael's avid mentorship to the next generation of pilots, Adrian also recently established his own nonprofit organization to fuel the careers of aspiring aviators all over the United States.



Adoption Tip of the Month ☐



You've just rescued a new dog and you can't wait to bring your new friend home to greet their new furry brother or sister. A common misconception is that the best way to introduce a new dog to your current dog is by putting them together in the same environment and letting them bond on their own. In reality, this is actually more likely to evoke aggressive behavior from your current dog, who will see the new dog as an invasion of privacy.

The correct way is through a long walk with the help of a friend. Your friend will walk with your current dog while you will walk side-by-side with your new dog. This will allow your two pets to gradually get acquainted at their own pace. You should also remember to bring treats with you so you can reward either dog for exhibiting calm

behavior. At home, you should follow the same mentality: Give each dog their own room and space where they won't feel threatened by their new sibling's presence.

YOUR GIFT MAKES THESE MISSIONS POSSIBLE

Help Us Stay in the Air All-Year Round with a New Plane ☐



With all three of our planes (Big Maw, Paw Force One, & Ruff Rider) still undergoing repairs, we're reminded of how many more lives we could save with our **dream plane: the Cessna Caravan.**

Unlike our current fleet, the Cessna Caravan is designed for the continuous stress of rescue flights. So, not only would be able to go on more rescues, but we'd essentially be able to fit approximately 5 to 10 times more pets on each flight.

The Cessna Caravan would also help us allocate more of our resources towards saving more animals, as opposed to the consistent maintenance required by our much smaller planes.

A few months ago, we received an unbelievably generous pledge to match every dollar up to \$250k that we raise 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 18% towards that goal. With the end of the year right around the corner, *we need your help now more than EVER.*☐☐

So far this year, we've already saved more than 1,000 homeless pets from euthanasia. Just imagine what we could do in the same amount of time with the Cessna Caravan. This isn't just about a new plane. It's about our chance to put a massive dent in the ongoing animal overpopulation crisis and prevent thousands more homeless pets from being euthanized solely for a lack space.

Visit pilotstotherescue.org/support to be part of this game-changing moment in our journey.



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BY THE END OF 2023!



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Average Rating

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2023 Mission Stats



70
Missions



86,863
Miles



934
Souls



605
Dogs



328
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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