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PILOTS TO THE RESCUE NEWS

Summer may have come an end, but [PTTR](#) is still bringing plenty of sunshine and warmth to homeless pets all over the U.S. In the month of September, we rescued more than 50 dogs and more than 30 cats from overcrowded shelters in multiple U.S. states such as Kentucky, West Virginia, and Florida.

We're happy to report that several of these rescues have since been adopted, including a beautiful white puppy who was originally found on the side of a road by an Amazon delivery driver!

In this month's newsletter, you can meet some of the dogs we rescued in September and get to know one of our newest female volunteer pilots on a deeper level. You can also learn a helpful tip for teaching your adopted dog how to adapt to life in a big city!

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

PTTR Flies 17 Dogs from Kentucky to New Jersey ☐

Pictured here is the adorable Wednesday, one of the 17 dogs PTTR Pilot in Command [Mike Martins](#) rescued from an overcrowded shelter in Kentucky on September 1st.



Accompanying Mike in the cock pit was [Dr. Michaella Abugov](#), a veterinarian who also happens to be a licensed pilot!

The dogs were supplied by the [Knox-Whitley Humane Association](#) and received by our longtime partners at the [Mt. Pleasant Animal Shelter](#) in East Hanover, New Jersey.

Our other paw-ssengers for this mission included two litters of newborn puppies. Had PTTR not swooped in, these pups would have likely developed behavioral issues from growing up in a shelter without enough staff and resources to give them proper care. Below, you can see a collage of some of these adorable pups, all of whom will now get the resources they need to grow up in healthier environments.





Also onboard for this mission was Amazon, pictured here. Amazon takes his name from a compassionate Amazon delivery driver who found him wandering on the side of the road in Kentucky. □ □ Seeing that the dog was wounded, this anonymous female made the bold decision of pausing her delivery schedule to rescue a defenseless dog from further harm.

We are absolutely delighted to report that thanks to this driver's act of kindness, Amazon has since been adopted by a loving family in New Jersey! It's safe to say we can all learn a lot from Amazon's original rescuer, who clearly understood that every life counts, and that a little compassion can truly make the world a better place.

PTTR Partners with *The Swilled Dog* for a Huge Rescue



Pictured here is Blue Raspberry, one of the 17 dogs PTTR Top Dog [Michael Schneider](#) rescued from the [Kanawha-Charleston Humane Association](#) in Charleston, West Virginia on September 27th with the help of co-pawlet [Daniel Baumel](#).

In a collaborative effort with the premium bourbon makers at [The Swilled Dog](#), Michael and Daniel first picked up the dogs at West Virginia International Yeager Airport before dropping them off in Jackson, Michigan, where the pups were received by the [Cascades Humane Society](#).

Below, you can see two more paw-sengers from this mission: Green Apple (left) and Ozzy (right)!



Did you know September is National Bourbon Heritage Month in the United States? Well, now you can celebrate our country's history in style while simultaneously supporting PTTR. ☐ ☐

Every time someone purchases a bottle of premium bourbon from The Swilled Dog's new [Adoption Series](#), a portion of the proceeds will go towards future PTTR missions. On behalf of the whole team at PTTR, we extended our deepest thanks to The Swilled Dog for using their platform to spread awareness about the importance of adopting rescue animals!

Volunteer Spotlight: Michaella Abugov



This month, we'd like to spotlight Michaella Abugov, who participated in her first

PTTR mission a few weeks ago. Born on the North Shore of Massachusetts, Michaella grew up in a rural community where she was surrounded by dogs, cats, and even horses. Her comfort around animals eventually inspired her to pursue a career as a veterinarian. ☐✈️

After completing her undergraduate degree at the University of Vermont, Michaella traveled to Belize to volunteer at an animal shelter, where she fell in love with a homeless dog. There was just no way she was leaving Belize without her new friend. So, Michaella set out to become an expert in overseas animal transport, which eventually led her down the path of becoming a licensed pilot. Below, you can see Michaella sharing some love with her four-legged Belizean BFF, Liza!



Adoption Tip of the Month ☐



If you live in a big city, you may notice your neighbors taking their dogs out for errands or dinner on the patio at their favorite restaurant. You may also notice that these dogs are extremely well-behaved and don't seem to be distracted at all by the

chaos around them.

If you want to trust your dog to behave while you sip your coffee or chat with your friends in public, step one is to make sure they always respond to basic commands like sit, stay, or down. Dogs that understand these commands are more likely to behave themselves in crowded social settings.

When it comes to extended outings like dinner, you should always be prepared with a leash, blanket, and water. The blanket will give your dog a safe place to relax and stay out of everyone's way. If your dog has never used a blanket, you know what to do: introduce the blanket at home and lead your dog to it with a treat. When your dog sits on the blanket in public, give them a treat so they associate sitting still with rewards. 😊 The more consistent you are with positive reinforcement, the better your dog will behave in public.

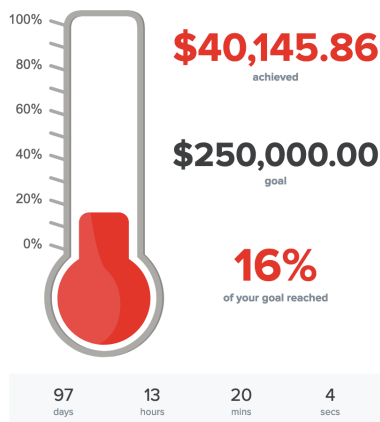
YOUR GIFT MAKES THESE MISSIONS POSSIBLE

Help Us Reach Our Year-End Goal Towards a New Plane! ☐



At PTTR, we hate having to leave homeless pets behind simply because we don't have enough space on our aircraft. But just a few months ago, an anonymous donor offered to match every dollar we raise up to \$250,000 towards a larger plane. To the right, you can see the Cessna Caravan, which would allow us to increase our rescue capacity by up to 10x per flight. Think of how many more lives we could save with this plane! ☐

Cessna Caravan \$250K Matching Funds Campaign



That's why we're currently on a quest to raise that \$250,000 by the end of the year. As of now, we are just 16% there. But here's where it gets interesting: right now, every dollar you donate will be matched, so your generosity will go twice as far. Please help us make sure that no pets must get left behind whenever PTTR swoops into town.

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

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2023 Mission Stats



63
Missions



76,127
Miles



828
Souls



541
Dogs



286
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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