

## **DOG IS MY COPILOT, INC.**

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## **News Release**

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### **Dog Is My CoPilot transports their 7,000<sup>th</sup> passenger**

*Dogs and Cats Take To Air To Find New Homes*

#### **WHAT: Animal Rescue Flight on July 31st**

#### **WHO:**

Dog Is My CoPilot Inc. (DIMC) is partnering with New Beginnings for Merced County Animals, for an animal rescue flight that will have over 100 dogs and cats flying to safety. This flight will mark DIMC's 7,000<sup>th</sup> animal passenger and the animals will be heading to PAWS located in Lynwood, WA and Thompson River Animal Care and Control in Thompson Falls, MT.

Shelters with too many animals are turning to transport programs like Dog Is My CoPilot (DIMC) to rescue pets at risk of euthanasia because of overcrowding. Transporting animals from areas of oversupply—where the likelihood of adoption is slim—to locations and animal rescue organizations where there are few, if any, similar animals increases their chances of adoption.

“For every animal that is in a shelter, there is a human responsible. This is not a dog problem but a people problem. We only transport to facilities that will never put down a healthy, adoptable animal and we never charge the groups we fly for.” Said Peter E. Rork, M.D President of and Chief Pilot for DIMC.

#### **WHERE:**

##### **12:00pm Arrival/Unload @ Snohomish County Airport (Paine Field)**

FBO: Castle & Cook Aviation

9724 32<sup>nd</sup> Place West Everett, WA 98204

(ph) 425-355-6600

#### **WHY:**

Relocation programs like that of what DIMC and From Forgotten to Forever Animal Rescue and Transport are providing are key to saving adoptable animals who are unnecessarily euthanized because of shelter overcrowding. By flying and transporting animals out of areas where they are at risk of euthanasia due to overpopulation, not only will the animal passengers find a forever family, but DIMC

creates more space in the shelters for animals who might otherwise have remained at large or been euthanized. Every animal DIMC and From Forgotten to Forever Animal Rescue and Transport, transports saves two; the one that we save and the one that takes it's place.

## **ABOUT DOG IS MY COPILOT:**

*Dog Is My CoPilot provides the long distance air transport where ground transport makes no sense; from the organizations with high euthanasia rates to those that will never put down a healthy animal.*

DIMC saves the lives of thousands of shelter animals and maximizes the likelihood that they will be adopted by flying them from areas with overcrowded animal shelters, where they face euthanasia because of overcrowding, to locations with animal rescue organizations that have space and where the chances of adoption are greater. We work with municipal animal shelters and nonprofit animal rescue organizations to coordinate flights.

- DIMC was founded in 2012 by Peter Rork, a doctor in Wyoming, and Judy Zimet, a lawyer in Arizona.
- We have flown over 7,000 animals to safety.
- There is no charge to the animal welfare organizations for whom DIMC flies.
- Flights are funded by public donations alone.
- DIMC works with municipal animal shelters and nonprofit animal rescue organizations to coordinate flights.
- DIMC flies from 40 to as many as 250 animal passengers on each flight. This keeps costs down and saves more cats and dogs. Routes covered by the Cessna 208B encompass the Rocky Mountain, Southwest, and Pacific regions.
- We fly from our source partnering groups, that are primarily located in Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, and California, and deliver the animals to our destination partnering organizations in northern states including Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.