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## **News Release**

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### **Dogs And Cats To Be Flown To Find 'Furever' Homes**

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

#### **WHAT: Animal Rescue Flight on June 21, 2017**

#### **WHO:**

Dog Is My CoPilot Inc. (DIMC) is partnering with the ASPCA for the fourth animal rescue flight out of Long Beach, CA this year. The flight will send 100 dogs and cats to SpokAnimal C.A.R.E in Spokane, WA and the Idaho Humane Society in Boise, ID. Many shelters like those that the ASPCA partners with in L.A. have more cats and dogs than they can place locally.

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.

“We provide the long distance transport where ground transport just doesn’t make sense,” said Peter E. Rork, M.D President of and Chief Pilot for DIMC. “Every animal we transport saves two; the one that we save and the one that takes its place.”

“The ASPCA’s partnership with Dog Is My CoPilot enables us to send even more at-risk animals from overcrowded shelters in Los Angeles to destinations where they are more likely to be adopted,” said Lance Hunter, Director, ASPCA L.A. Relocation Program. “Through their professionalism, compassion and dedication, Dog Is My CoPilot is helping us reach our goal to save the lives of more animals in L.A. by taking them on life-saving flights to their new homes.”

Dogs and cats will be delivered to Idaho Humane Society, 4775 Dorman St. Boise, ID, and Spokanimal C.A.R.E, 710 N. Napa St. in Spokane, WA.

“We now have the chance to not only save animals from euthanasia, but to help people that have devoted their lives to animal welfare from having to euthanize adoptable animals when they are out of room. Even though we will always help area shelters in need first, we know that pet overpopulation is a nationwide problem, a global problem,” said Angela Scheres, Director of IT Services at Spokanimal C.A.R.E

## **WHERE:**

### **Flight LOAD/Departure at 6:00 a.m.**

@ Long Beach Airport -Daugherty Field

FBO: JFI Jet Center

4310 Donald Douglas Drive

Long Beach, CA 90808

Ph: 562-425-8800

### **Flight Arrival/Unload Stop 1 at 12:30 p.m.**

@ Boise Air Terminal/Gowen Field

FBO: Jackson Jet Center

3815 Rickenbacker St

Boise, ID 83705

Ph: 208-383-3300

### **Flight Arrival/Unload Stop 2 at 2:00 p.m.**

@ Felts Field Airport

FBO: Western Aviation

6095 E. Rutter Ave Ste. 1

Spokane, WA 99212

Ph: 509-534-7371

## **WHY:**

Relocation programs like that of what DIMC and the ASPCA are providing are key to saving adoptable animals who are unnecessarily euthanized because of shelter overcrowding. By flying animals out of areas where they are at risk of euthanasia due to overpopulation, not only will the animal passengers find a safe and loving home, but DIMC creates more space in the shelters for animals who might otherwise have remained at large or been euthanized. Every animal DIMC transports saves two; the one that we save and the one that takes its place.

## **ABOUT:**

### **THE ASPCA® (AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS®):**

The ASPCA helps to safely transfer animals from shelters in Los Angeles where they have little to no chance of adoption to shelters where they are more likely to be adopted. Launched in 2014, the ASPCA West Coast Animal Relocation Program transports at-risk animals, some including pit bull type dogs, Chihuahuas and cats, from Los Angeles, including some of the highest intake County shelters, to communities in the Northwest where they have a better chance of being adopted. Animal relocation mitigates immediate risk for animals, and in many cases, save the animals' lives.

Founded in 1866, the ASPCA® is the first animal welfare organization in North America and serves as the nation's leading voice for animals. More than two million supporters strong, the ASPCA's mission is to provide effective means for the prevention of cruelty to animals throughout the United States. As a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation, the ASPCA is a national leader in the areas of anti-cruelty,

community outreach and animal health services. For more information, please visit [www.ASPCA.org](http://www.ASPCA.org), and be sure to follow the ASPCA on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

## **DOG IS MY COPILOT:**

Mission:

*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 6,500 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 mostly northern states including Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.