



Flying Them Home®

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Summer Solstice is the First Day of a Sunnier Life for Homeless Pets
*Dog Is My Co Pilot flies 45 animals from San Antonio
to Hailey & Boise, Idaho and Jackson, Wyoming on June 20*

WHO:

Dog Is My Co Pilot Inc., (DIMC) a Jackson-based 501(c)3 animal rescue transport organization is partnering with San Antonio Pets Alive (SAPA!) to deliver more than 45 animals to the Animal Adoption Center of Jackson, Wyo.; the Animal Shelter of the Wood River Valley in Hailey, Idaho; and the Idaho Humane Society in Boise.

WHAT:

Dog is My Co Pilot Animal rescue flight delivering adoptable pets from overcrowded shelters in San Antonio, TX, to shelters in western Wyoming and Idaho

WHEN/WHERE:

Wednesday, June 20, 2018. Media can take advantage of photo and video opportunities at the following times and locations:

5:15 a.m. LOAD @ Kelly Field Airport for San Antonio Pets Alive!
FBO: Atlantic Aviation
309 N. Frank Luke Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78226
For more information, call: 210-921-6100

2 p.m. ARRIVAL/UNLOAD @ Driggs-Reed Memorial Airport for the Animal Adoption Center of Jackson, WY
FBO: Teton Aviation Center
253 Warbird Lane
Driggs, ID 83422
For more information, call: 208-354-3100

3:45 p.m. ARRIVAL/UNLOAD @ Friedman Memorial Airport for The Animal Shelter of The Wood River Valley
FBO: Atlantic Aviation
2230 Aviation Drive
Hailey, ID 83333
For more information, call: 208-788-9511

5 p.m. ARRIVAL/UNLOAD @ Boise Air Terminal/Gowen Field for The Idaho Humane Society
FBO: Jackson Jet Center
3815 Rickenbacker St
Boise, ID 83705
For more information, call: 208-383-3300

WHY:

Relocation services like those provided by Dog Is My Co Pilot (DIMC) are crucial 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 do animal passengers find their “forever” families, but DIMC creates more space in shelters for animals who might otherwise have remained at large or been euthanized. **Every animal DIMC transports saves two lives: The one that’s saved and the one that takes its place.**

Since its founding in 2012, DIMC has grown from saving a few hundred lives a year to more than 2,500 annually and in 2018 is close to achieving its goal of saving 10,000 lives.

Organizations like San Antonio Pets Alive! with too many animals are turning to transport programs like Dog Is My CoPilot 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.

Peter E. Rork, M.D, founder, president and head pilot for Dog Is My CoPilot, says, “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.”

ABOUT DOG IS MY COPILOT:

Dog Is My CoPilot provides long-distance air transportation where ground transportation makes no sense — from the organizations with high euthanasia rates to those that will never put a healthy animal down. Thousands of animals have been saved from being euthanized due to overcrowding and are given a better chance at being adopted. DIMC works with municipal animal shelters and nonprofit animal rescue organizations located primarily in Texas, Arizona, New Mexico and California, delivering animals to destination partner organizations in northern states including Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. Flights are funded by public donations alone and DIMC flies from 40 to as many as 250 animal passengers on each flight, enabling it to keep costs down and save more cats and dogs. Routes covered by Dog Is My CoPilot Founder Peter Rork’s Cessna 208B encompass the Rocky Mountain, Southwest and Pacific regions. There is no charge to the animal welfare organizations for whom DIMC flies. To help DIMC in its mission to save animals from euthanasia, donate to its Flying Them Home campaign at <https://dogcopilot.org/flyingthemhome/>.

ABOUT SAN ANTONIO PETS ALIVE!:

San Antonio Pets Alive! is a life-saving nonprofit organization that solely rescues dogs and cats selected for euthanasia at the San Antonio City Shelter. We save these animals after all other options have been exhausted. Our vision is to make San Antonio a No-Kill Community. San Antonio Pets Alive! is the last hope for animals kenneled at the city shelter awaiting euthanasia. San Antonio Pets Alive!’s innovative programs include saving puppies with medical needs and/or the parvovirus and caring for neonatal kittens too young to survive without trained help. San Antonio Pets Alive! transportation program, Headin’ Home, selects at-risk dogs in San Antonio to make the trip to nonprofit animal sheltering organizations in

other states without the pet overpopulation issues our community faces here. San Antonio Pets Alive! dedicated volunteers and foster teams work beside staff on these innovative programs to save thousands of animals who otherwise who have no options. Since San Antonio Pets Alive! inception in 2012, San Antonio Pets Alive! has saved more than 40,000 companion animals. To help San Antonio Pets Alive! save animals from euthanasia in San Antonio and along the Harvey-affected Texas coastal bend, please visit sanantoniopetsalive.org and click on the *donate* button.

ABOUT THE IDAHO HUMANE SOCIETY:

The Idaho Humane Society is the largest and oldest animal welfare organization and veterinary charity in the state of Idaho. It is a private nonprofit organization. The open-admission facility took in more than 12,000 animals last year. You can learn more at idahohumanesociety.org.

ABOUT THE ANIMAL SHELTER OF THE WOOD RIVER VALLEY

The Animal Shelter of the Wood River Valley, the first “no kill” shelter in Idaho, promotes companion animal welfare by providing temporary shelter for homeless animals, adopting them to qualified homes and reducing animal abuse, neglect and overpopulation through community education and spay/neuter services. The Shelter is funded almost entirely by private donations and grants.

For more information call 208-788-4351, or visit online at www.animalshelterwrv.org

ABOUT THE ANIMAL ADOPTION CENTER

Animal Adoption Center is dedicated to saving the lives of homeless animals through rescue, adoption, education and spay/neuter. Since inception in 2004, the AAC has rescued and found loving homes for more than 3,400 animals and has spayed or neutered more than 10,000 across the state of Wyoming. Through education and outreach they break through barriers associated with homeless pets and raise awareness around the significant role spay and neuter plays in reducing the number of unwanted animals in shelters nationwide. Learn more at

www.animaladoptioncenter.org or call Carrie Boynton at 307-739-1881.

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