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## Dogs Soar to Forever Families in Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming Thanks to New Petco Foundation and Dog is My CoPilot Partnership

Petco Foundation partners with Dog Is My CoPilot to fly 38 San Antonio Pets Alive! dogs to their forever families.

SAN ANTONIO, TX – Before sunrise on Tuesday morning, 38 dogs were loaded onto an airplane to soar to their forever families in Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming. This venture was made possible through the tireless work of San Antonio Pets Alive! and the amazing partnership with Petco Foundation and Dog Is My CoPilot.

San Antonio Pets Alive!'s transportation program, Headin' Home, selects at-risk dogs in San Antonio to make the trip to non-profit animal sheltering organizations in other states with families waiting to adopt.

Executive Director, Rebecca Mayberry, said, "San Antonio Pets Alive! is excited to partner with Dog Is My CoPilot and Petco Foundation to save the lives of vulnerable dogs that were once slated for euthanasia and fly them home to safety with their new forever families."

"Dog Is My CoPilot is grateful to be flying again with our rescue partner San Antonio Pets Alive to help save at risk animals and fly them to safety. We are also grateful to the Petco Foundation for their dedication and support to help make life saving transport flights with Dog Is My CoPilot possible!" said Dr. Peter Rork, President and Chief Pilot for Dog Is My CoPilot.

San Antonio Pets Alive!'s Headin' Home program aides San Antonio Pets Alive!'s mission to save even more dogs and cats from the euthanasia list at Animal Care Services. To help save lives through future Headin' Home transports, please donate to our lifesaving mission today at https://sanantoniopetsalive.org/transport/

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ABOUT SAN ANTONIO PETS ALIVE!: San Antonio Pets Alive! is a life-saving nonprofit organization that 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. SAPA! is the last hope for animals kenneled at the city shelter awaiting euthanasia. SAPA!'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. SAPA!'s 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. SAPA!'s dedicated volunteers

and foster teams work beside staff on these innovative programs to save thousands of animals who otherwise who have no options. Since SAPA!'s inception in 2012, SAPA! has saved more than 47,000 companion animals.

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

Dog Is My CoPilot is a non-profit organization that transports at risk animals from overcrowded shelters to adoption centers in other geographic regions where loving families are waiting to adopt the animals. We provide our air transportation services at no cost to the shelters and adoption centers we partner with. Since our inception in 2012, DIMC has flown nearly 13,000 animals to safety. To learn more visit: https://dogcopilot.org

## **About the Petco Foundation**

At the Petco Foundation, we believe that every animal deserves to live its best life. Since 1999, we've invested more than \$260 million in lifesaving animal welfare work to make that happen. With our more than 4,000 animal welfare partners, we inspire and empower communities to make a difference by investing in adoption and medical care programs, spay and neuter services, pet cancer research, service and therapy animals, and numerous other lifesaving initiatives. Through our Think Adoption First program, we partner with Petco stores and animal welfare organizations across the country to increase pet adoptions. So far, we've helped more than 6 million pets find their new loving families, and we're just getting started. Visit petcofoundation.org to learn more about how you can get involved.

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