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## **Local Organization, Dog Is My CoPilot, Honored at the Petco Foundation Lifesaving Awards**

*Supporters can watch the live stream of the awards show on November 14*

**San Diego, Calif. (November 7, 2019)** – On November 14, a local organization, Dog Is My CoPilot, will be honored along with six other organizations at the Petco Foundation’s [Lifesaving Awards](#) in San Diego, Calif. Dog Is My CoPilot, which could also be referred to as one man with a small plane, and a big heart, will be presented with the Love in Action Award. This award recognizes and celebrates an organization that put their love into action to save animals across the country.

In addition to this honor, Dog Is My CoPilot recently received a \$250,000 grant from the Petco Foundation to help make life saving transport flights possible and save thousands of more lives together with our rescue partners.

Dog Is My CoPilot partners with nearly 100 animal welfare organizations to save animal lives across the country by transporting pets from shelters in areas in need to geographical locations where adopters are eagerly awaiting their new family members. Since 2012, Dog Is My CoPilot has flown more than 13,000 animals to safety.

The local community can watch Dog Is My CoPilot accept their accolade during this year’s Lifesaving Awards while it streams live on the Petco Foundation Facebook channel at <https://www.facebook.com/PetcoFoundation/>, with the Red Carpet kicking off at 8:00 PM/ET and the Awards Show beginning at 8:30 PM/ET.

At the event, 500 pet-loving guests will come together to honor extraordinary animal welfare heroes, like those at Dog Is My CoPilot. Hosted by Nancy O’Dell, the awards will bring together some of the pet industry’s top brands to celebrate and recognize seven organizations and individuals from across the country for their dedication, determination and daily actions to create lifesaving impact for pets in need.

“The Petco Foundation’s Lifesaving Awards is a celebration of love that saves animal lives and represents our gratitude to animal welfare heroes who put their love into action every day,” said Susanne Kogut, president of the Petco Foundation. “We are excited this year to celebrate our 20-year history of saving lives and recognize and honor exemplary performance of these seven organizations and individuals whose dedication and commitment to solutions and achieving success creates a significant lifesaving impact.”

The 2019 Lifesaving Award Winners include:

- Helping Heroes Award presented to K9s for Warriors

- Paul Jolly Compassion Award presented to Angels of Assisi
- Unsung Hero Award to Kayla Denney from the City of Taft Animal Control Department
- Innovation Award presented to Dallas Animal Services
- Lifesaving Impact Award presented to Montgomery County Animal Services
- The Love in Action Award presented to Dog Is My CoPilot
- Love Amplified Award presented to Bill Abbott and Crown Media

To learn more about the Petco Foundation and the Lifesaving Awards, visit:

<http://www.petcofoundation.org/awards>.

### **About Dog Is My CoPilot**

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### **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](http://petcofoundation.org) to learn more about how you can get involved.

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