



Dog Is
My CoPilot
Flying Them Home



*****MEDIA ALERT*****

**Local Shelters Partner with Petco Love and Dog Is My CoPilot to Air Transport
Nearly 50 Shelter Pets to Loving Homes on June 5**

*Petco Love Invests \$750,000 to Help Dog Is My CoPilot Transport Pets in Need Across Western
United States for Adoption*

WHO: [Petco Love](#), a national nonprofit working to lead and inspire change for animals, is partnering with [Dog Is My CoPilot](#) and shelters across the country for a lifesaving shelter pet transport.

Shelters sending animals (Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas): Archangel Animal Network, Dallas Animal Services, Fort Worth Animal Care & Control, Humane Society of Central Texas, Erath County Humane, Dallas Pets Alive

Shelters receiving animals: Humane Society of Utah (UT), Idaho Humane Society (ID), Green Heart Rescue (ID), Larimer Humane Society (CO), Animal Friends Alliance (CO), Animal Adoption Center (WY)

WHAT: Nearly 50 dogs and cats will be airlifted from Dallas-Fort Worth to shelters in Colorado, Utah, Idaho and Wyoming to be adopted into loving homes. As shelters across the country reopen to the public and ease restrictions after COVID-19, the number of pets entering shelters is beginning to normalize to pre-pandemic levels and will likely continue to rise due to expected summer increases of kittens. Transporting animals is a lifesaving solution to move at-risk animals to areas with higher adoption demand.

The flight will also celebrate a \$750,000 grant investment from Petco Love to support Dog Is My CoPilot's ongoing lifesaving work and their volunteer pilot program.

"As part of Petco Love's commitment to create a future in which no pet faces preventable euthanasia, we're proud to invest in Dog Is My CoPilot's lifesaving work and come together with shelters across the country to help pets in need get an increased chance at adoption," said Susanne Kogut, President of Petco Love. "As we kick off National Foster a Pet Month this June, this transport is yet another way we're working together to save pet lives and make communities and pet families closer, stronger, and healthier."

"We are beyond grateful to continue to grow and strengthen our partnership with Petco Love," said Dr. Peter E. Rork, Chief Pilot and Founder of Dog Is My CoPilot. "With Petco Love's support, we've been able to considerably scale up our lifesaving efforts. This investment affirms our work and motivates us to continue to grow our partnerships with animal shelters and adoption centers, saving lives by the thousands!"

WHEN: Saturday, June 5, 2021 at 4:30 a.m. CDT
Please note: Animals will arrive to Addison Airport at 4:30 a.m. sharp – plane will depart precisely at 5:30 a.m. Media is encouraged to arrive at 4:00 a.m.

WHERE: **Departure:** Addison Airport, Atlantic Aviation at 4:30 a.m. CDT
4400 Glenn Curtiss Dr., Addison, TX 75001

- o Stop 1: Fort Collins, Loveland Jet Center (CO)
- o Stop 2: South Valley Regional Airport (UT)
- o Stop 3: Boise Jet Center (ID)

Arrival: Driggs-Reed Memorial Airport at 4:30 p.m. MDT
253 Warbird Ln., Driggs, ID 83422

PHOTO OPP: Media is invited to attend and cover the event, capture photos and video of the transport, and request interviews with representatives from Petco Love, Dog Is My CoPilot and participating shelters. A giant check will be presented to Dog Is My CoPilot at departing and arriving locations. Photos and b-roll will be available after the event by emailing media@petcolove.org.

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To learn more about Petco Love, visit petcolove.org. For more on Dog Is My CoPilot, visit dogcopilot.org. For adoption information, please contact the receiving animal welfare organizations directly.

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About Petco Love (Formerly Petco Foundation)

Petco Love is a nonprofit changing lives by making communities and pet families closer, stronger, and healthier. Since our founding in 1999 as the Petco Foundation, we've empowered animal welfare organizations by investing \$300 million in adoption and other lifesaving efforts. We've helped find loving homes for more than 6.5 million pets in partnership with Petco and organizations nationwide. Today, our love for pets drives us to lead with innovation, creating tools animal lovers need to reunite lost pets, and lead with passion, inspiring and mobilizing communities and our more than 4,000 animal welfare partners to drive lifesaving change alongside us. Is love calling you? Visit petcolove.org or follow at [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#) to be part of the lifesaving work we're leading every day.

About Dog Is My CoPilot

Dog Is My CoPilot is a nonprofit that transports at-risk animals from overcrowded shelters to adoption centers in other geographic regions where loving families are waiting. Peter E. Rork, M.D., an orthopedic surgeon and lifelong pilot, and Judy Zimet, Esq., a lawyer in Arizona, founded the organization in 2012 with the goal of saving as many animals' lives as possible. Our transportation service is key to saving adoptable animals. By flying dogs and cats out of areas where they are at risk of euthanasia due to overpopulation, animals find a forever family, and more shelter space is made available for homeless animals. We provide our services at no cost to our partners and an average rescue flight carries about 75 animals on board each rescue mission. We work with municipal animal shelters and nonprofit animal rescue organizations to coordinate rescue flights. We work collaboratively with city shelters and local animal welfare organizations in fifteen western states to coordinate transports. Our team of VOLUNTEER

pilots donate thousands of hours flying so that our air transport services are provided at no cost to our partners. Since 2012, we have helped save the lives of over 17,000 dogs and cats with our transport flights.