



**Dog Is  
My CoPilot**  
Flying Them Home



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### **DOGS and CATS TAKE TO AIR TO FIND HOMES**

As long as shelter overcrowding remains a reality, Dog Is My CoPilot will maintain its vision of helping animals find safe, loving homes — one flight at a time.

**Edinburg, TX (May 28, 2021)** – On Saturday, May 29, Dog Is My CoPilot Inc., is partnering with Palm Valley Animal Society for the first time to help save the lives of animals in need. The animal rescue flight will have more than 50 dogs and cats being flown to Utah and Idaho animal rescue partners. Many shelters like Palm Valley Animal Society receive more cats and dogs than they can place locally. Where there are no shortages of adoptable pets, shelters are turning to animal transports to rescue and re-home adoptable animals from euthanasia.

The flight will depart South Texas International Airport at Edinburg. Animals will arrive at the Edinburg Airport and begin loading the plane at 4:30am at 400 East FM 490 Edinburg, TX.

Donna Casamento, Executive Director said, “Palm Valley Animal Society is thrilled to partner with Dog is My CoPilot on what we hope will be the first of many lifesaving flights in the future.”

Dog Is My CoPilot is a nonprofit organization that transports animals from overcrowded shelters to adoption centers where loving families are waiting to adopt a new pet. 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 our inception, we have helped save the lives of over 17,500 dogs and cats with our transport flights.

"Partnering together with animal organizations like the Palm Valley Animal Society ensures each animal waiting in an overcrowded shelter has the chance to find a home and we are proud to be working together to save more lives. Every animal we transport saves two; the one that we fly and the one that takes its place at the shelter," said Dr. Peter Rork, Founder and Chief Pilot for Dog Is My CoPilot.

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### **About Palm Valley Animal Society**

Palm Valley Animal Society (PVAS) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit animal welfare organization serving five municipalities in Hidalgo County, as well as the county at large. PVAS operates two facilities in Edinburg, TX, taking in approximately 25,000 animals on behalf of 775,000 residents each year. PVAS is on a journey to maintain “no-kill” status. PVAS’s goal is to save every animal that can be saved through progressive adoption, foster care, and rescue transfer programs. PVAS offers a number of programs designed to help pets in the shelter, in the community, and in their home, including volunteer, fee-reduction, and veterinary services programs.



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### **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 onboard each rescue mission. We work with municipal animal shelters and nonprofit animal rescue organizations to coordinate rescue flights. [www.dogcopilot.org](http://www.dogcopilot.org)