



Dog Is My CoPilot

Flying Them Home

About

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.

Purpose

Every year in the US, approximately 733,000 shelter pets are euthanized because there is no room for them in municipal shelters. (Source: Best Friends Animal Society). Overcrowded animal shelters with too many adoptable pets are turning to transport programs like Dog Is My CoPilot to help place more animals in loving homes.

Dog Is My CoPilot provides air transport for situations when long distance ground transport is challenging and stressful for animals. We transport animals from organizations with high euthanasia rates to those that have a community demand for adoptable dogs and cats.

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.

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Key Facts



We provide air transport services at no cost to our partners.



An average rescue flight carries about 75 animals and we fly over 70 flights per year.



We work with municipal animal shelters and nonprofit animal rescue organizations to coordinate rescue flights.



We fly from our source partnering groups, that are primarily located in Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, and California, and deliver the animals to our destination partnering organizations in Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming



We believe that collaboration with individual animal shelters and adoption organizations, which manage the placement of animals in their local communities is key to saving more lives!



We have a team of VOLUNTEER pilots that donate thousands of hours flying so that our air transport services are provided at NO COST to our partners.



Dog Is My CoPilot is a non-profit organization. We operate solely on monetary donations, fund-raising, and grants. We receive no government funding.



Dog Is My CoPilot owns a Cessna 208B Grand Caravan, aka 'The Big Dog'. Pilot Peter says, "with a 675HP turbine engine up front, there is more than enough power to fly dogs and cats to their new homes!



Every animal Dog Is My CoPilot transports saves two; the one that we fly and the one that takes its place at the animal shelter.