



# Dog Is My CoPilot

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**We are excited to hopefully partner with you on lifesaving flights with Dog is My CoPilot (DIMC) and our recent expansion with a second plane!**

You can read more about [Dog Is My CoPilot Here.](#)

There has been amazing media coverage on previous flights, including a national story aired on CBS Sunday Morning! [Dog Is My CoPilot in the News!](#)

Here are [helpful links](#) and answers to frequently asked questions.

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Q: Do you fly dogs & cats on the plane together?

A: Yes, DIMC will fly with both dogs and cats on the same plane.

Q: How many dogs/cats can you fit on the plane?

A: On average we fly about 75 animals per flight but this largely depends on the size of animals that the source partners have to send. A full flight might have closer to 50 animals if they are made up of medium to large dogs. A minimum of 40 animals per flight as long as it is full. This [Crate Capacity Example](#) is helpful to see other flights that were “full” with varying size kennels.

Q: What do receiving partners need to expect when picking up at the airport?

A: A flight Itinerary will be emailed to all partners participating on the flight which will have the airport pick up location and departure and arrival times listed. It is very important to arrive at the airport on-time. Our plane/pilots are on the ground for no longer than 30 minutes to unload and refuel.

- You will check in at the designated Fixed Base Operator (company/office at the airport that provides services) They will give you instructions on how to access the tarmac after we land where you will drive out with your vehicles next to the plane.
- If you have specific questions directions getting to the FBO or gate to access tarmac call the airport or check in at the office directly with number and address provided on the itinerary
- Depending on the number of kennels getting unloaded and the number of receiving partner organizations per airport stop, you may need anywhere from 2-6 people to help unload. Our pilots generally fly alone so receiving partners are expected to help lift and carry off crates from the plane.
- The crates that the animals arrive in must be taken with you. This is important to note for organizing the vehicles and space receiving groups have. Please communicate directly with DIMC flight coordinator to discuss so we can tell the airport how many vehicles will be needed on the tarmac for pick up.
- **Please bring empty broken down crates (to replace the ones the animals arrive in) with kennel door stacked in the middle of the top and bottom sections.**



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- Media is generally welcome to join at unloading but the airport does need to be notified of media and prior approval is required

Q: How are the pets transported, what type of kennels?

A: Pets are all secured in plastic vari kennels (no wire). The kennels with dogs/cats inside will need to be picked up by the receiving partner (the plane will not have space to keep kennels). After the flight, receiving partners are asked to break down the kennels and bring them back with them on the *next* flight pick up. **This allows kennels to be put back in circulation and the sending shelters have a revolving supply of kennels.** The exact kennels may not return back to the source shelter.

Q: What does a flight cost?

A: Dog Is My CoPilot does not charge the sending or receiving partner! DIMC is a non-profit organization that depends on grants and individual donations.

Q: How are flight dates selected?

A: DIMC aims to set up flight dates in advance so groups can plan ahead. The dates available will largely depend on the volunteer pilots schedule, so receiving partner flexibility is very much appreciated!

Q: Who is the best contact for Dog Is My CoPilot?

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