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Palm Valley Animal Society sending More than 100 Rescued Pets by Air for Largest Adoption Event in the Country

Lifesaving Dog Is My CoPilot flights made possible with funding from national nonprofit Petco Love bringing pets to Delaware ahead of Mega Adoption Event.

Edinburg, Texas (June 11, 2024) – Palm Valley Animal Society (PVAS) is sending more than 100 homeless pets from Texas in time for this weekend's Summer Mega Adoption Event® powered by Petco Love and BOBS from Skechers®. With an uptick in intake and a downward trend in adoptions, especially for medium and large dogs, our nation's shelters and rescues are struggling. Including Palm Valley Animal Society.

Dozens of at-risk shelter pets struggling to find homes are being flown by two Dog Is My CoPilot flights and arriving to New Castle, Delaware to Brandywine Valley SPCA on Thursday, June 13. The flights are sponsored by Petco Love, to prepare for their Mega Adoption debut.

"Partnering together with animal organizations like Palm Valley Animal Society and Brandywine Valley SPCA 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," said Dr. Peter Rork, President and Chief Pilot for Dog Is My CoPilot. "We believe that collaboration is key to saving more lives and are humbled by the hard work that our shelter partners do every day for the animals in their care. This rescue effort is a model for partnership and we hope it will inspire more people to work together for the greater good of our animal friends."

To attend the flight:

WHEN: Thursday, June 13, approximately 4 am

WHERE: South Texas International Airport (City of Edinburg)
400 East FM 490 Edinburg, Texas 78541

The Mega Adoption Event will bring together, in a single venue, more than 1,000 homeless pets hoping to find forever homes. Adoptables will include big dogs, small dogs, puppies, kittens, adults, and seniors. More details on the Mega Adoption Event are available at: megaadopt.com

About the 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 more than 15,000 animals on behalf of 550,000 residents each year. PVAS accepts stray animals from municipalities and counties who contract our services regardless of age,

health, or breed, making us the largest intake facility in Hidalgo County, and one of the largest intake facilities in the state of Texas. More information is available on our social media channels: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#). We are saving lives and keeping families together. We value working with you to create a safe, humane community for all pets and the people who love them.

About Dog Is My CoPilot

Dog Is My CoPilot (DIMC) transports at-risk animals from overcrowded shelters to adoption centers in other geographic regions where loving families are waiting. DIMC flies about 5,000 dogs annually and flights span the entire country. DIMC was founded in 2012 and since then, has saved more than 33,000 dogs and cats. The shelters where the animals come from are underserved, overpopulated, and often forgotten; these are the organizations DIMC is determined to help! DIMC operates two Cessna Grand Caravans that can fit on average 75 animals per flight. The rescue flights are operated by mostly volunteer pilots and flights are at no-cost to partner organizations. If you're interested in volunteering, donating, or sponsoring, please email flightupdates@dogcopilot.org to save lives with Dog Is My CoPilot and learn more at: <https://dogcopilot.org/>.

About Petco Love

Petco Love is a life-changing nonprofit organization that makes 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 \$370 million in adoption and other lifesaving efforts. We've helped find loving homes for more than 6.7 million pets in partnership with Petco and organizations nationwide. 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. Join us. Visit petcolove.org or follow on Facebook, Instagram, X, and LinkedIn to be part of the lifesaving work we lead every day.

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