



Above: Co-Pawlet Ernie Halter & Top Dog Michael Schneider

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PILOTS TO THE RESCUE NEWS

Continuing our momentum from February, March was a very special month for [PTTR](#). In addition to rescuing more than 90 dogs and cats, we had the honor of helping a critically endangered Mexican wolf return to her natural habitat. We also rescued nine dogs from the illegal dog meat trade overseas, one of whom has since found her forever home!

In this month's newsletter, you can meet some of the dogs we rescued in March along with their new families. Scroll down a little further to learn a new tip for helping your newly adopted dog stay calm when you leave the house!

Thank you for your support in making these missions possible!

PTTR Saves 2 Litters of Pups from Growing Up in a Shelter

On March 1st, PTTR rescued 11 dogs from an overcrowded shelter in a collaborative effort with the [Twin County Humane Society](#). After PTTR Pilot in Command [Viking](#) scooped up the pups in Hillsville, Virginia, he flew to Leighton, Pennsylvania, where some of the dogs were received by [Red Rock Rescue, Inc.](#) Viking then flew to Selkirk, New York to deliver the remaining dogs to [Out of the Pits, Inc.](#) It was a long trip with three stops but it was totally worth it because...at

least one of these lucky paw-ssengers is currently setting into his forever home!

Below, you can see a very lucky cattle dog named Stanley spending his first St. Patrick's Day with his new family.



Out of the Wet Market, into Her Forever Home



Pictured here with her new mom is Carly, one of the 9 dogs PTTR rescued from the notorious wet market on March 3rd with the help of [No Dogs Left Behind](#), which rescues dogs from slaughterhouses, traffickers and other components of the illegal dog meat trade. PTTR Pilots in Command [Mike Martins](#) and [Thomas Sanicola](#) picked up the dogs from Canada before bringing them to New York City, where Carly was introduced to her new family! If No Dog Left Behind and PTTR hadn't swooped in, these dogs would have been euthanized for meat or sold for commercial profit.

PTTR Flies an Endangered Wolf to Safety

On March 20th, PTTR and the [Wolf Conservation Center](#) in Salem, New York joined forces to shepherd a Mexican wolf named Babs to Alcoa, Tennessee. From there, Babs was taken to Texas so she could then be released into the mountains of northern Mexico, where she will be paired with a male wolf.

Mexican wolves are the smallest and rarest subspecies of gray wolves in North America. They used to roam freely within their natural habitat until humans nearly wiped out the entire population in an attempt to protect their own livestock. Thanks to the Wolf Conservation Center (which provided the following photo of Babs), a small number of Mexican wolves have been reintroduced into the wild but the population is still severely endangered. With your support, we can save more of these beautiful creatures and keep the species alive and well.

For more information about Babs and this unforgettable rescue, click [here](#).



Volunteer Spotlight: Mindy Lindheim

This month, we'd like to shine some light on volunteer pilot [Mindy Lindheim](#), who participated in her first PTTR mission in December of 2021. Mindy grew up on a small farm, so she developed a love for all sorts of animals at a young age. She eventually graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University before becoming a flight instructor as well as an aircraft sales specialist for [Lone Mountain Aircraft](#) in



When she's not selling planes, Mindy can be seen flying around in her own vintage Cessna 182A Skyline and sharing her airborne adventures through her thriving [YouTube channel](#), "Chasin' Tailwinds." Now a full-fledged member of the PTTR team, Mindy can't wait to participate in her next PTTR mission. Below, you can see Mindy with two of her favorite paw-ssengers from her 2021 mission, in which she helped transported an incredible 12 dogs and 18 cats to safety!



Adoption Tip of the Month



If your dog tends to panic whenever you leave the house, practice exiting and entering the house at random moments throughout the day. If you leave and come back 10 times each day, your dog will feel more comfortable when you leave for work.

It's important to keep each exit and entry non-emotional, because if you're sad to leave your dog, your dog will feel the same way.

You can also pair your exit with a special treat that your dog only gets when you leave. This will teach your dog to associate you leaving with fun! Other ways to help your dog relax in your absence include a pre-exit walk or playtime session, or leaving music on when you're gone. If your dog injures himself or exhibits destructive behavior while you're away, it might be time to contact your vet or a professional trainer.

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Want to Help PTTR Save Lives? Start an Instagram Fundraiser!

Do you want to support PTTR but don't have the means to donate?

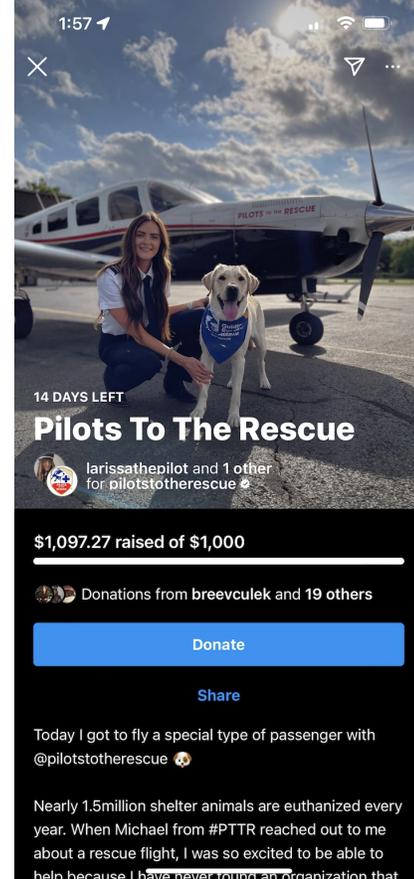
You can still contribute to our missions by creating a nonprofit fundraiser with an Instagram post.

First, create or choose an image for a new post as usual. Second, tap **Next** and then **Add Fundraiser**. If you search for and select Pilots To The Rescue, you'll automatically be taken to the "Fundraiser Details" page. Lastly, enter the details for your fundraiser, tap **Done** and hit **Share!**

For the next 30 days, a link to the fundraiser will be displayed in your bio. When someone clicks the link, they will be directed to donate.

For more information on how to set up a fundraiser on Instagram, click [here](#).

Remember, even the smallest donation will help us continue relieving overcrowded shelters and sparing perfectly healthy pets from euthanasia.



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2023 Mission Stats



28
Missions



35,412
Miles



331
Souls



192
Dogs



138
Cats



1
Wolf

2023 Goal: 1000 Souls!



Pilots To The Rescue (PTTR) is a non-profit, volunteer-driven, 501c3 public benefit aviation organization. PTTR's mission is to transport domestic and endangered animals as well as people at risk. PTTR supports its network of trained volunteer pilots so they can focus on their missions and do the greater good.

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I would love to hear from you! □

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