

# **PILOTS TO THE RESCUE NEWS**

The holiday season is one of the busiest times of the year, and PTTR followed suit by making December our most active month of 2022. Over the course of less than 3 weeks, we completed 9 missions, including our record-breaking 60th of the year!

This past year, we are delighted to report we rescued a total of 727 souls, which includes 492 dogs, 226 cats, 8 sea turtles and 1 red wolf. These missions wouldn't have been possible without our partnerships with more than 65 social media influencers and more than 70 nonprofit organizations and animal shelters across the U.S. With the help of our partners, we intend to save more than 1,000 souls in 2023!

In this month's newsletter, you can meet some of the dogs we rescued in December, several of which are currently settling into their forever homes. You can also learn a new tip for stopping your newly adopted dog from stealing yummy holiday treats off the kitchen table!

Thank you for your support in making these missions possible!  $\Box$ 

## Five Dogs Find New Homes in Time for the Holidays

Pictured here with her new mom



is Widget, one of the 10 dogs PTTR Pilot in Command Bobby Aaronson rescued from an overcrowded shelter in the Southern U.S. The dogs were supplied by the <u>Hilton Head</u> <u>Humane Association</u> in South Carolina and received by <u>Rylie's</u> <u>Rescue</u> in Skippack, Pennsylvania on December 20.

It brings us great joy to report that 5 of these rescues have found their forever homes, including Levon, who recently celebrated his first Christmas with his new family!



## PTTR Saves 20 Dogs from Euthanasia in NC



Pictured here is the lovely Lilly, one of the 8 dogs PTTR Pilot in Command Bobby Aaronson rescued on December 14 in a collaborative effort with <u>Maverick</u> <u>Pet Transportation & Rescue</u>. The dogs were received by our longtime friends at <u>A New Chance Animal</u> <u>Rescue</u> in Bedford Hills, New York. Accompanying Bobby in the cockpit was Marissa from <u>X-Naut Solutions</u>, which makes cooling cases that prevent iPhones from overheating!

Just four days later, PTTR teamed up with Maverick Pet Transportation & Rescue and A New Chance Animal Rescue once again to rescue 12 dogs from an overcrowded shelter in North Carolina. This critical mission was

sponsored by <u>Pilot John International</u>, which provides the aviation industry with ground support equipment (GSE), avionics test equipment, consumables and parts. Among the paw-sengers was the adorable Ralphie, pictured below!



# Volunteer Spotlight: Jag Patel

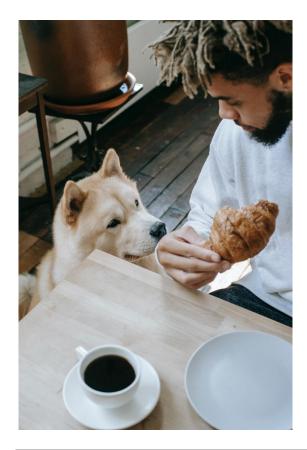
On December 19, PTTR Top Dog Michael Schneider rescued 8 dogs from an overcrowded shelter in Kentucky with the help of Jag Patel, who volunteers at Mt. Pleasant Animal Shelter. A native of Parsipanny, New Jersey, Jag's compassionate personality should make it no surprise that she also works as registered nurse. □□ Jag is also a proud PTTR donor and considers her participation in the aforementioned rescue as a once-in-a-lifetime "bucket list" experience. She hopes to join PTTR on more missions in 2023 while continuing to look after homeless pets at Mt. Pleasant Animal Shelter and help them find forever homes!







### Adoption Tip of the Month



When dogs steal food off the kitchen table, they're simply obeying their animal instincts. Since food in the wild isn't easy to come by, dogs learned to scavenge for leftovers in order to survive. To get your dog to stop stealing food, you need to change their emotional state.

First, get a plate of human food and bring it close to your dog. When your dog comes near the plate, tell your dog "No!" or make a sound that shows your dog that this is wrong. This will teach your dog not to get excited by the presence of human food. □

Remember: treats like human food should only be given to reward good behavior, like staying calm.

#### YOUR GIFT MAKES THESE MISSIONS POSSIBLE

#### PTTR Adds New "Pay Later" Option for Donations

Thanks to our new partnership with B Generous, PTTR has added a "Donate Now, Pay Later" option to our website. **To promote this new feature, B Generous has offered to match up to \$13,000 in donations!** 

Here's how "Donate Now, Pay Later" works:

1. PTTR receives your full donation immediately, even though you pay nothing (including fees).

2. B Generous matches the full amount, dollar for dollar.

3. You gradually pay off the amount over the course of 3, 6, or 9 months when it's convenient for you.

We already have dozens of missions scheduled for next year but we can't complete them without your help. We sincerely hope you will consider helping us cover the rising costs of rescue missions so we can reach our goal of sparing more than 1,000 animals from euthanasia in 2023!

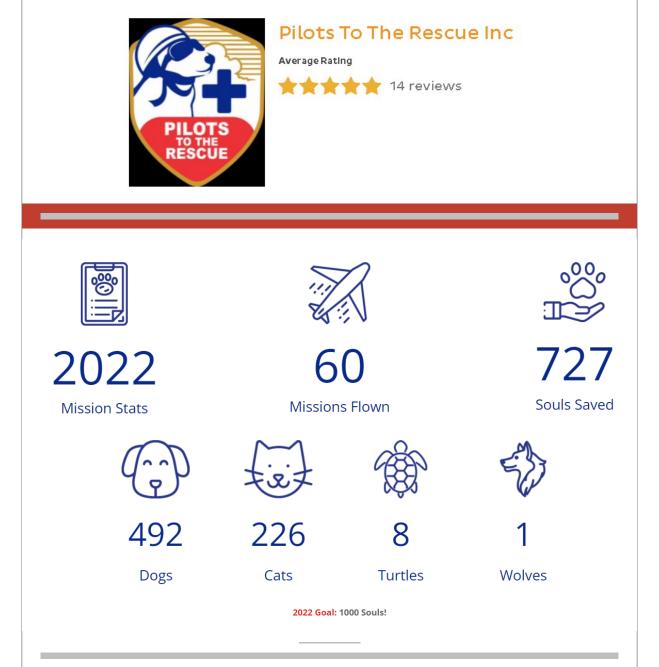
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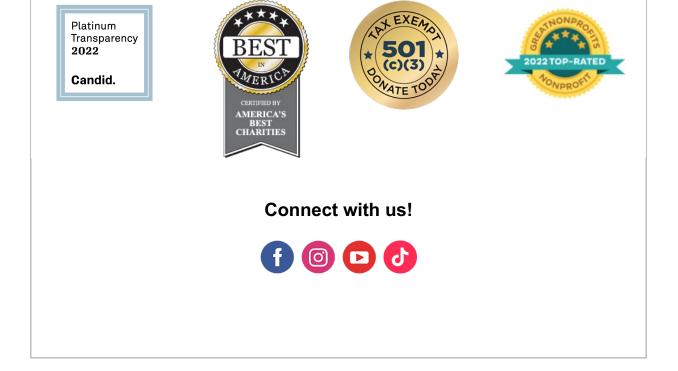


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I would love to hear from you!  $\hfill\square$ 

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