

2026 Mission Stats



20
Missions



24,590
Miles



608
Souls

Pilots To The Rescue (PTTR) is a non-profit, volunteer- driven, 501c3 public benefit aviation organization.

The mission of Pilots To The Rescue is to prevent at-risk animals from being euthanized by transporting them via air and ground transportation to give them the best chance at adoption. Volunteer pilots fly animals from critical situations to safety, ultimately saving lives.



I would love to hear from you!

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WE FLY TO SAVE LIVES



Pilots To The Rescue News

Spring is off to an incredible start at Pilots To The Rescue - the benefit of having a community that just keeps on giving. You helped us save our 600th pet of 2026, including the 136 dogs and 105 cats we rescued in the month of March. We're also proud to announce that our new plane, Little Paw - graciously donated to us by Tom Scholz of Boston - recently completed its first rescue mission, and is officially 100% puppy approved!

In our March newsletter, we thought we'd brighten up your day with two adoption stories of bravery and survival. You'll never look at stray dogs the same way again after meeting Einstein, who kept himself alive on the streets of South Carolina for months but never gave up hope, because he knew this wasn't where he belonged.

And then there's Blaylock, a timid little puppy who was abandoned in the worst possible location - it's a miracle he wasn't killed - before a kind human being stepped in, and his journey to peace and love began. If you could use a little more compassion in your life, read on and allow your faith in humanity to be restored.



Einstein's Theory: Hope + Love = Freedom

Einstein's exact breed may be a mystery - and an ongoing debate on social media - but his heart of gold is on full display, for everyone to see. He's playful, curious, and loves human beings so much that it's almost hard to believe he was originally discovered as a stray. His hair was a matted mess, but underneath all that dirt and debris was a contagious smile, the kind that says, "Will you be my friend?". Local authorities aren't sure how Einstein found himself on the streets of rural South Carolina - only that he had been wandering around, surviving off of whatever he could find. It's safe to say this 2-year-old boy had it rough before he was eventually picked up by animal control.



On March 6th, volunteer pilot Stephen Nur and co-pawlet Jen Xu got behind the wheel of our beloved Paw-ty Van to rescue Einstein along with 20 other dogs and 3 cats in Myrtle Beach. As soon as Stephen and Jen met Einstein, they could immediately tell this is one of those dogs who KNOWS he's going to a safer place, and that these human strangers were there to save him. Overwhelmed with gratitude and relief, he made sure to say "Thank you" as clearly as possible! Once he was taken in by Mt. Pleasant Animal Shelter, Einstein was committed to exploring his intriguing new environment and making plenty of new friends along the way. He even joined Mt. Pleasant staff to a trip to the bank - and reportedly tried to work the ATM by poking the buttons with his nose. Of course, it didn't take much time to find Einstein a family who was ready to give him the love he undoubtedly deserves.



Presenting, Einstein and his fur-ever family! With your help, we took something wrong and made it right. A dog that loves people now gets to be around people who love him every day, and he has YOU to thank. If more people knew Einstein's story, they'd have more love in their hearts, too. That's why we're asking you for one small favor: Will you spread the love even further by sharing Einstein's story, or inviting someone new to our community? Because people need to know that it's possible to make a difference, and that there is no shortage of hope in the animal rescue community.



We're Expanding Our Ground Transport Crew!

If you've been following Pilots To The Rescue for a while, you know that our rescue vans are just as important to our life-saving missions as our planes.

While aircraft are best for covering long distances, our rescue vans drive through the night to get at-risk animals out of overcrowded shelters, helping us save more lives while reducing aviation costs.

Yes, the planes get a lot of the spotlight - but the vans are the real muscle behind our continuous progress and availability. In order to expand our reach - and quicken our response time to disasters that displace pets - we are currently looking for drivers in these locations:

- Greenville, SC
- Vero Beach, FL
- Dallas, TX
- New York / New Jersey



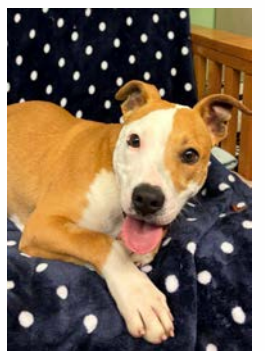
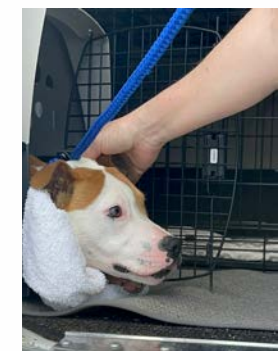
Do you know any responsible, experienced drivers who love animals? If so, they'd could make a fine addition to our rescue team. This is a great opportunity to pursue a position you're genuinely passionate about and play a direct role in saving innocent furry lives.

From the Side of a Highway to a Loving Home: Blaylock's Awe-Inspiring Journey

Just 6 months old, Blaylock is a gentle Terrier/Pit Bull mix who can be a little shy when meeting new people. It's what you'd expect when you learn what he's been through. It breaks our hearts to reveal that this young puppy was abandoned on a busy highway. No, not on the side of the road - he was left in the median, in the middle of oncoming traffic. Blaylock waited there for hours - cars whizzing by, narrowly avoiding him - hoping his owner would eventually return. But they never did. On March 10th, volunteer pilot Stephen Nur and co-pawlet Ali Ahmed took to the skies to rescue Blaylock along with 31 other dogs and 13 cats in this collaborative mission with Seuk's Army. As you can see, it takes time for Blaylock to warm up to people, so getting him onboard Big Paw with a bunch of human strangers wasn't easy. But once he realized he was safe, he was sweet and loving to everyone he encountered. Blaylock's new family would have to be patient and understanding.

Well, that's exactly what he found.

That's right: Because of you (this rescue wouldn't have been possible without your support), a dog who knew nothing but fear will now be showered with love, every single day.



Here's Blaylock and his new family in upstate New York, courtesy of the Animal Shelter of Schoharie Valley! Thanks to your kindness and generosity, Blaylock's fear is being melted into warm love as we speak. He's learning to trust human beings again, and his new family is willing to go on that journey with him. Because in the animal rescue community, we don't let our pets' insecurities stop us from seeing the sweetness lying inside. Does Blaylock's story fill your heart with joy? Ours, too. That's why we do what we do, but we can't do it without you. Any contribution - big or small - keeps our planes in the air and our vans on the road, so we can write more beautiful adoption stories for you, month after month. Please donate if you can, because somewhere out there, there's another Einstein, another Blaylock, waiting for a second chance. Your gift is their lifeline.

Kit Kat's Brave Goodbye

Lastly, we'd like to tell you about one more very special paw-ssenger from our mission on March 6th. This is Kit Kat. When we picked him up in South Carolina, we were lucky enough to meet his former owner: A woman battling terminal cancer. When she could no longer care for Kit Kat, she had no choice but to turn him over to a shelter.

Her only wish was that her cat would be loved and given a bright future with a new family. It was an emotional goodbye. There were tears from both parties. We promised her Kit Kat would be safe, and that our rescue partner in New Jersey would give him the life she was hoping for. Kit Kat may be leaving his former owner, but he'll certainly carry her love into his new home.



Please share Kit Kat's story with anyone you know will appreciate it.



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