# PILOTS TO THE RESCUE IMPACT REPORT

2023



## THE MISSION

- 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.





### THE PROBLEM:

Every year, approximately 920,000 animals in US shelters are euthanized. This number could be significantly reduced if there were a way to transport animals from overburdened shelters to rescues and adoption centers with capacity to give these animals a chance to find their forever homes.

## OUR SOLUTION:

Pilots To The Rescue uses **ground transport** and **volunteer pilots** to safely and quickly move pets in need. Air transport is often the only option available for at-risk animals, as ground transportation can take over 24 hours with multiple trip segments and may not be safe for some animals.







## **2023 HIGHLIGHTS**



We raised \$2M which paid 100% of funding needed to purchase a new plane in 2024



## THE WOLF CONSERVATION CENTER

In addition to saving cats and dogs, we worked with The Wolf Conservation Center to transport Babs, an endangered Mexican Wolf from Tennessee to Texas.







## PRESS COVERAGE:

In 2023, the work of Pilots To The Rescue was featured in media outlets with an estimated audience reach of **60,144,756**. Below are few examples of media coverage:





Pilots To The Rescue Flies 16
Dogs To Forever Homes In
Michigan

Sep 28, 2023





These animals need our help: 'Pilots transport dogs in need from Myrtle Beach to N.Y.

Jul 30, 2023





Pilots To The Rescue saves
10 dogs from euthanasia in
Hillsville

Mar 17, 2023











### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

- In 2023, our work reached 649,311 on Facebook and 334,098 on Instagram (a 100% increase from 2022).
- Our net followers on Facebook increased by 9.5% from the previous year.
- Social media influencers including Cooper Payette, Kellee Edwards, Linsey Brechbill, Just Planes, Dear Danes, Larry the Great Dane, Rachel Pedersen, Jessica Burch, Zuzana Kleckova, Kay Hall, Sabrina Giardina, Michelle Young, and Taylor Morgan joined missions and shared content with their followers.



## 2023 MISSION SPONSORS

The generous support of our sponsors makes our life-saving work possible. A special thanks to BISSELL Pet Foundation, CUDDLY, and The Swilled Dog















#### **2023 FINANCIALS**

**Total Income** 

= \$3,384,070

**Total Expenses** = \$2,107,631

*Program* = \$1,690,339

Fundraising = \$304,942

Administration = \$112,350

**Change in Net Assets** = \$1,276,439

**Ending Net Assets** = \$2,666,683



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