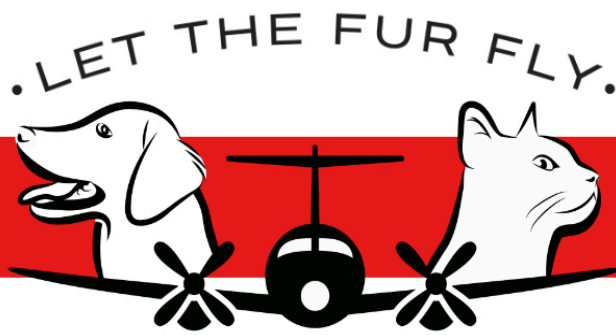


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## WINGS OF RESCUE

### Wings of Rescue Set to Fly Nine Life-Saving Missions Over 12 Days, Delivering 500+ Pets to New Homes During “Valentine’s Blitz”

The mega-airlift begins in Hobbs, New Mexico on February 8<sup>th</sup>, and by the last flight on February 20 from the island nation of St. Vincent, the multi-plane undertaking will have landed in 21 cities and 4 countries.

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*Love is in the Air!*



When a Wings of Rescue flight sponsored by the ASPCA takes off on Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> carrying 21 dogs from Hobbs, New Mexico on its way to St. Louis, Missouri, so begins a special 12-day Valentine’s Blitz that will transport over 500 homeless and at-risk pets to safety and new homes.

Working with partner shelters throughout the United States, Canada and several Caribbean nations, Wings of Rescue regularly flies life-saving missions between locations where pet overpopulation or abandoned pets are desperately in need of help, and those locations where demand for adoptable pets is high, assuring that new homes can be found for the transported pets. This special “Love is in the Air”

Valentine-themed effort concentrates one of the largest numbers of flights over 12 days that Wings of Recue has ever undertaken. Utilizing multiple planes and a host of volunteers, Wings of Rescue expects to save over 500 pets during nine flights visiting 21 cities.

“We love saving pets,” said Ric Browde, CEO of Wings of Rescue, “so it seemed appropriate in honor of Valentine’s Day to tackle one of our most ambitious rescue efforts ever. Over 12 days

and with the help of dedicated partner shelters in over 20 cities, Wings of Rescue hopes to transport more than 500 dogs and cats to a second chance at life.”

Included in the nine Wings of Rescue flights are specific missions to: Puerto Rico, in partnership with The SATO Group; to the Island Nation of St. Vincent in the Caribbean hard-hit by volcanic eruptions last year; two flights to the Bahamas where pet overpopulation is a serious concern; from the Miami-Dade area in partnership with Friends of Miami Animal Foundation, and from Louisiana to long-time Wings of Rescue partner shelter Brandywine Valley SPCA.

“We couldn’t undertake such an ambitious movement of pets without the support of our shelter and rescue-group partners on the ground,” said Browde. “On both the sending and receiving ends of our flights are large groups of volunteers and committed shelter personnel, doing the hard work and logistics planning necessary to prepare our passengers for their flights, and then delivering them to new homes and waiting families.”

Funding for the Rescue Blitz comes from Wings of Rescue individual donors, partner rescue groups, the ASPCA and the AmerisourceBergen Foundation, among others. Wings of Rescue is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation operating from headquarters in Southern California.

### VALENTINE’S BLITZ FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Feb 8: Hobbs, NM to St. Louis, MO  
Feb 11: Freeport, Bahamas to Fort Pierce, FL  
Feb 12: Nassau, Bahamas to Halifax, Canada  
Feb 12: San Juan, Puerto Rico to White Plains, NY  
Feb 12: Fort Lauderdale, FL to Georgetown, DE and Portland ME  
Feb 14: Fort Worth, TX to Coeur d’Alene, ID and Arlington WA  
Feb 17: Hobbs, NM to Kansas City, KS  
Feb 18: Hammond, LA to Georgetown, DE and Coatesville, PA  
Feb 20: St Vincent to Tampa, FL

All animals flown by Wings of Rescue are medically cleared for transportation, meet local and state vaccination requirements, and have been in shelter facilities long enough to be identified as abandoned or unwanted. Wings of Rescue flies pressurized and temperature-controlled aircraft to assure all pets safety, and pets are only flown to shelters where no local pets will be displaced by the arrival of any new rescued animals.

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*Pictures and videos from some locations will be available after each flight.  
Specific airport landing and take-off information will be provided on request.  
Please contact Gene Gable at 707-235-0869 for more information.*

**ABOUT WINGS OF RESCUE**

Wings of Rescue is a donation-supported charity that air-transportes abandoned, homeless and otherwise at-risk pets from overcrowded shelters, disaster areas and dangerous circumstances to the safety of rescue facilities and animal-welfare organizations where each pet is given proper care and a new home. Additionally, every year Wings of Rescue planes deliver thousands of pounds of humanitarian and veterinary aid to communities and pets in need, and the group serves as advocates for spay/neuter programs and other life-saving practices. Since its founding in 2012, Wings of Rescue pilots have safely and efficiently flown over 60,000 pets out of harm's way and on to new lives. The nonprofit group operates hundreds of missions per year carrying thousands of dogs, cats, and other small companion animals to and from locations throughout the United States, Canada and the Caribbean. Advocating that all pets deserve a healthy and loving home, Wings of Rescue believes that responsible pet ownership enriches lives and builds stronger and more compassionate communities. For additional information or to donate, please visit [www.wingsofrescue.org](http://www.wingsofrescue.org).

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**WINGS OF RESCUE**

**Valentine's Blitz**

**12 DAYS • 9 FLIGHTS**

**OVER 500**

**PETS!**