

ARLINGTON, Texas, Oct. 1, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- More than 300 homeless dogs will be rescued from Georgia kill shelters and airlifted from MidCoast Regional Airport at Wright Army Airfield in Hinesville, Ga.

, on Saturday, Oct. 5, in Pilots N Paws' Operation Special Delivery.

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will provide travel carriers, harnesses, collars and leads to make sure all transported pets are safe and comfortable for this life-saving trip.

Multiple rescue organizations are taking part in the year's largest single-day air and land rescue of animals in the Southeast. Starting at 7 a.m., the dogs will be carefully loaded aboard planes, and dozens of volunteer pilots will fly them to the waiting arms of rescue organizations up and down the East Coast, with the ultimate goal of finding each dog a forever home. Volunteers will drive about 100 additional dogs to various rescue organizations.

Pilots N Paws is a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to saving the lives of pets by rescuing them from kill shelters and transporting them to rescue groups. Petmate, a leading maker of innovative pet products, has supported Pilots N Paws for the past four years by donating more than \$100,000 in pet travel gear to facilitate the safe transport of pets to rescue organizations across the country for adoption.

"The work done by Pilots N Paws and its hundreds of volunteers not only has saved countless wet-nosed lives, it's brought joy to the many families who have welcomed these animals into their homes," said Petmate EVP of Marketing & New Product Development Larry Baab. "We are incredibly proud to be a part of this wonderful mission that brings families and pets together safely."

Petmate Partners With Pilots N Paws For Operation Special Delivery

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The day's events will include rescuing all of the dogs from the Fort Stewart shelter. Those dogs will be transferred to Animal Aid

USA's

Miracle Ranch

in

Hinesville

to be evaluated and possibly trained to become PTSD dogs, helping veterans through Guardians of Rescue's "Paws of War" program.

"We could not do this important work on behalf of our four-legged friends without the support of our many volunteers and partners like Petmate," said Pilots N Paws founder and President Debi Boies

. "The safe transport of the animals is at the heart of our mission, and the carriers, crates and leads Petmate provides ensure they arrive safely, comfortably and ready to find their new families."

About Petmate Founded in 1963, Petmate is the nation's leading maker of innovative products pet families prefer for home, travel and play. Arlington, Texas-based Petmate is the trusted authority in innovative, functional, high-quality pet products including bedding, kennels, dog houses, feeding and watering products, litter maintenance products, toys, collars, leads and travel solutions, available at pet supply retailers nationwide. Petmate also makes pet family favorite brands Chuckit!, Wetnoz, Aspen Pet, JW and more. For more information, visit www.petmate.com

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