

Second Rescue flight for Pilots N Paws Canada volunteer pilot Ron Haslam

Two diverse communities, rescue groups and general aviation pilots had found common purpose through the Canadian program Pilots N Paws Canada.

Thursday August 16, 2012 animal rescue volunteers from NOLA Labrador Retriever Rescue and Friendly Giants Dog Rescue waited at the Carp Air field with two ten-week old Cane Corso puppies and a frightened little German Shepherd cross named Sapphy. Sweet little Sapphy had been left to die in a sealed cardboard box with her sister in a shopping mall parking lot in Quebec

and the Cane Corso puppies were part of an unwanted litter surrendered to a Quebec rescue organization. All of these animals had been rescued from some pretty rough situations in Quebec and now were on their way to waiting foster homes near Peterborough Ontario. The great news for them



was that their futures were no longer bleak as many volunteers were working together to assure the best

possible futures for them. In the past, groups like Friendly Giants Dog Rescue located in Ottawa Ontario had few options except long, time consuming ground transportation usually involving multiple drivers, cars and stress for the animals driving over hours and sometimes days. Now with the help of volunteer pilots like Ron Haslam, the reality of getting animals quickly and safely to their new homes

opened up these same resources helping other animals.

When asked what Ron likes the most about doing these flights he answered

"Many private pilots only go flying when they have a reason to go - such as a fly-in or a lunch with other pilots. Most people I know have dogs and love them very much. Knowing that they can help abandoned and abused dogs and also get to fly to new places and meet new people should be more than enough reason to get involved."

We at Pilots N Paws Canada could not be more grateful that Ron and other Canadian pilots like him, feel that way. The rescues need the help in every corner of Canada and we are also now helping National programs that have both Canadian and US registered organizations and use the US Pilots N Paws program so finding more volunteer pilots like Ron is crucial.

So what has happened since the flight of these furry passengers?

The little male Cane Corso pup is in his forever home, which is knowledgeable about the needs of this very large and strong breed.

Pretty Sapphy is in her foster home meeting all the folks that want to adopt her.

And the female Cane Corso pup is being argued over by pre-existing applicants and is drawing in huge numbers of applications.

If you are a general aviation enthusiast, and would be interested in joining the Pilots N Paws Canada volunteer program assisting in rescued and abused animals to waiting homes, please contact us at pilotsnpawscanada@gmail.com or go to our Forum and register at

<u>www.pilotsnpawscanadaforum.com</u> There isn't a place in Canada that doesn't need the help you can provide. You are always in charge of when, where and what you fly and we will do all we can to help connect you with those reputable rescue organizations you can be proud to work with.

