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Emergency cross-country puppy rescue flight - by pilots Dan Weecks and Nikolas "Niko" Karahalios

Innocent Lives are about to be taken

Right now in Little Rock, Arkansas, 2 puppies are about to be surrendered by the current owner and are facing subsequent euthanasia due to shelter overcrowding. Pilots Dan Weecks and Nikolas Karahalios will be executing an emergency rescue flight on **Sunday, June 16, 2018 and returning Monday, June 17, 2018** to retrieve the pups from **Little Rock, Arkansas** and deliver them to **Mountain Girl Rescue in Flagstaff, Arizona**. **Tipsy**, the brown pug mix, is approximately a year and a half old; **Bella**, a Shepard mix, is about 5 months old.

The current owner of the puppies had a sudden medical condition arise and can no longer take care of the dogs. These pups will have no idea why they're suddenly being separated from the only person who's ever loved and cared for them and won't be able to comprehend why they're suddenly being moved away from home. To make the transition easier, Dan and Niko will pick them up and fly them quickly and directly to Flagstaff where loving volunteers from Mountain Girl Rescue, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, will greet the plane and take the dogs to their forever homes.

What does it take to execute this rescue flight?

Dan is donating his time and money to rent a plane for the 20 hour+ cross-country round trip, including: fuel, additional landing and service fees at airports (for potty breaks), toys to keep the dogs calm during transport, and other miscellaneous expenses. The total estimated cost for the rescue mission is about \$8,000, all of which Dan Weecks will be paying himself, except for a limited portion hopefully covered by donations received at www.facebook.com/MountainGirlTransportRescue, or danweecks.com/operation-puppy-rescue. The flight is scheduled for **Sunday, June 16th, 2018**, and Dan and Niko will be landing at the **Drake Field (FYV) in Fayetteville, AR** airport Sunday evening, **around 5pm**. There Dan and Niko plan on camping overnight with the plane, then taking a short 1 hour flight to the Bill and Hillary Clinton National Airport in Little Rock airport the morning of Monday, June 17th. The dogs will be **loaded at 6am Monday morning** at the **Bill and Hillary Clinton National Airport (KLIT)** and will **land at the Flagstaff airport (KFLG) at approximately 8pm on Monday, evening**. Without this last-minute flight, the innocent puppies would be euthanized due to space restrictions at local shelters but now have a chance to live long, happy, and healthy lives.



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