



## Flying Fur Animal Rescue

Paul Steklenski, from Schwenksville, Pennsylvania, forked out \$65,000 for an aircraft which he fills with crates of unloved animals facing euthanasia. The tank operator-turned-IT expert realized he wanted to save animals after adopting a homeless dog from a rescue center. At first, Paul considered driving to kill shelters in the US and transporting the canines elsewhere by road to help them find owners. But he knew he would be able

to give dozens more abandoned pets new lives if he transported them in another way.

In May 2015 he set up Flying Fur Animal Rescue and says he's single-handedly saved 742 animals since then, many which were neglected or abused. In February the US Army ex-serviceman of eight years - an SPC who trained troops in Kentucky - even bought his own plane to help with the task.

'Seeing the dogs at the shelter was heartbreaking. It was horrible to think that there were so many animals being euthanized because they're stuck in a certain area. The further south you go the more there is a pet overpopulation problem. It is distressing. I realized I could help make a difference by going down there, picking them up and taking them to other shelters. The plane is a tool that allows me to do a lot in a day that I couldn't do with a bus.

But though it's a battle finding the funds, he says actually making the cross-country trip with dozens of dogs is straightforward. 'Once the engine starts up they fall asleep or will stay awake and look out of the windows'.



Co-Pilot



Passengers