

# Flying Pups?



## Ahart Aviation Assists with Puppies!

There are all types of things a pilot can do to enjoy their flying experiences. There are a few activities that a pilot can participate in that are both enjoyable and helpful to society as a whole. Then, there are activities that drill straight down to the heart - rescuing abused or abandoned dogs is just one of those.

Ahart Aviation has begun helping pilots around the San Francisco Bay area in rescuing abandoned

and abused puppies and dogs. An organization called 'Pilots and Paws' was established to do just this. Pilots 'n Paws obtains help from general aviation pilots to help relocate dogs which have been rescued from animal shelters to new homes and deserving families. Airlines also get involved, but that's not as much fun as flying these animals one's self. *Pilots and Paws* has been approved as a 501c3 organization

allowing pilots who participate to write off their expenses when transporting an animal to their new home.

In these economic times, this type of benefit can help everyone.



[www.pilotsnpaws.org](http://www.pilotsnpaws.org)

## An Angel in an Airplane

One of the most active *Pilots 'n Paws* pilots flying with Ahart Aviation is one of its customers as well, Cindy Smith. Cindy (below) is the proud owner of a 2003 Diamond



DA-40 single-engine aircraft and enjoys flying more than most



pilots we have met. Cindy spends much of her time flying down to Bakersfield, up to Redding and

back to Livermore both transporting and

playing a foster parent for many of the

dogs that she rescues. Some of these dogs even get to spend some time with Cindy at her home where she plays parent to her own dogs and a couple of Cockatoos - Way to go Cindy!



## How to get Involved

### It's easy to get started:

Just go to the Pilots 'n Paws web site at [www.pilotsnpaws.org](http://www.pilotsnpaws.org), agree to their terms and then fill in a registration form. You give them information such as if you are willing to foster pets, if you are a pilot and what airport you will be flying out of. With this information, Pilots 'n Paws will be able to get you involved in helping these needy pets while having a great time doing so. Once you get your User ID, you will be able to monitor their web site and pick the puppy you want to help!

