

## APRIL VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

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### What I like best about volunteering at Colony Cats:

I am a fan of Colony Cats because they are willing to consider and discuss new ideas. I like fostering puppies and am excited when they find their homes.

**My pets at home:** I have 5 dogs.

*Pickles* - 18 years old (Chihuahua)

*Oliver* - 13 years old (Aussie/St. Bernard Mix)

*Charlie* - 12 years old (Cairn Terrier)

*Lizzie* - 11 years old (Whippet/Lab Mix)

*Pumpkin* - 5 years old (Great Dane/Catahoula Leopard Dog)

### What I'd like you to know about me:

I am a computer geek that loves animals. I'm allergic to cats, so I help by fostering dogs and helping with fundraising. I love reading (preferably with my little dog curled up in my lap) and being outdoors.

### Where you can find me when I'm not volunteering for Colony Cats:

My favorite non-rescue activities are fishing and camping.

### Dogs or Cats Rule?:

DOGS for SURE!

### What's your advice to a new Colony Cats volunteer?:

Ask questions, propose solutions. Find an activity that you find enjoyable and go with the flow. There is plenty of room in all areas to help. There is more to Colony Cats (& dogs) than just "cleaning at the adoption center"

### Your unique Q&A, thoughts, or favorite saying:

**Q:** Isn't it bad to get dogs (or cats) fixed as puppies (kittens)?

**A:** No, and they don't have a driving need to be mommies or daddies. Altering your pets has a positive impact on behavior, helps prevent unwanted litters, and reduces the risk of many reproductive health issues.

