

DECEMBER VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

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What I like best about volunteering at Colony Cats:

I enjoy talking to everyone who comes into the adoption center and answering questions they might have about cats. I get to help people and cats by learning about all aspects of what it means to be a volunteer. I have been volunteering for 4 years, and getting to be involved in so many ways is what I like most. I've done a few TNR projects, I foster kittens and moms, I clean intake on Sundays and work in the adoption center on Tuesday nights. Second, is sending home cats with their new adopters, and getting follow-up emails and stories - makes it all worth it.

My pets at home: CATS-4, DOGS-2; all adopted from Colony Cats
Orangeie - 3yr old all orange female. I let my kids name her and she's my only foster failure.

Mr. Binx - 4yr old male one eyed black cat, thinks he's the boss.

Hudson - 4yr old male black cat, laid back and will come find you when he wants attention.

Josie - 10yr old tabby female. Could stand to loose a few pounds and very talkative.

Milo - 12yr old greyhound/lab mix, from the county shelter-adopted when I was first married. I said its either time to have a baby or get a dog. So we got a dog.

Bear - 10yr old male Shepard/Huskie mix. Was pulled from the shelter at the last hour, but he is still ungrateful. Extra-large with no manners. Also counter surfs every chance he gets.

What I'd like you to know about me:

I work in construction for the State of Ohio. I was born and raised here in Columbus, but I attended college at the University of Alabama. My grandfather bought me a Shetland Sheep dog puppy for my 13th birthday, My dad made me sign a contract to outline the terms of owning a dog. I ended up taking my dog, Cubbi, to college and had him for 14 years. Most of my family and my husband's family have several pets. From an early age I loved animals, horses, cats and dogs. My parents thought I might be a veterinarian one day, but then I realized I would have to be good



in science so I changed my mind. I have purchased and rehabbed (flipped) 3 houses since college, but have been busy with family and not done much the past few years.

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

Watching *Outlander!* My favorite books and show. I work full-time downtown and take the bus to work. I have a son age 10 and a daughter age 7 that keep me busy. I enjoy watching football, going to the movies, and eating out. Reading and any kind of craft or house project keep me occupied.

Dogs or Cats Rule?: At our house Cats rule.

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

There is always something to do and ways to get involved. You can volunteer as little or as much as you want.

Your unique Q&A (this is your soapbox if you'd like)

If you can't adopt, foster. If you can't foster, volunteer. If you can't volunteer, donate. If you can't donate, educate. It takes all of us working together to make a difference.

