

APRIL VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



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What I like best about volunteering at Colony Cats:

I volunteer because I can see the difference a little bit of my time makes. I am constantly surprised about the extent of help you can provide while volunteering. From transporting, to cleaning, to shopping for supplies – the needs of a volunteer organization like Colony Cat are endless and always appreciated.

My pets at home:

I'm currently fostering Barry and Mischa – they are such a fun pair of cats. Barry is shy, but really loves taking over my lap now that he is comfortable with us. Mischa is mischievous and loves being close to us.

What I'd like you to know about me:

I really like to be out in the community as a volunteer for Colony Cats. I've met some really interesting and fun people as a volunteer and have learned a lot along the way – *dogs and cats needing homes can make strangers much more social, and everyone likes telling the story about how they found their best furry friend.* The “best man” at my wedding was Seymour (center photo), a long-time hospice foster with jaw cancer.

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

I work as a paralegal at a law firm in downtown Columbus. On weekends I love exploring the Ohio area with my family.

Dogs or Cats Rule?:

I love them both! I'm a big fan of the underdog and tend to gravitate towards those who need help the most.

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

Bring friends and family! It's such a fun environment to volunteer and the only thing better is to bring friends and make it a social and fun experience – plus it's more help for the pets in need.



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

The most frequent statement I hear while at adoption events, or other Colony Cats events, is that it would be too hard to foster, and people would have such a hard time giving up the pet they were fostering. It is absolutely bittersweet to give up a beloved foster pet, but I can't encourage people enough – fostering is one of the most important things that you can do to save more lives, and it's a great way for your family to spend time together. There are endless numbers of people who have fostered and can help you through it. I'm always really excited to get more people on board to help out in this way.

