

MAY VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

JUDY, ANNA & TIMMY BICKEL

What we like best about volunteering at Colony Cats:

We enjoy being able to help the animals.

Our pets at home:

Loki: Domestic short hair, gray mackerel tabby with white socks-5 years old;

Mow-Mow: Medium hair, black with white socks, one-eyed, fat cat-5 years old;

Freddy: Long-haired, Syrian hamster, light gray, young adult;

Nyoominator: Domesticated (halfway) wild house mouse, dark gray fur, very jumpy-young adult

What we'd like you to know about us:

My children want a zoo at home, but I don't. We compromise by volunteering with animals each week. Both of our cats are rescue cats, and we enjoy them a lot.

Where you can find us when we're not volunteering for Colony Cats:

I am taking classes at Columbus State Community College, and I work (from home) for MDS CPA Review. I am slowly working toward meeting the requirements to be allowed to take the CPA exam. Anna and Timmy are home educated and are both in high school. They enjoy art (Anna), video games and biking. They have been spending a lot of time biking on the Ohio Greenway Trails this spring.

Dogs or Cats Rule?:

We like both, but we don't have a dog yet. We've talked about that a few times, but we're not sure how our cats would get along with a dog.



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

Decide what your availability and comfort zones are. There is ALWAYS more work to do, but don't sign up for more than you can do comfortably. When you're not sure of how to do something, ask someone. Ask questions before you start so that you can get a good understanding and make a better decision. The cats have health issues and personality issues because of their "back stories." There are MANY ways to help, so ask enough questions to find the right fit for your time and personal preferences (and for your children, if they are working with you).

Your unique Q&A:

In all of life, it's very easy to point out problems. However, instead of complaining, we need to ask ourselves "What can I do to fix this?"

