

FEBRUARY VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

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What I like best about volunteering at Colony Cats:

Time spent with the cats, since I can't adopt them all - and knowing I'm helping at a shelter that makes such an impact in the community.

My pets at home:

At the barn: Shalom, a 16-year old Arabian mare

At home: 3 Japanese Bobtails - Charming Chandler, Boo Boo, and Boo

3 Colony Cats: Stunning Stetson, Awesome Echo and Wonderful Whitman

What I'd like you to know about me:

I love all animals, but cats and horses are my world. I always wanted to work with a shelter when I retired, so here I am.

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

At the barn, mucking, grooming, etc for an old friend who has horses. Or in the herb garden, growing catnip for my felines.

Dogs or Cats Rule?

Cats, hands down.

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

Listen to the veteran volunteers. Ask questions. Leave the ego at the door. It's all about the cats.



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

I was lucky enough to work with a world famous horse trainer who taught me "if adrenaline is up, learning is down". This means to keep calm in all situations and the animals will feed off your calm energy - or they'll pick up on your anxiety and fear.

I found this to be true with all species, cats, dogs, horses and even humans.

No matter what the situation, try to keep calm around the cats to let them know they're safe at the shelter.

