

JANUARY VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH JENNY SMITH

What I like best about volunteering at Colony Cats:

The cats of course. I was always afraid of volunteering because I would want to take them all home. Which I still want to do, but can be reasonable and just play and love them when I see them. I currently help with the Petco on Henderson on Mondays. I love meeting new kitties each time the others are adopted. It is great to help them socialize and show them as much love as possible in the time that I am there.

My pets at home:

Arthur (black cat), Winston (black and white), and Oliver (orange) – all three from Colony Cats. When my last cat passed away in 2016, I went to the Adoption Center and asked Mona to give me the cats that had been there the longest. I'm not sure if they were really there the longest, but she gave me Arthur and Winston. She picked the right two to give me. Winston has had some food allergies/sensitivities (who knows) and anyone else may have returned him – not me. I can work thru all that and see what a great cat he is. Maybe I will become the senior center for cats!

What I'd like you to know about me:

I love life and I love to help the animals. (I feel like I should put something interesting here.) I have gone skydiving twice. Not sure after you do it once why you would do it again, but I did.

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

I am either at my day job – accounting and payroll, my part time job at Macys, or participating in some sort of Columbus Ski Club activity – as they do more than just ski. They do softball, tennis, bowling, euchre and so much more – all sorts of stuff I enjoy.

Dogs or Cats Rule?:

I had told my parents I was thinking of getting a pet and had not decided on a cat or a dog. They came to town for the 4th of July and had a grey kitten with them. She had gotten stuck in my Mom's coworker's barn. Guess I'm going to be a cat person. And that is where it began – with Emmy May. I had her for 19 years.



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

Just love on the cats and dogs. They need to know that someone loves them, and it will help them when they go to their forever homes. Any help is help – paperwork, supplies, cleaning. Any way you can think to help do it.

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

Life is too short to be taken seriously. Saw this on a notepad and have tried to live by it. Have fun, or at least try to find the funny in all situations.

