

FEBRUARY VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH JUDY



What I like best about volunteering at Colony Cats:

I love taking care of the cats and kittens in Intake/Sick Bay. Meeting them, taking care of them, petting and playing with them, and hoping that I'm helping them to feel better. It is great to see in Meg's emails that a feline I know was adopted. I also enjoy meeting and working with the other volunteers at CC&D, and seeing their passion for felines. I have learned so much from others since working at CC&D.

My pets at home:

I have two male orange tabbies at home.

3-year-old Sam (aka Sammy, aka Samuel Jackson): Sam came to live with us a little over a year ago. He showed up at my sister's house, and was sleeping on her porch bench. My 15-year-old calico, Miss Katy, had just passed away, so I agreed to take Sam home. Sam is very laid back, low key, and quite handsome and regal. While he is not a lap cat, he likes to be nearby, and has quite a loud purr. He likes to lay on my desk while I'm working there.

2 1/2-year-old London (aka no no London, aka oh no London!):

London was a stray found in London, Ohio and was taken in by CC&D needing to be neutered and to be treated for an URI. I took care of London in Intake/Sick Bay and decided to take him home last July. He has the cutest personality, is very loveable, and keeps us laughing. He gets into mischief, but he's too cute to get into trouble. He likes to snuggle in the evening after a day full of activity.

What I'd like you to know about me:

I'm from Central Ohio and have been around felines all my life. My day job is in accounting, and I work with general ledgers and month-end closings. I enjoy photography, walking, bicycling, reading, and yoga. When not in quarantine, my husband and I enjoy adventure trips, and have done such things as skydiving, Indy car riding at the Kentucky Speedway, white water rafting, and bicycling down the Haleakala Volcano on Maui.

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

Right now, close to home due to the pandemic. I'm able to work at home during the day. When not working, I've gotten into watching Schitt's Creek on TV, as well as taking virtual tours of places around the world. We also have been enjoying dinners from Blue Apron, and trying new recipes. I love being outdoors, and enjoy walking outdoors year round. I hope to walk at all the Columbus metroparks this year.



Dogs or Cats Rule?:

Cats please!

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

Watch and observe, ask questions, periodically review our written instructions and, of course, have fun!

Also, to all CC&D volunteers, if you are looking for a nice easy read during these Winter months, may I suggest trying the book, Chicken Soup for the Soul. What I learned from the Cat. It's 101 short, feel-good stories about cats.

Your unique Q&A, thoughts, favorite sayings:

Some favorite sayings-

"I had been told that the training procedure with cats was difficult. It's not. Mine had me trained in two days." ---- Bill Dana

"It's impossible to keep a straight face in the presence of one or more kittens." ---- Cynthia E. Varnado

"If we treated everyone we meet with the same affection we bestow upon our favorite cat, they too would purr." ---- Martin Buxbaum

