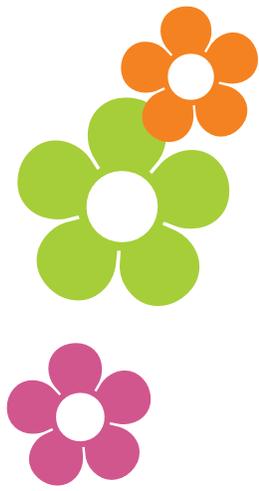


MAY VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

BAILEY & JATHAN LAVERTY



What we like best about volunteering at Colony Cats:

We love to spend time focusing our attention on caring for cats rather than our lives. It's a nice break from the real world. We also relish the ability to get to bond and build relationships with some of the longer-term kitties, especially some of our senior cats.

Our pets at home:

We have a whole bunch of pets, some of which are from Colony Cats (&dogs) and some of which are from before our time here. We have three cats: **Aero**, a five-year old black DSH who is the boss of the house; **Nimbus**, a five-year old DLH who's a fluffy, purr-y monster; and **Bogart** (some of you may remember him as Crackle, the super sweet long term boy from intake who loved giving hugs) who is an almost two-year old black DSH, and he is BUSY and also SO CUDDLY. We also have two dogs: **Lucy**, a silly five-year old pitbull mix, and **Tahoe** (known at Colony Cats as Quinn), a matronly three-year old pitbull.

What we'd like you to know about us:

Aside from our pets, both of us have a deep passion for hospitality. Both of us have chosen to build our careers within that field, and love having the opportunity to help people at work!

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

When the weather is nice, you can find us and our dogs hiking and backpacking through any of the awesome parks Ohio has to offer, or kayaking on Big Darby Creek.

Dogs or Cats Rule?:

Cats, for sure.

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

Remember that you are there to help the adorable cats find their forever homes, not to BE their forever homes. Every household has a limit, and it's important to respect yours. Focus on giving Colony Cats (&dogs) and the cats in their care all the tools and support they need to pair the perfect pet with the perfect home.

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

No question, but "Into the Wild" by John Krakauer is hands-down the best book ever written and Alexander Supertramp is an American hero. 10/10 everyone should read.

