

APRIL VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

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What I like best about volunteering at Colony Cats:

What I like best is knowing I'm one of 300+ volunteers with varying backgrounds and experiences who all have the same goal - helping the kitties! As a fairly new volunteer, I've found everyone willing to help and answer questions.

My pets at home:

My cats **Sarg**, **Beaumont**, **Foster Ulyses Riffle** (initials FUR), and **Sinclair** (my foster-fail from last year) generously share their house with my husband and I. I also have a grand-kitty, Lily, who lives in Illinois.

What I'd like you to know about me:

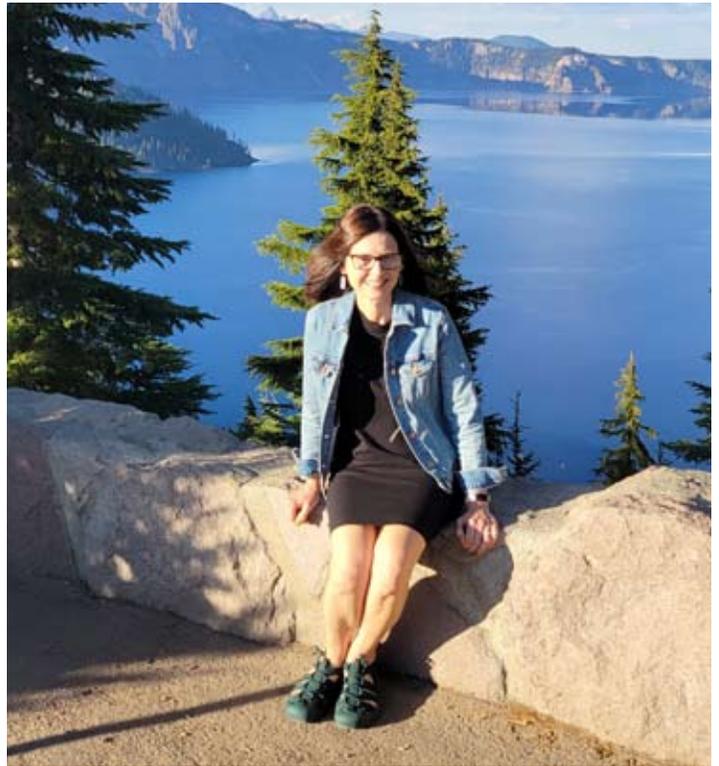
I have always loved animals and was destined to be a cat person. I'm passionate about getting to the heart of the overpopulation issue with TNR and other spay/neuter efforts. After moving to Columbus several years ago I had participated in several short-term volunteer opportunities, but I feel I have found my volunteerism home with Colony Cats (& dogs).

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

In my "spare time" I like to spend time outdoors (walking, hiking, kayaking), and spend time with my family and close friends. I enjoy cooking and baking, home canning, soapmaking, and cross stitching. I also enjoy doing volunteer work with my state and national professional court reporting associations.

Dogs or Cats Rule?:

Team Cat all the way!



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

Ask about all the different volunteer opportunities there are and find what fits your interests and talents. I didn't even know there was a transport team for veterinary appointments until I was asked to pick up a couple of extra cats when one of my fosters was at the vet - and now I'm a part of that team. Even if your schedule doesn't permit a set time to help in the adoption center or intake, there are many things you can do on your own time.

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

Q: How did you get started volunteering with Colony Cats?
A: In the Spring of 2023 there was a "kitten explosion" in my neighborhood. TNR appointments were two to three months out, and no-kill rescue agencies were not taking in any more kittens. Colony Cats offered their resources, and with their help my neighbor and I TNR'd six cats - I fostered eight (nine if "foster-fail" Sinclair counts). I am forever grateful.

