

## AUGUST VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

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### What I like best about volunteering at Colony Cats:

1) Connecting people with the right cats. 2) Seeing little kids who are a bit timid around cats when they first come in become excited when they pet their first kitty and think it's really cool. 3) Hanging out with (and falling in love with) all the different cats and their different personalities.

### My pets at home:

1 cat - Riley. I'd love to have more (I think 3 would be an ideal number) but since his brother Regan crossed the Rainbow Bridge, Riley has enjoyed being "lord of the manor". And since he's 13, I'm letting him continue to be lord. He is a cat after all...

### What I'd like you to know about me:

I consider myself a full-on introvert, but it amazes me how much I enjoy talking to people about all things cat. Whether it's helping them find a great cat or educating them on how to take care of a cat, it's something I truly enjoy talking to people about.

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



Playing flute and singing in a church choir. Unfortunately, Riley doesn't seem to appreciate my flute playing or my singing... Watching "Real Housewives of..." on Bravo and cooking competition shows on the Food Network. And "Orphan Black" on BBC America. And football. (Yes, I watch a lot of TV)

### Dogs or Cats Rule?:

Both! However, my work schedule requires some odd hours so I wouldn't be a good dog owner. When I win the lottery (of course, after I donate a good portion to Colony Cats), I'll retire and have dogs and cats!



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

Ask questions and soak up as much knowledge as you can about cats. Oh, and make sure to watch "My Cat From Hell". My cat knowledge has increased 500% since I've started volunteering, partly by asking questions, partly by just listening to others, and partly by watching Jackson Galaxy. And I still have a long way to go in what I know...

And if you get stressed, just pet some cats (of course, as long as work is all caught up!).

### Your unique Q&A (this is your soapbox if you'd like).

I believe a sense of humor is essential in life, so I've listed some funny cat stuff (hopefully it doesn't break any copyright laws to post this):

"Sad Cat Diary": <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PKffm2ul4dk>

"Hey Cat. Hey" video (this is totally my cat): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ndnjBq8ROpo>

"Henri 2, Paw de Deux": <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q34z5dCmC4M> (the other ones in this series are good too, but this is my favorite)

