

NOVEMBER VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH SHANNON COOPER



What I like best about volunteering at Colony Cats:

It's cliché, but I have too many to choose one. I have enjoyed kitten fostering so much. I love seeing former fosters or my favorites get adopted into good homes. I really enjoy being around other people who are dedicated to animal rescue and who love cats. I also love that Colony Cats has an FIV+ room. They are some of the sweetest cats.

My pets at home:

I have 3 cats and a dog of my own.

Zena - She's a 12.5 year old tabby. She is very friendly, needy, and extremely food motivated. If she's not cuddled up with a human or another cat, she may be sleeping in the tub or sink.

Tallulah - She's a 12.5 year old tabby. She and Zena are littermates. Tallulah (or Lula) has the saddest meow, and she will let you know when she misses her humans. She also drools when you pet her.

Sadie - She's a 9 year old tuxedo kitty. I found her in Springfield when I was in undergrad. Her meow sounds like a squeak, and if she licks you more than 3 times in a row, the fourth will turn into a bite.

Bogey - He's a 13 year old Maltese. I adopted him through a rescue in Dayton. He is my shadow, and loves napping as much as I do.

I also have 2 standard poodles crashing with me for a while:

Aristotle and *Caesar*.

What I'd like you to know about me:

When I was in high school, my grandma and I started volunteering with the Humane Society of Greater Dayton. It sparked the passion in me to help as many animals as I can. I moved to Columbus in 2014 from Dayton, and the first thing I did was find great rescue groups to join. The animal rescue community in Columbus is amazing.

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

I attend adoption events/fundraisers with Powell Animal Welfare Society (PAWS). I've been the secretary of PAWS this past year. I also walk dogs at Franklin County Dog Shelter when I have spare time.

My non-rescue related hobbies include reading books, watching true crime shows/movies, or napping.

Dogs or Cats Rule?

Definitely cats. I like dogs, but I'm a cat lady all the way.

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

Don't be afraid to ask questions. I have learned so much about cats from asking questions. Also, if you see someone mishandling or taunting a cat (or any animal), speak up.

Your unique Q&A:

Our prime purpose in this life is to help others. And if you can't help them, at least don't hurt them. - Dalai Lama

