

# SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

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

Obviously, helping the kitties! But I also love being around all the wonderful people at Colony Cats. I'm constantly amazed and inspired by the kindness, generosity, and talents of everyone. It truly "takes a village" and I like how everyone's skills come together to make the magic happen! It fills my soul to be part of this community!

### My pets at home:

We currently have 2 cats. The cat distribution system brought them to us as strays. **Annie** (9 years) wandered onto our front porch with a wound... took her to the vet, got her treated/ stitched, and she joined our family! **Ellie** (7 years) was hanging around our backyard. Winter was coming... so in the house she came! Both are dilute torties, and I often call them Pete & Repeat.

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

I've been volunteering at Colony Cats since 2021. I'm a cleaner and will gladly do the AC/boutique, but my favorite is Intake. I'm married and live in Clintonville. I'm passionate about fitness/nutrition. I was raised by a single (awesome) mom and am fiercely independent. I don't like eating out because I'm super particular about food sources/traceability. And my favorite breed is rescue!

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

Working my full time job, doing yoga, riding my bike, walking around The Park of Roses, or sitting in my favorite comfy chair with a kitty in my lap!



### Dogs or Cats Rule?:

Dogs are cool but cats rule!

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

Be humble. You won't know everything, so please ask questions! We are all TEAM CAT and you aren't doing what's best for the kitties if you're guessing. And get good training! Have fun with volunteering, but keep in mind you have a responsibility to keep the kitties safe/healthy.

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

I love quotes! One of my faves:

*If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito.* - Dalai Lama

It comforts me. The small & mighty thing - it allows me to feel that my tiny contributions matter.

