

NOVEMBER VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH BEVERLY CAIN



What I like best about volunteering at Colony Cats:

I love taking care of the cats and kittens at the Petco at Lennox. That's just pure selfish enjoyment. It's rewarding to watch the transformation of a scared shy cat into one who plays and interacts with people. On the other side of that, I enjoy processing adoption applications because I love seeing how excited people get when they're approved to adopt a cat. Finally, I like the feeling of doing something that helps the community in some way.

My pets at home:

I have four cats. **George Bailey** is my elder statesman at somewhere between 15-17 years old. He just showed up one cold December day and never left. **Charlie** is 7 years old and was adopted from a local rescue. He's not the cat I went to meet but he chose me and that was it. Last year, I inherited my mom's two cats, **Sadie** (7) and **Sammy** (6). Sadie was a feral kitten that my mom rescued. She's still a little quirky. Sammy is a spoiled baby my mom adopted from a friend who found a litter of kittens in his yard. Sammy began life as Sammie Sue but quickly became Sammy when the vet said he was a boy.

What I'd like you to know about me:

I'm a retired librarian and did a brief stint as a music teacher/musician prior to switching careers. I am still a musician but my four cats are pretty vocal critics of my clarinet playing. My partner, James (Pat) Patterson, (not the author) and I live in The Knolls area of Columbus.

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

Reading on my patio in the summer or next to the fireplace in winter. I'd planned to do a lot more traveling in retirement, but that was really sidelined due to COVID.



Dogs or Cats Rule?:

I love both but I have four cats, including a sassy tortie, so I have to say CATS!

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

Don't be afraid to ask questions. Everyone is very helpful. I started processing adoption applications a couple of months ago and feel like I've had to ask more questions than I ever have in my life due to the different situations that come up every week. Someone is always willing to help.

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

If you have ever thought about volunteering, Colony Cats has a place for you. When you volunteer for Colony Cats, you can give as much or as little time as you are able. Some things, like processing adoption applications, can be done from home. I spend just about 60-90 minutes a week taking care of the cats at Petco.

