

# SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

# JILL FEARON

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

Getting to snuggle and spend time with the cats! Many times (in the in-take area), the cats are very scared after being abandoned, surrendered, or possibly their owner has passed away. It breaks my heart to see them so frightened and sad. But it's so rewarding when they come out of their shell and warm up to you once they realize they are in a safe place and will get a lot of TLC.

### My pets at home:

We have 3 cats - **Daphne**, **Lucy** and **Addi**. Sadly, we had to say goodbye to both of our dogs (vizslas) in the past year and a half. (**Ruby Sue** and **Bodhi**)

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

I've always been a huge animal lover and even considered becoming a veterinarian. I really enjoy volunteering with animals and may start to foster. I've been married to my husband John for 27 years and we have 2 children. Our daughter Macy just graduated college and moved to Tampa, and our son Keegan will be starting his junior year at Ohio University.

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

Probably in Cape Coral, FL. We bought a house there last year where we enjoy boating, fishing, and trying new restaurants. I hope to start volunteering at an animal shelter there as well.

### Dogs or Cats Rule?:

100% BOTH! I've always had both dogs and cats and imagine I always will. We are still mourning the recent loss of our dog, but when the time is right we will be getting another.



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

Just spend as much time with the cats as you can. It means a lot to them. Don't be afraid to ask questions and always let someone know if you have any concerns about a cat or notice a problem (especially in in-take).

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

**Favorite quote:** "Enjoy the little things in life for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things."

