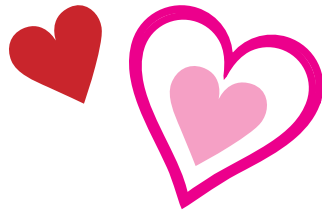


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What I like best about volunteering at Colony Cats:

Let me give a recent example for this one. I volunteer on the intake side of things, so I work with new surrenders and sometimes sick or injured cats. We had a cat we were working with for months - he was recovering from a leg amputation, was pretty scared and anxious, and on top of that he kept getting sick. He was kind of in rough shape for a while. Over time me and the other volunteers saw him get better - from this sad frail cat to a vibrant and playful little guy. I remember one day being amazed at how much better he was looking, and the day that I heard that he finally got moved to the adoption center, I was so happy. Long story short, and easy answer, getting to see how we are actually helping these animals and getting to watch them heal (physically and mentally) is my favorite thing.

My pets at home:

I have 2 cats. My fluffy boy is **Alfie**, he's a big clingy baby that is way too smart for his own good (and MY own good). His little sister, the gray one, is **Riot** - she has the squeakiest little meow and loves to roll around in laundry. I love them both very much, and truly dread to think where I'd be without them.

What I'd like you to know about me:

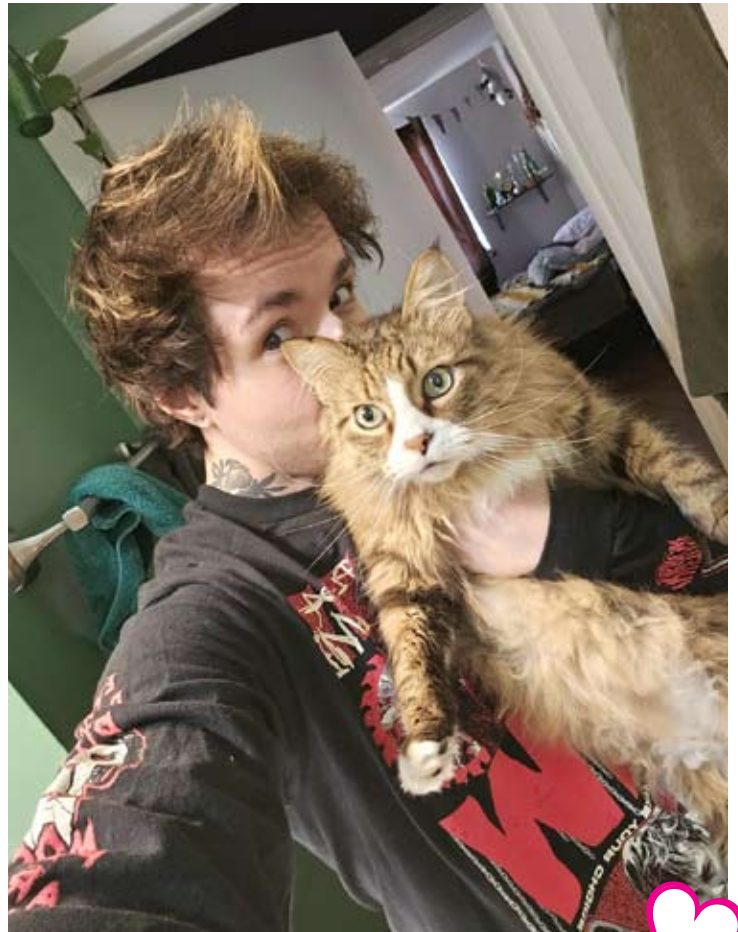
I definitely understand cats more than I do humans sometimes. That said, both the cats and the humans at Colony Cats are amazing - getting to volunteer with this organization has been genuinely life-changing for me.

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

One of my two kitchen jobs (I'm busy!) or at home watching horror movies. Alfie reeeeeeally likes horror movies.

Dogs or Cats Rule?:

I grew up in a dog household, but I'm a cat guy now. Sorry, Mom.



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

Go all in, put your heart into it, you won't regret it. And spread the word, we always need more volunteers!

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

Q: Favorite musician that loves cats?

A: Tomas Kalnoky, frontman of Streetlight Manifesto (at least I think he loves cats, he posted cat pictures on Twitter all day as of like 3 years ago...)

