

DECEMBER VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH **STEVEN, SHONA, & ANNA QUIRING**

What we like best about fostering for Colony Cats:

Our foster cats and kittens become part of our family when they are with us. They bring us so much joy, laughter, companionship, and the kitten cuddles are amazing. Fostering a mama cat and her kittens is an incredible experience – we're always in awe of how the moms just seem to know what to do. It's fun to see the kittens grow up and start to develop their little personalities. But the best thing is how much the cats always seem to love us and get so excited to see us.

We also really enjoy meeting so many of the other volunteers. There are so many wonderful people at Colony Cats, all with the same heart for cats that we have.

Our pets at home:

We have no pets of our own! We travel a lot so fostering in between our trips works well.

What we'd like you to know about us:

Anna is the reason we started fostering. She begged us to get a pet for years, but we travel too much to have our own. Fostering was our compromise. I always thank her for being so persistent. Fostering has been the most fun and so rewarding, and I'm so glad this was our compromise! It's been fun to see her love of animals grow, and she gives so much love to all our fosters.

What we like to do when not busy with our foster kittens:

Anna is an Irish Dancer and that keeps us busy: driving her to practice, watching her perform, and traveling for competitions. Our family also loves sports (Go Bucks!), traveling, hiking, playing games, and we like to pop into the adoption center often to visit the cats!



Dogs or Cats Rule?:

Cats, obviously! In our family, we do love all animals though.

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

If you're thinking about fostering, do it! You will have the support you need, and it is one of the best experiences and so rewarding. Don't be afraid to ask questions, but really one of the biggest things these cats and kittens need is love, and that part is easy.

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

There is a sign on the wall in the adoption center that says: "Cats leave paw prints on your heart." We know this to be true. We have fostered over 70 cats and kittens, and we have loved each and every one of them.

