

MAY VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

RAMONA POWELL



What I like best about volunteering at Colony Cats:

Seeing cats and kittens that are discarded or homeless given food, shelter, medical care, and socialization. No one here ever gives up on even the most difficult or seemingly hopeless cases.

My pets at home:

Although I have rescued many cats and kittens over the years, I currently have only two at home - **Rosemary** and her daughter **Hazel Grace**.

What I'd like you to know about me:

After retiring from The Ohio State University in late 2023, I was looking to switch from working with faculty, staff, and students all day to focusing on animal rescue. Colony Cats (& dogs) turned out to be the perfect fit for me.

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

I love spending time with my close friends, working out, reading and keeping up on current events, feeding the wildlife, tending to my patio garden, following competitive figure skating, and spending quality time with my fur babies.

Dogs or Cats Rule?:

All animals rule in their own ways and environments. I develop interests in various species and want to learn more about them - from penguins to sloths.

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

Try different areas to volunteer and see what areas give you the most fulfillment. The more time you spend with the cats and kittens, the more knowledgeable you will become, and the more confidence you will have in expanding your volunteer expertise.



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

Q: How do you relinquish foster cats and kittens after you have bonded with them, and they have bonded with you?

A: You have to realize that it is best for the cats and kittens to be placed in forever loving homes and to know that there will always be new cats and kittens that need fostering. It gets easier over time. Of course, sometimes you are the forever loving home and that becomes a sweet foster fail.

