

JANUARY VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH SARAH WILLIAMS

What I like best about volunteering at Colony Cat:

It is the best feeling to see a cat or kitten that comes in so shy and afraid finally start trusting you and come out of its shell. And to see that cat get adopted to a loving home is even better. It really shows you the difference that you're making. I also love getting my kitten fix every week! They are so snuggly and playful, and there are so many personalities that it is never boring in the kitten room.

My pets at home:

Neville: 10-year-old tabby cat who I adopted from Colony Cats in 2016

Harry: 3-year-old Tuxedo cat who randomly showed up outside my mom's house, all alone, when he was 2 months old

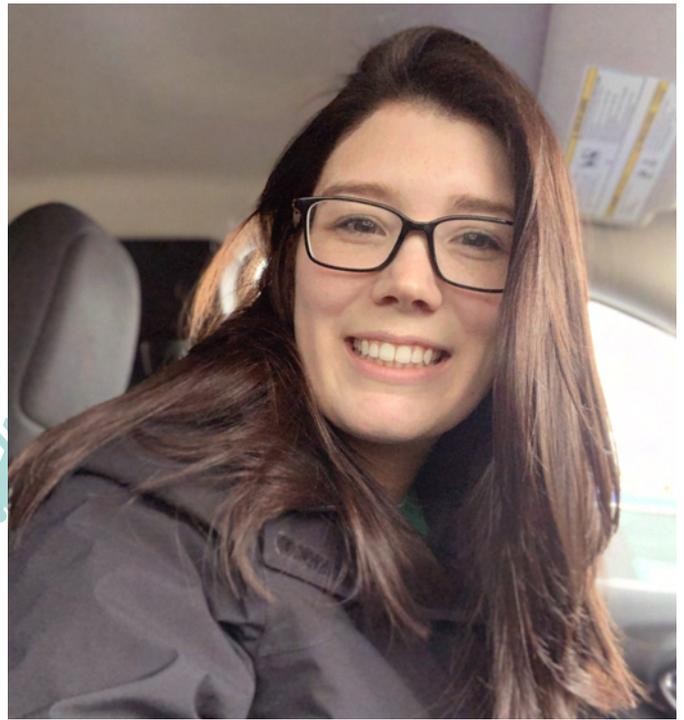
Albie: 1-year old Staffordshire Terrier that I adopted last year from Franklin County Dog Shelter

What I'd like you to know about me:

I grew up in Crestline, OH, a super small town about an hour and a half north of Columbus and went to BGSU for college. I moved to Columbus in 2015 for a new job and never looked back. I probably will never go back to small town living; I need a Chik-Fila and Target within 20 miles. I'm about 90% done with my MBA from the University of Findlay and trying to find the motivation to finish my last couple classes. I currently work for an auto insurance company as an estimator which is particularly crazy this time of year.

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

Probably hanging out at home with my fur kids watching Schitt's Creek. Or at Starbucks.



Dogs or Cats Rule:

Both!

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

If you need help or don't know how to do something, just ask. Everyone wants to make sure the cats are taken care of in the best possible way and want to help you to know how to do that, so don't feel bad about asking for help. Nobody knows how to do everything when they're starting out. Also, know that every cat has their own personality and sometimes have good days and bad days, so don't hold it against them if they're a little grumpy occasionally. They appreciate what you're doing, even if they don't show it.

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

"The way to get along with a cat is to treat it as an equal – or even better, as the superior it knows itself to be."

- Elizabeth Peters

"As every cat owner knows, nobody owns a cat."

- Ellen Perry Berkley

"There is, incidentally, no way of talking about cats that enables one to come off as a sane person"

- Dan Greenberg

