

SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

SONNY D.

What I like best about volunteering at Colony Cats:

The thing I like best is contact with the cats, and trying to make life in the shelter as good and as comfortable as possible for them. It's especially important for cats that come from hoarding, an owner who passed away, or the sad situation of owners moving away and leaving the cat behind to survive alone.

My pets at home:

I rent now and I have to pay extra for each pet, so I only have one cat who was abandoned outside my vet's office as a kitten. Years ago I had three cats. I've also had fish, birds, a guinea pig, an iguana, and I've raised and released a blue jay and a wild rabbit.

What I'd like you to know about me:

My first job was working for a vet. I've also done animal husbandry at OSU, and was a research assistant on an FeLV/FIV project. I have a degree in Medical Laboratory Technology.

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

When I'm not volunteering I'm probably taking care of fosters at home, cooking ethnic food, or tending my herb garden.

Dogs or Cats Rule?:

Cats rule, but they should have dogs with them to serve as advisors and guards. Dogs are a great asset!!

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

Put yourself in the cat's place. How would you want to be treated? For some it's like being an orphan - no parents or familiar surroundings, and all the cats and people are strangers.



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

Please, spay and neuter!!! It's better for pet behavior, it reduces estrogen and testosterone related medical problems, and unwanted pet population for the planet.

