

SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

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What I like best about volunteering at Colony Cats:

I love knowing that no matter what I'm doing, I'm making a difference. Volunteering at the Adoption Center means helping people find their cat, and a cat finding a new home. Even something as small as cleaning out a litter box is meaningful! Volunteering at Petco means helping cats get exposure outside the center and adopting them out to their forever homes. It feels so good doing an adoption for someone who is just as excited as I am. Fostering gives kittens a second chance, and makes room to save more cats off the street. It's especially rewarding turning the scared and shy kittens into huge love bugs!

My pets at home:

I have two cats: **Daisy** and **Allie**. Daisy is a tabby cat who loves to play and explore. She's shy, but loves her humans. Allie is a black cat who's in her senior years. She loves a good nap and wet food. When she's not napping, she can be found bird watching out a window.

What I'd like you to know about me:

I first started volunteering in July 2024 through fostering. I was looking for something to keep me motivated, and after experiencing a loss the year before I wanted to heal by loving kittens that needed love. After my first foster litter I almost said I was done forever. I couldn't stay away, though, knowing how many cats needed help, and volunteering was truly fulfilling! I've now started volunteering at Petco Easton. I continue to foster too and have found that I love turning the spicy kittens into ones that beg for pets. Every day I tell myself anything for the cats! Whether that is opening my home to fosters, doing an adoption and sending a cat to their forever home, or just spending time with a cat at Petco to get them more comfortable. I truly love what I do!

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

I'm an active romantasy reader and have a book club. I'm trying to meet my yearly book goal! I enjoy playing cozy games and Pokémon. Most of all, I love going to Disney World.



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

There's so many ways to make an impact! If you're unsure about fostering kittens, there are adults who need love too. Or if fostering sounds overwhelming, pick up a cleaning shift. It might seem small, but a lot of the cats just need a little extra love. An extra few minutes to give them attention goes such a long way! You might not think the small things matter, but they truly do. You'll make a difference no matter how you choose to volunteer.

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

A quote I recently found that really resonates with me:

"Fostering means saying goodbye to the ones you love, so you can say hello to the ones who still need saving."

People always ask me how I can foster, how I don't get attached. I've loved all my fosters and it can be hard to say goodbye. Knowing that they're all going to their forever homes outweighs any sadness. I love knowing they've found someone who will love them as much as I did. Plus an adoption means my home is now ready to save more!

