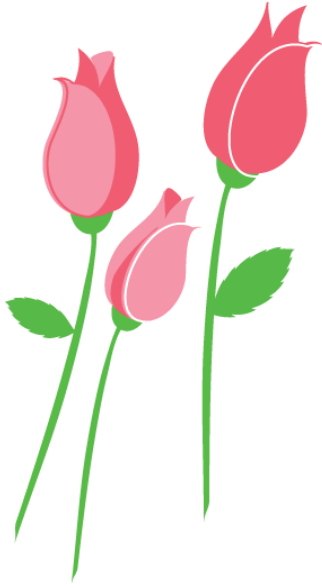




# PETS WITHOUT PARENTS

## APRIL'S FEATURED VOLUNTEERS

### LINDA, NICO & LAUREN SLATTERY



**What I like best about volunteering at PWP:** I like the feeling I get when I'm there. I also like very much that my kids can come with me and help out. It teaches them some responsibility and how volunteering your time to help a good cause can be very rewarding.

**My pets at home:** Jobee (a golden-chow mix from Union Co HS), Maggie (wirehaired terrier mix from Clinton Co HS), Kitty (tabby cat, stray), Sammy (tempermental Siamese, also a stray), and Cheerio (tabby cat - from PWP!), two kids and a husband. In the picture, the two tabbies are missing (not a surprise!).

**What I'd like you to know about me:** I have always loved animals and wanted to be a veterinarian when I grew up. I still regret not pursuing that.

**Where you can find me when I'm not volunteering at PWP:** Working at the Ohio EPA, carting the kids around somewhere, doing some home improvement project from my long list of projects, in front of the washer or dryer. My life is soooo exciting!

**Dogs Rule or Cats Rule?** Well cats rule, but that's not because I like cats more than dogs. Dogs are too goofy to rule anything!

**What's your advice to someone wanting to adopt a pet for the first time:** Dogs, much more so than cats, are a lot of work and it's very easy to fall for a cute face. Sometimes it's best to go home and think it over before you commit.

**Why should you adopt an older pet?** (1) They are usually through with all of the puppy problems, like chewing and crying at night. Many older pets already know some commands, are great on walks, and are housebroken. They also respond better and quicker to training; (2) Since they are older, they are usually WAY calmer than puppies; (3) What you see is what you get. You know how big the dog (or cat) will be and have a really good idea of its personality and behavior. So many pets get returned because of behavior problems; (4) Since they are no longer that cute little puppy or kitten, they typically get overlooked at shelters and take longer to find a forever home; and (5) Because you will feel so much better about yourself providing a loving home to a grateful, older pet. You will be a true hero.

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