

PETS WITHOUT PARENTS

APRIL'S FEATURED VOLUNTEER



ALLISON WILSON



What I like best about volunteering at PWP: The unconditional love of so many animals. What could be more rewarding?

My pets at home: Three cats. Phoebe was rescued from an animal shelter almost 15 years ago, and she's in charge at our house. Peeve was an animal shelter rescue 7 years ago. My husband and I thought it would be funny to have an official "pet peeve," although nothing about him peeves us. Luna was rescued from the street, literally. I saw her darting in and out of traffic at the Henderson/High intersection, so I scooped her into my car and we had a new family member. That was almost 4 years ago.

What I'd like you to know about me: The way I feel about pets is best described by Eckhart Tolle. He writes, "Millions of people, who would otherwise be completely lost in their minds and in endless past and future concerns, are taken back by their dog or cat into the present moment, again and again, and reminded of the joy of being."

Where you can find me when I'm not volunteering at PWP: 40 or so hours per week, you'll find me managing L'Occitane at Polaris. Otherwise, I'm probably cooking, eating, or reading a cooking magazine. I'm passionate about healthy eating and fitness. I enjoy outdoor activities such as hiking and cycling. And, at least once a day, you'll find me on the couch with at least one cat on my lap.

Dogs Rule or Cats Rule: I love both, but in my house, it's all about the feline.

What's your advice to someone wanting to adopt a pet for the first time: Of course, be prepared for the responsibility of being a pet parent (chores, finances, etc.). BUT, as a friend once told me, if you wait until you feel totally ready and prepared you'll be waiting forever. In other words, when you make a love connection with a pet, all the hard stuff becomes manageable.

What would you do if you won a million dollars? Travel to the Mediterranean, pay off the house, buy a new bike, and donate oodles of money to PWP so it can continue to provide such an important service to our community!