

PETS WITHOUT PARENTS

AUGUST'S FEATURED VOLUNTEER

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What I like best about volunteering at PWP: I have always had animals, but when I came to Columbus in 2006 from Florida, I was ill and moved into a place that did not allow pets. When my health improved, I realized the big void in my life was not having a pet. Every time I go to PWP, I get my puppy/cat love fix. They do more for me than I could ever do for them.

My pets at home: None currently, but I had poodles all my life due to my children's allergies. At one time I had 6 poodles.

What I'd like you to know about me: After 6 wonderful years in Florida, 4 hurricanes and an illness chased me to Columbus. The bonus is my son, daughter and 13 yr. old grandson who live here. It's good to be with family. In Florida a feral cat brought me 3 litters (4 kittens each) to socialize and put up for adoption.

Where you can find me when I'm not volunteering at PWP: I am VP of Northland Senior Village Phase II. One of my projects is working with a landscaper for beautification of the area. It's one of the nicest of four condo complexes on Karl Rd.

Dogs Rule or Cats Rule: I haven't raised a cat for any length of time. I admire their beauty, independence and I am sure they rule. With enough kisses, hugs and treats dogs are very flexible and rarely hold back their love to you.

What's your advice to someone wanting to adopt a pet for the first time: I'm not an expert on this subject. I say lead with your heart and not with your head. With your heart you can overcome many obstacles. Patience is important. Who else can give you unconditional love like a pet?

Why do pit bulls have a bad reputation?: Every animal as every child is born pure in spirit. It is cruel people who cause this. Every state should pass a law for life in prison for these irresponsible people. We have Xavier, Stella, Miracle, Chloe and Quincey who are beautiful pets thanks to the TLC from PWP.