

PETS WITHOUT PARENTS

JULY'S FEATURED VOLUNTEERS

JOAN & BROOKE NERDERMAN



What I like best about volunteering at PWP: Joan: I honestly like best that Brooke and I can volunteer together and we get to snuggle with some cats and dogs, yet not add them to our menagerie at home. Fostering the mama cat this spring was great for the whole family – seeing how pregnant the mama got, the birth, mama nursing them, adoption of the kittens, naming them after Dr. Seuss characters, an all around memorable experience. Brooke: I can get my “puppy fix” without having one at home. I mean, how can you live without that puppy dog face staring up at you!

My pets at home: 2 dogs – Guess (12 year old rescue golden mutt) & Mia (7 year old rescue mutt extraordinaire- a mix of “funny looking parts”) 3 cats (Katrina and Oreo – adult rescue cats and Sam I Am – a kitten we adopted this spring after we fostered her pregnant mom - a very people-person cat and 2 Mississippi map turtles

What I'd like you to know about me: Joan- day job is on faculty at The Ohio State University College of Optometry as clinical attending with the students for outreach vision exams to the homeless and home bound. Brooke – 8thth grader at Gahanna Middle School; loves performing at the Davis Performing Arts Center in D3- a singing, dancing and acting group. Past acting parts in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and Seussical the Musical at the Davis as well as this summer as Lady Thiang at New Albany Arts Council - I have my own song!

Dogs Rule or Cats Rule? DOGS RULE.....but cats outnumber them in our home.

What's your advice to someone wanting to adopt a pet for the first time: Joan: It's just like having kids, only easier! (You don't have to carry them around pregnant and you get to pick what your pets will look like and their approximate size and you can put them in a crate if they are unruly when you are gone) A time commitment, but so worth the rewards in laughter and love in return. Brooke: Feed them, play with them and have fun!

When does someone become a crazy cat person? When the number of cats outnumber the people in your house??? Not crazy yet but when my son goes off to college in the fall.....