

PETS WITHOUT PARENTS
SEPTEMBER'S FEATURED VOLUNTEER
TRACEY TAMAYO



What I like best about volunteering at PWP: The animals of course! Coming in and seeing their faces and the difference we all are making in their lives, makes all the hard work worth it!

My pets at home: Alysia, a 9 year old calico. We rescued her from the local humane society and she currently resides back in Lima with my Dad. Though we have had all types of pets growing up like dogs, birds, sharks and many hamsters.

What I'd like you to know about me: I'm currently a student at OSU studying in the field of animal sciences/medicine. I started as a little girl trying to rescue every animal I saw that was homeless. After a few strays taken in and sometimes a raccoon or two that happened to wander in our garage because of the food and water I left out for all my "pets", my parents decided to take me to a local shelter and let me invest my energy in helping them. Since then, I've been volunteering at many animal shelters and I haven't lost the mentality I had as a little girl.

Dogs Rule or Cats Rule? BOTH!!! I think they both are very unique (personalities) in their own ways.

What's your advice to someone wanting to adopt a pet for the first time: You need more than just love for your pet. It can be very costly and time consuming. Also, be educated on the pet you're wanting to get and make sure you pick a pet that will suit your needs and theirs too.

Where you can find me when I'm not at PWP: Mostly in class, studying, working or hanging out with my amazing group of friends.

What are some of your most memorable experiences at PWP: The most memorable experience would have to be when another volunteer came up to me and asked why there was such a size difference between these two cats that were playing in their cage. I walked over to the cage and looked down and couldn't help but laugh when I saw Bizmark (a sweet special needs cat) and a baby kitten rolling around playing with a toy mouse that he had brought to this little kitten (he loves to play so we let him roam in the morning and sometimes he likes to sneak into others cages when we were cleaning them). Another memorable experience was with another awesome intern named Andrea. Andrea and I decided one day to be very ambitious and give 8-9 hound puppies baths, needless to say we all got a bath that day!

Special Note – Tracey is a summer intern who was nominated by a PWP Volunteer who said Tracey was instrumental in getting Dula and Bismarck back to good health. Thanks Tracey for going the extra mile!