

PETS WITHOUT PARENTS

SEPTEMBER'S FEATURED VOLUNTEER

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What I like best about volunteering at PWP: I like knowing that I can help find a pet their forever home that every pet deserves. I also enjoy spending time with the “babies” as I call them regardless of age. They are always a ray of sunshine to spend time with.

My pets at home: My husband and I adopted Charlie and George (both canines) from PWP. We appreciate that PWP saved our “children” and are always willing to help.

What I’d like you to know about me: Surprisingly, I did not want to adopt at first, my husband found the website shortly after we bought our first house. He did not tell me the reason that he wanted a fenced in back yard—just that it was a necessity. I thought it was to keep animals out—not in! A year after moving in we went to the shelter and found Charlie—or he found us?! I was impressed by the process and the screening that we went through and decided that I would volunteer. I did not have time to pursue that at first—but we can all find time!

Dogs Rule or Cats Rule? Dogs! Sorry kitties but my husband is allergic!

What’s your advice to someone wanting to adopt a pet for the first time: I think that volunteering and/or fostering can help in the decision process. You have to know your limitations (time and budget). If you work long hours but can work a dog walker into the budget a dog might work for you. If you travel for work you may want to consider a more solitary animal like a feline. I really think that it depends on your lifestyle and what you are prepared to commit.

Where you can find me when I’m not at PWP: You will find me studying! I also spend time advocating for animals via pet pardons (you can find them on facebook) as well as of course spending time with my “babies”.

Is it difficult to foster dogs/cats when you know at some point they will be leaving your care? Yes and no. Of course you get attached, however, focusing on the end goal of getting them ready for their forever homes is more than worth it.