

## Foster Parent Spotlight

### June 2021– Evelyn Barron-Roemer

The Foster Program is pleased to recognize Evelyn Barron-Roemer as our Foster Parent Spotlight for June 2021. Evelyn has a special place in many hearts at Seattle Humane for her long-term dedication to volunteering. Evelyn provides excellent care to the many complex medical cases she fosters. She is patient, compassionate, and has a great sense of humor. In the past 9 years, Evelyn has fostered 137 animals including cats, kittens, dogs, and puppies! However, her work at Seattle Humane isn't limited to fostering. Evelyn started out as a cat care volunteer and now volunteers for our Lifesaver Program transporting animals to and from Seattle Humane. You can catch her riding shotgun in the truck feeding bottle babies, loading up crates of animals from disaster relief transfers, or processing intake assessments.

Evelyn is highly skilled at taking care of foster pets with significant medical concerns. She credits her past and present personal pets for preparing her for fostering. Through caring for pets like a 19-year-old cat with Chronic Kidney Disease and a bulldog that "had everything wrong from top to tail", she learned how to manage medical and behavioral challenges.

While the bulk of Evelyn's foster pets have been kittens, her very first foster experience was fostering puppies! Norma and Nina were mini-dachshund puppies that she fostered for our annual fundraising gala, Tuxes & Tails. Evelyn's favorite foster pets were a Newfoundland named Coco and a mom cat that gave birth to eight kittens in her bathroom.

If you attended our virtual Tuxes and Tails event in 2020, you may have seen Evelyn. Evelyn's dog Ducky was featured at this event for his special rescue story. Ducky was found in the middle of the woods in central Washington in extremely poor condition and his rescuers made the lengthy drive to Seattle Humane to save his life. Once he was stable enough to leave our ICU, Evelyn gave him the TLC he needed to recover. After weeks of bonding with Ducky as he grew from a weak puppy to a massive St. Bernard mix, Evelyn decided to make him a permanent member of her family.

Ducky entered a fur family of three in the Barron-Roemer household- cats Cuddles (11), Meez (15) and a French Bulldog named Klaus (11). If you're a part of our Seattle Humane Foster Program Facebook group, you've had the pleasure of seeing Cuddles act as a surrogate mother to Evelyn's orphaned foster kittens. Cuddles is natural at motherhood; she can be found keeping kittens warm, clean, socialized and comforted. She takes her foster assistant job very seriously!

Juli Ross, our Chief of Animal Care, has had the pleasure of working with Evelyn for several years. Juli said, "Evelyn has fostered (and adopted) some of the most memorable and tough cases. I remember taking her to the ironically-named "hotel" in the old building and introducing her to Francis- a senior black cat with terrible skin allergies. She gave Francis the most wonderful life until she passed a few years later. Evelyn went on to foster and adopt Cuddles- a Siamese cat in Annex 4 who was one missed meal away from a feeding tube. Evelyn's love for the animals and her incredible kindness to the staff have made Seattle Humane a better place to work and volunteer."

Please join us in thanking Evelyn for all her hard work as a foster parent and lifesaver volunteer!



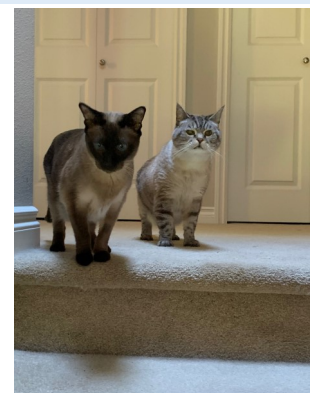
Evelyn with her dog Ducky when she first brought him home.



Cuddles with current foster kitten Moose



Previous foster Coco with resident Frenchie, Klaus



Cuddles and Meez

