

Foster Volunteer Spotlight

April 2022 — Rita Glickman

This month, we are excited to feature Rita Glickman! While Rita does not foster pets, as a foster admin volunteer (FAV), she plays an invaluable role in assisting the foster program and helping to build community between Seattle Humane’s foster parents.

As of this May, Rita will have been volunteering with Seattle Humane for 13 years! “I had always wanted to volunteer but I didn’t have time until I retired.” Her first volunteer role was as a pet publicist, taking pictures of animals around the shelter, which she did for 10 years. “It was a great way to take advantage of my camera, which I typically only used while on vacation.” From there, she began helping with projects across the organization, having a knack for finding ways to improve and streamline workflows. Then, going into the pandemic, Rita recognized a need to provide volunteers with more opportunities to connect with Seattle Humane’s animals, even if only virtually.

“During Covid, there were so many volunteers that missed having their hands on pets and needed that source of joy,” says Rita. To help facilitate a point of connection for these volunteers, she began increasing social media posts and updates about Seattle Humane pets for volunteers. If you are in one of the Seattle Humane Volunteer Facebook groups, you likely see her daily “Awwdoption Repawt” posts, which she manages with fellow volunteer, Nicole Riddell.

With her depth of knowledge and experience as a volunteer, Rita helps onboard new foster parents. She also helps to keep the foster website up to date, adding pets that need a foster, removing ones that no longer need a foster and sending reminders to foster parents about needed vaccines and more.

Growing up, Rita always loved animals. The first pet her family had was a Cockapoo named Sam that they adopted from their neighbor when they first moved to Seattle. Sam eventually became Rita’s dog, and since then she has had a steady stream of pups in her life, including a 16-year-old Yorkie named Muffin, as well as a mini poodle named Poppy who lived with her for 14 years. Currently, she has Ellie, an almost 9-year-old bichon/mini poodle mix, that she adopted after she was transferred from Stockton, California, where she was found as a stray.

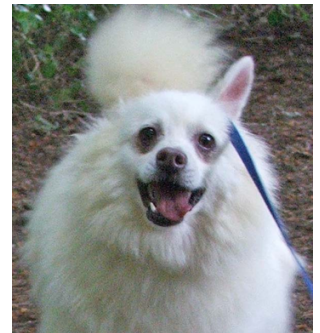
Outside of all of the amazing work she does with Seattle Humane, Rita is passionate about seeing the world. From traveling to Tanzania and staying at a tented camp in the Serengeti, to her upcoming three-week trip to Costa Rica, she is a true travel bug! In every role that Rita has supported at Seattle Humane, she has kept process improvement at the forefront of her mind — she’s tremendously helpful, and we’re grateful to have her on our team!



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Ellie



Joy



Muffin

