

Foster Parent Spotlight

August 2022 — Megan Nystrom

We are thrilled to shine a spotlight on foster parent Megan Nystrom! Since she started fostering for Seattle Humane in 2018, Megan has fostered 83 cats/kittens and one puppy! Not only is Megan an exemplary foster parent, but she is always willing to lend a helping hand to our foster staff members on campus. When she is not at home caring for foster cats and kittens, Megan can often be found on campus as a foster support volunteer cleaning exam rooms and preparing supplies to set up other foster families for success. To say Megan is a tremendous asset to our foster department would be an understatement.

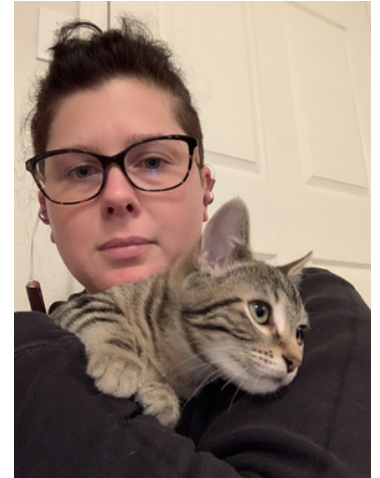
Before joining the Seattle Humane foster team, Megan volunteered with PAWS (Progressive Animal Welfare Society) Wildlife Center. At PAWS, she syringe-fed neonatal squirrels and chipmunks, among other caregiving tasks for various critters, including opossums and raccoons. According to Megan, nursing critters and cleaning juvenile raccoon silos prepared her for fostering kittens, adding that, "getting chased by nosy raccoons while doing it feels about the same as trying to clean around kittens, too!"

Megan's biggest inspiration for fostering is her own cat, Cleo. Megan found Cleo as a sickly 4-week-old on the doorstep of her college apartment complex. Megan snuck Cleo into her apartment and nursed her to health. Cleo will be 17 years old this year, and Megan credits Cleo as "the best way to break the rules of my lease ever!" Along with Cleo, Megan also has another cat, Jack-Jack, and a bearded dragon named Pepper.

What does Megan like most about fostering? While pampering mama cats is a close second, watching kittens grow and conquer different developmental stages is what she enjoys the most. Or, as Megan puts it, watching kittens grow from "little alien space bears into tiny little predators." Megan's favorite foster was Femi, a feisty kitten she fostered in 2019 who reminded her of Fizzgig from the film "The Labyrinth"!

Outside of fostering and volunteering with Seattle Humane, Megan enjoys a robust roster of hobbies. She loves crafting and genealogy, and she recently learned how to restore gravestones!

Thank you, Megan, for your dedication to the pets and people of Seattle Humane! We cannot imagine our foster team without you!



Megan Nystrom



One of Megan's many foster kittens



Fizzgig and doppelgänger Femi

