

Jean Bolling

I'm Jean Bolling, and I am running for a Board of Trustees position at the Parma Animal Shelter.

My animal shelter volunteerism began at the APL when I moved to Parma, Ohio from New York in 1996. I've been a volunteer at the Parma Animal Shelter since October 2002 when I discovered that PAS was close to my home in Parma. The shelter has become my second home because of my love for animals and their care and safety.



During the past 11 years, I've worked as a dog volunteer and progressed to a Shift Leader and Adoption Counselor. I take dog pictures for the shelter's website, too! My passion is to place dogs into loving and permanent homes and educate potential adopters on how to be responsible pet owners.

In addition to my dog volunteerism, I've worked many shelter events and humane education events throughout the years. I was also a part of the disaster committee and participated on the grant team this past year. I've served as the communications liaison for the past eight years.

For over two years, I've been the Parma Animal Shelter's webmaster. Under the social media team, PAS is getting a new website, one that is more user-friendly and will support the shelter now and in the future. The goal is to have the new website up and running in the spring. As a member of the social media team, I am particularly interested in promoting our animals to reach a wide number of audiences. In fact, I reached out to local radio station, WTAM 1100, during October National Adopt-a-Shelter-Dog month, and PAS's dogs were featured on the WTAM's community bulletin and on the Facebook page of Wills & Snyder in the Morning.

I am proud of the way the shelter is maintained from its cleanliness to the animals' medical needs. I would love to have an opportunity to serve on the Board of Trustees to assist in any way I can. And to quote the words of Jerry Smith, former BOT President, "Bring the shelter into the 21st century," to make it a successful and prosperous one.

On a personal note, I've lived in Parma for the past 15 years and work as a Production Planner, B&P, for a global manufacturing company. I enjoy being a single "animal" mom to dogs Holly age 11, and Lucie age 5. I never had cats before, but I fell in love with Brando (around 16) when I saw him at the Parma Animal Shelter in 2004. Brando's my first cat, and I am happy I adopted him.