

Jo-Anne Stevens

Jo-Anne Stevens began volunteering with Dog Star Rescue in May 2015 after attending an adoption event with a friend who recently lost her dog and wanted to donate some items. “I fell in love with all of the dogs and wanted to start volunteering.” Jo-Anne started with handling dogs at events and moved on to fostering. After “failing” with her third foster dog, Dylan, Jo-Anne is now a screener. “Dylan had been returned by his panicked adopters after getting loose and running off. His foster couldn’t take him and he was headed to a kennel. My first foster had been from the same hoarding case in South Carolina as Dylan and I knew how scared she had been. I offered to foster him but knew deep down I’d be keeping him!” Dylan joined Lily (a rescue from Bandit’s Place) in Jo-Anne’s condo and sadly because of condo rules, two dogs are the max. No more foster dogs for Jo-Anne. Jo-Anne retired eight years ago and has recently taken a break from her part-time retail job. She loves walking the beach with friends, gardening, and shopping at antique shops and flea markets. Jo-Anne has passed down her love for rescue dogs to her daughter, who also has rescues. “The volunteers at Dog Star are a diversified group but we share a common goal to love dogs and try to rescue them. To do a small part in rescuing an animal is pretty amazing.”