

# Linda Sekula

**Linda Sekula** started volunteering at Dog Star Rescue in 2015. Linda had reconnected with old friends who were involved with Dog Star, and they encouraged her to attend an event.

“Dogs love unconditionally, that in itself is a great motivator. I loved the dogs and the compassion everyone had for them. Every volunteer made me feel welcome. Seeing the dogs adopted out overwhelmed me.”

“My first transport experience sealed the deal. I was at the Rescue Road Trips pick up in Rocky Hill. Watching adopters getting their dogs or picking up a dog to bring to their destination, gives you a small amount of time to bond with them. Knowing you're one of the links in a chain of volunteers guiding them to a brighter life... there is no better feeling!”

Linda has been a handler, screener, transporter and volunteer coordinator. In addition, she maintains the "Featured Dogs" section on the website. Linda is proud that she, along with others on the screening team, helped create Dog Star's pre-approval program.

Linda fondly remembers her two Dog Star firsts: “The first dog that I screened for and adopted out was a beagle hound named Calie. The one time we fostered (unfortunately our dogs are not foster friendly) was for Kirby, who we loved with all our hearts. She ended up in a perfect family!”

Linda and her husband are retired and love to travel. They enjoy packing up their three dogs, which includes two rescued labs and a yorkie and exploring. “Our dogs are great travelers! However, we have a wonderful dog sitter too, which allows us some quiet times.”