



**DECEMBER VOLUNTEER
OF THE MONTH
SANTA PAW
STEPHEN JOHANSSON**



Stafford Animal Shelter calls on many volunteers throughout the year to do a variety of specialized tasks. Perhaps the hardest job to fill is that of the legendary Kris Kringle, also known as Santa Paws.

Each Christmas season, PetSmart hosts a fundraiser for us in which people have photos of their beloved pets taken with Santa to raise funds for our homeless pets. We couldn't do it without a Santa's welcoming lap. This is a hot, stuffy job in which Santa often suffers nips, scratches, and the occasional pool of pee. The photos, however, are treasured by the pet parents for years to come, and the undertaking brings in much-needed funds to the Shelter.

We want to thank this year's Santa who did and unprecedented TWO days in a row! He was awesome: greeting every child and pet parent that came in. We send out a hearty HO HO HO and thanks to our wonderfully jolly Santa Paws, Stephen Johansson.

Happy Holidays to all our volunteers from all of us at Stafford Animal Shelter.

Christmas

