

Marjorie King is an inspiration to the staff she works with at Animal Services. She is in her 60's, has overcome 2 bouts with cancer and is there religiously. Tracey Manemann, site coordinator states, "I could not possibly do my job without her, she is my right arm. She even makes herself available if she is needed at other times. She knows as much about this shelter as any employee, being here over 7 years. She deserves this recognition!" Marjorie really enjoys working with the staff at Animal Services. She especially enjoys the camaraderie, joking with one another. She is a morning person, so her three morning a week schedule works out well for her. Before becoming a Pinellas County volunteer, she used to drive with the Ochs of Clearwater. She had to take a leave of absence for major surgery. When she returned to work, she learned they were letting her go. Instead of sitting at home, depressed, she decided to see where she could volunteer, use her love of animals, and make a difference. She takes great pride in matching the right dog to the potential adopting family at Animal Services. She knows the dogs' personalities and can steer a family towards the right pet for them. Marjorie practices what she preaches at home too. She has 6 dogs – 2 shelties and 4 adult Pomeranians – as well as 4 puppies she will be selling. Marjorie teaches obedience training in her spare time. She offers her bargain priced services to patrons at animal services, feeling that a well trained dog is more likely to be a well loved pet. Before new pet owners leave she takes time to teach them the proper way to hold a leash and any other tips pertinent to their new pet.

