

Sydney Shugdinis

Sydney Shugdinis, UConn student and Dogology employee, started volunteering with Dog Star Rescue in March 2016 after adopting her two dogs Sadie and Kona. “After rescuing them, I wanted to find a way to continue to help rescue pups.” Sydney started volunteering on weekends by visiting rescues in kennels and taking them on outdoor adventures. She is now actively involved in advertising, screening and fundraising. She also provides a home for fosters while they wait to find their forever home. One of her most memorable moments was when she picked up a rescue dog named Molly at transport. “She was a sweet little 5 month old puppy and as soon as she came off the truck she jumped into my lap and sprawled herself out for belly rubs,” she recalled. “It was a really great reminder of how appreciative these dogs are.” Sydney loves the sense of community that volunteering has created. “In my short 6 months working with this organization, I have made many incredible friends and I look forward to every event.” Sydney’s hard work and dedication has had a large impact on the rescue and the many dogs that we support.