

3/28/2025

## Pets on the Payroll

*Jennifer Polanz*



This beloved feline employee named Poe Poe has been around for more than 10 years—since they found him in the parking lot as a tiny kitten—working the aisles of Pender Pines Garden Center in Hampstead, North Carolina.

“He is great with everyone, especially kids and tolerates probably more than he should,” wrote in General Manager Kit Banks. “Poe Poe is so popular that he has his own recurring Facebook post called ‘Where’s Poe Poe?’ Each month we post a new picture of Poe Poe somewhere around the garden center. Everyone loves Poe Poe. He is truly the perfect garden center cat.”

**A true professional! And if you’d like to submit your garden center pet, email me at [jpolanz@ballpublishing.com](mailto:jpolanz@ballpublishing.com).**