

Suzy Clayton

Suzy's passion for animal welfare began with extensive experience volunteering in leadership and support roles with local and national animal welfare organizations. In 2018, after a ten-year career in hospitality as a Hotel & Resort Sales Manager and having obtained a Bachelor of Science from San Diego State University, Suzy joined San Diego Humane Society. She began her tenure as Rescue Coordinator and was promoted to Rescue Supervisor before transitioning to her current role as Placement Manager. Suzy's leadership has been instrumental in centralizing the foster and rescue program across four campuses, by developing relationships between the shelter, fosters, and the rescue community and overseeing a team of Foster & Rescue Specialists who seek placement for animals of all species. In February 2023, Suzy will be stepping into a new role as Program Coordinator for the County of San Diego Department of Animal Services with a goal of triaging animals on intake to minimize length of stay and increase placement opportunities.

Suzy currently resides in the historic district of Escondido, CA with her fiancé and their trio of furry misfits – Bryan James, a mischievous 17-year-old Australian cattle dog mix, Tuna, a young and toothless distemper survivor, and Fang, a sassy black cat with an overbite and a penchant for trouble.