

## RACHELLE SAELOR

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Veterinarian

Dr. Saelor is currently a veterinarian for the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control. She's been with LA County for 7 years now and has been a part of all the changes County has made including opening a new shelter in Palmdale Ca in July 2016. She is primarily based out of the Palmdale Animal Care Center and is currently the head of the Outreach Team.

When asked about her thoughts of the significance of shelter medicine, here is what she had to say: "With the integrating of medicine into the shelters today, it has been an incredible journey to work in the department thus far. As a veterinarian, we all take the oath to try and make a difference in this profession no matter how small. With every animal that comes through the shelter it has been a great learning experience to be able to interact with animals that are so desperately in need. These animals need love, compassion, extra care, extra sympathy, etc. and it has been a pleasure to be put into a position to provide that for them. I knew that working for the shelter system would be different compared to private practice, but I couldn't have anticipated the fulfillment I get of doing THIS job."

Dr. Saelor is a member of the SCVMA, SCFVMA and was a shelter medicine fellow last year with the UW/UCD Shelter Medicine Fellowship 2016-2017. She is advanced certified in scuba diving, which allows her to enjoy a "different world of animals" under the sea. She has two Great Danes, Kainoa and Kahuna and a new Cane Corso puppy named Kilo. She has two kids, a daughter named Adrienne, age 7, and a son named Benjamin, age 5. Whenever she can get these two kids to nap at the same time, she enjoys reading, cooking, kickboxing and taking Krav Maga classes. But whenever she gets the chance she takes the kids to Disneyland – the "Happiest Place on Earth".

