

Tony Elias

In 2010, Tony obtained his bachelor's degree in Animal Science from the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences at UC Davis. He worked for a brief time in retail as a Pet Care Specialist at PetSmart where he honed in on his organizational and customer service skills. In 2012, Tony joined the City of Irvine at the Irvine Animal Care Center (IACC). He served as an Animal Care Attendant where his animal husbandry, adoption counseling, animal handling, behavioral assessment and staff and volunteer training skills were strengthened.

In 2016, he promoted to Senior Animal Care Specialist where additional responsibilities include supervision of kennel staff, managing the animal population, assisting with enrichment and management strategies for behaviorally challenged animals and the revision and development of standard operating procedures. Tony has been contributory in aspects outside his core duties and most notably has assisted with the IACC's Third Chance program where the center transfers adoptable animals from overcrowded shelters and brings them to the center for a chance at finding their forever home.

When not at work, Tony enjoys spending time with his family: wife, two toddlers, a French bulldog, and a parakeet.