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I started working with animals my Senior year in high school in South Carolina, 2003. I didn't quite know what I wanted to do "when I grew up", but I did know animals had to be involved. This first organization raised and trained large cats and other exotics and offered the opportunity to work hands on with animals most never see up close. After a few years I decided their mission did not align with mine. I married and moved to Texas in 2006, where I started in the veterinary field, then moved on to work for a family as their "dog nanny". Over the next few years, I transitioned into the personal assistant to the CEO of the rescue, animal hospital and home for this same family. This included ordering, payroll, managing/hiring of staff and some AP, adoptions, expanding the no-kill movement in Waco, all on top of managing and some training/medical for a large pack of dogs inside the home. In December 2012 my husband, 1 year old and I moved to San Diego and in January 2013 I started working at Chula Vista Animal Care Facility. I was part time for the first 6 months before promoting to full time, then Senior Animal Care Specialist. In March 2018 I was promoted to Animal Care Supervisor. I have the habit of wanting to know what is going on in various areas, how to properly work through each function and ensure the facility runs smoothly. The overall success of our facility is always on my brain. As a supervisor, I have had to learn to work more with people and less on the physical operations (trying to do everything), as well as learning that I should not and cannot do everything. I am also always looking to learn more, grow, share this knowledge, and help my co-workers and facility improve. After checking out various animal fields, I have found what feels like my purpose. I have been able to take the useful parts of each experience and incorporate them into my career. Outside of work I enjoy being in the kitchen, creating amazing vegan food while dancing, spending time with my husband, son, and furry kids, traveling, and learning more about the progression in animal sheltering (workaholic or nerd, you decide).

