

Sandy Simmons

I started my career in Animal Welfare in 2011 as an Animal Control Officer for the County of San Diego Department of Animal Services. I eventually moved into the role of Senior Animal Services Representative and found a new passion of supervising in this field. In 2018, I moved back to the bay area and after a short break, started working for the Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter as an Animal Care and eventually Client Services Supervisor. I took a short break from the field from July 2021-November 2022 where I worked for another passion of mine, Mixed Martial Arts. I was the Manager of Fighter Operations for Bellator, but I quickly realized Animal Welfare was my true passion. After a much-needed break, I had the amazing opportunity to join Santa Barbara Humane as the Director of Shelter Services. I am coming up on my two-year anniversary and couldn't be happier.