

Suzy Clayton

Suzy has over 15 years of professional experience in operations and a proven track record of success in animal sheltering leadership roles. Her passion for animal welfare began with extensive experience volunteering 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 quickly promoted to Rescue Supervisor before transitioning to Placement Manager. Suzy's leadership was instrumental in centralizing the foster and rescue program across four campuses, building transparent relationships with stakeholders, and unifying a team of Foster & Rescue Specialists.

With her proven history of initiating positive change through the creation of written procedures and innovative proposals, in February 2023 Suzy stepped into a new role as Intake2Placement Program Coordinator for the County of San Diego Department of Animal Services where she has executed an organizational social media strategy and successfully developed and implemented essential programming to ensure efficient and thoughtful placement of animals including weekly animal pathway planning discussions.