

## JESSICA WIEBE

Santa Barbara County Animal Services

Community Programs Manager

With over 15 years of animal welfare experience, Jessica has now taken the leadership role in disaster planning and response for Santa Barbara County Animal Services. She has spent the majority of her life in Santa Barbara County with five generations of family ranching and raising livestock. With a passion for animal welfare instilled at a young age, she initially pursued her career in the State of Colorado until moving back to California in 2009. Jessica started out in private practice as a Veterinary Technician with specialties in surgical and laboratory medicine. Since joining Santa Barbara County Animal Services in 2011, she has held many roles, including Animal Control Officer II, Volunteer Liaison, Responsible Pet Ownership Supervisor and Public Information Assistant. Jessica has worked boots on the ground for numerous disasters, including the Thomas fire which was shortly followed by the Montecito Debris Flow in 2018, until taking the lead role in 2019. She has deep roots in her Santa Barbara County community and is committed to providing the tools and knowledge to prepare them for future disasters.

During her time off, Jessica, with her husband, two sons and five dogs, enjoys camping, fishing, and kayaking. When not in a pandemic, the family can usually be found on soccer and football fields at least 3-4 evenings a week!