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I realized my passion for rescue about 8 years ago when I came across three little feral kittens and their mom. I spent a week trying to trap them and when I finally did it was like something clicked for me. "Ah yes, this is what I've been missing!" From there I started trapping and finding homes for kittens on my own. I quickly realized that this was where my passion was and decided to volunteer for FieldHaven. As soon as I started, I had another ah ha moment that this is the type of place I want to work and eventually help run one day! So, I quit the simple and easy office job I had and took a job with Sacramento County Animal Services on the cat/kitten foster rescue team.

What a jump in job fields! In my three years there I gained so much valuable knowledge on all aspects of shelter/rescue work. While there I was able to help increase the live release rate alongside some amazing people by doubling the number of cats and kittens sent out to foster and rescue. I was also able to assist creating and starting an in-house ringworm treatment and protocol with the medical staff and volunteer coordinator. I liked to refer to my role as the "catch all" position, so anything that there was no answer or solution for, typically fell on me. That forced me to have to adapt and be creative but also allowed me to learn so much in such a short time! I eventually left the shelter to work at a cat clinic as a veterinary assistant to gain more knowledge in the medical side of things. And now here we are as the Operations Manager of FieldHaven!