

## **ERIKA ANDERSON**

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Program and Development Manager

Erika grew up on a ranch in a rural farming community in the Central Valley where she learned a lot about caring for animals. Erika has worked in different areas such as Human Resources, Marketing, and Consulting but she is excited to have landed in the animal welfare world. Erika has a Master's Degree in Communication Studies from California State University, Chico, where she focused on organizational and political communication. Erika lives in Santa Cruz with her partner and their one-eyed bulldog. She currently works with the Santa Cruz County Animal Shelter as the Program and Development Manager and is an Adjunct Faculty member at Cabrillo Community College where she teaches Public Speaking. As Erika is dedicated to public service and prides herself on being a lifelong student, this program is the perfect fit as she works to gain further understanding and knowledge of the animal welfare field.