

Crystal Sheldon

I have been working with animals almost my entire adult life. I have worked at a reptile pet store, doing presentations to kids, and caring for all sizes and types of animals. I worked at 3 veterinarian offices, both in the front and the back, doing everything from checking in clients, holding animals to cleaning up the hospital. I have a bachelor's in biology, option in zoology through Cal State Long Beach and went on to obtain a certificate in zookeeping through a program in Spokane, WA. After obtaining my certificate, I cared for and assisted in training large cats and grizzlies (lions, tigers, and bears, Oh My!) for the film industry. I was unable to find a career in zookeeping, but that led me to become an Animal Control Officer where I can put all the knowledge and training I have obtained to good use. I have been with the City of Westminster Animal Control for 9 years and am the senior ACO.

Although my zoo at home has diminished in size, it is no less chaotic. My reptiles are now gone, and I have 1 small cat instead of 3. I now have 2 wonderful little boys who are starting to explore and enjoy the world around them. I look forward to learning more and connecting with others who share my love for animals.