

## Gina Catallo-Kokoletsos

Gina has been involved in animal sheltering since 2009 when she became a Dog Behavior Intern at a local humane society. Despite graduating from CSU, Chico with a Liberal Studies/Linguistics degree and a plan to pursue teaching, she felt called to continue working with shelter animals. Gina became an Animal Services Associate for the City of Chico Animal Shelter in 2012 and was promoted to Animal Services Technician in 2016. Gina briefly pursued a position as an Animal Control Officer in Sacramento in 2017, but missed working in a shelter and went back to work at the Chico Animal Shelter. In 2020, Gina received her certificate in Animal Shelter Management through University of Pacific. As of October 2023, Gina was promoted to Animal Services Manager for the City of Chico, where she oversees both the animal shelter as well as animal control services.

Gina's favorite parts of her job are grumpy chihuahuas, working with fearful dogs, and helping reunite lost animals with their people. Gina spends her free time with her 2-year-old daughter and husband of four years. Gina's pet family includes three small dogs, and a special needs foster dog she took home "just for the weekend" nearly three years ago, and two cats (including an indoor toothless feral cat that she has still never touched after four years.)