

LAUREN HAMLETT

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Wildlife Manager

Lauren has been working at Pasadena Humane since 2017 where she started as a part-time seasonal tech and quickly found her way into the program manager position, which means coordinating care and directing the intake of injured wildlife for rehabilitation and release. She also speaks throughout the community about how LA County residents can live harmoniously with their wild neighbors. She grew up in Claremont, California with an array of dogs and cats as well as the occasional crayfish, hermit crab, fish, frog, and other seemingly odd pets. She has always been passionate about animals and the natural world, leading her to complete substantial pre-vet coursework, but ultimately earned a Bachelor's degree in English Literature. Unable to stay away from the wild, she spent many of her college semesters studying the classics and philosophy in the Sierras outside Yosemite. Post-grad she spent time living on a sheep dairy in Washington State then moved to Kodiak, Alaska for several years to work in education. Lauren found her way back home to California in 2015 and worked for a few different private animal care companies as well as the LA Zoo, finally settling in at Pasadena Humane. Lauren is very excited about the future of animal welfare as it pertains to wildlife rehabilitation, conservation, and education. She believes that the future of sheltering is inextricably tied to wildlife advocacy, care, and rehabilitation; that it is immensely important to forge a pathway forward that provides the same level of dedication and resources to wildlife as to domestic companion animals. She has come to love birding, is an avid Jeopardy! Viewer (RIP Alex), and spends her free time smelling flowers around the Huntington Gardens or reading in her hammock while her big dog, Dodger, tries to catch squirrels and grasshoppers.