

Vanessa Hidden

California native, Vanessa started working professionally with animals in the veterinary field 8 years ago. She has focused her career on non-profit animal welfare via various roles in foster care management, shelter medicine, veterinary outreach, community cat management and providing accessible pet resources in SF Bay Area communities. Previously leading the shelter medicine support team at East Bay SPCA and more recently, spearheading the veterinary outreach initiative at Pets In Need through their multi-county veterinary financial assistance programs and mobile veterinary outreach programs, Vanessa now works as the Manager of Medical Operations for Humane Society Silicon Valley.

Vanessa and her husband, Lucas, share their East Bay home with 3 cats, 3 hens, and a senior Pekingese. In their free time, both Vanessa and her husband enjoy playing ice hockey in various local leagues. Vanessa aspires to be a leader that drives collaboration and innovation through partnerships, research, and strategic planning to achieve shared goals that benefit entire communities. Dedicated to life-long learning, her current passion involves driving creative solutions in the veterinary field to develop more accessible, equitable and sustainable systems that benefit both humans and animals.