

Vanessa Lopez

I am the Veterinary Practice Manager for Santa Barbara Humane. I have been in the animal care field for over 20 years. It has always been my passion to work with/for animals. I recently relocated to Santa Barbara County but am originally from Kern County.

I started working at my first job as a kennel attendant, then quickly moved my way into a veterinary assistant position and within 4 years I was on my way to becoming a Registered Veterinary Technician. I obtained my RVT license in 2008 and have kept it ever since. I continued my education and obtained my Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. Throughout my career I have worked in a lot of different aspects of the field that included emergency medicine, general practice, fast paced clinics, shelter medicine, and I even taught at a private junior college. There was a time when I wanted to move on and start new in a different direction, but I found my love of the field again when I worked with my students and in shelter medicine, and that is what brings me here. I believe that my past experience has been a foundation to help me help as many animals, and the people who love them, in the future.

In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my family, which includes my son and husband and our 17-years-old dachshund "Bullet". I enjoy reading or spending time watching a good movie or series. As a family we enjoy hiking and trying new places to eat.