

Daniel Lavetter

I started my career in sheltering recently – February of 2021. Before that, thanks to patient parents, I grew up with a menagerie my brother and I acquired of dogs, cats, guinea pigs, rats, rabbits, lizards, snakes, salamanders, spiders, birds, fish, frogs and who knows what else we brought home. I volunteered at the San Francisco Zoo when I was in junior high on their Nature Trail as well as with a cat rescue organization in Beijing, China.

My educational background is in Anthropology / Archaeology which I have never used officially outside of school. I moved to China after college with the plan of staying for six months to a year and then finally left after 16 years... I was a teacher, a magazine and book editor, worked for the Olympics, a tour guide and manager for a travel company, and managed the operations side of an air purifier business in my time there.

Since moving back, I worked at a circuit board company and a bird decoy company managing sales and logistics. Finally, I decided I needed to do something I care about and luckily found my current role at the Humane Society Silicon Valley as Manager of the Community Services department and absolutely love it!

I spend most of my free time with my dog, who came in as a surrender my third day on the job and will shortly be trying not to neglect him as my wife and I expecting our first kid in April.