

## Deidra Metzler

I have been in the animal welfare field for over a decade. I started out in general practice as a veterinary technician, but really found my passion in high volume high quality spay/neuter and shelter medicine while at HOPE Animal Foundation in Fresno, CA. I obtained my Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from Ross University and my Master of Public Health in Veterinary Public Health from the University of Missouri.

I returned to the San Joaquin Valley to work at a blended emergency medicine/general practice hospital in Bakersfield, CA. After gaining invaluable clinical experience I came back to the shelter medicine world serving as the Medical Director for the City of Bakersfield Animal Care Center. I have since moved on to work with the City of Bakersfield Animal Control Unit holding community vaccination clinics, Shafter Animal Control as the Premise Veterinarian, and two non-profit high volume high quality spay/neuter organizations (Spay Neuter Imperative Project performing sterilization surgeries, and Simi Valley Non-Profit Spay & Neuter Clinic serving as the Medical Director for their new Bakersfield location). I have a passion for collaborating to promote the greater cause and efforts of the animal welfare industry. I also enjoy teaching and hold study/review sessions for individuals trying to sit for the Veterinary Technician National Exam. I am a workaholic because I truly love what I do, but in my spare time I enjoy spending time with my animals, traveling and listening to audiobooks.