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My almost sixteen-year career in Animal Welfare happened in part due to a fluke. I am a native the City of Fresno where I was born and raised. After graduating I moved to the City of Riverside and completed a bachelor's degree in Political Science/Law & Society from the University of California, Riverside. My professional career led me to various sales and logistics jobs until the great recession where I found myself unemployed. I ventured to test for an Animal Control Officer Position with Kern County Animal Control, and low and behold, I got it. This position found me square in the middle of many of my loves - law, animals, and education. I have often stated that this job it the greatest thing I never knew I always wanted.

I became the Animal Control Manager for the City of Shafter in 2013 and have seen my department grow into the multifaceted, program driven, and standard bearer that it is among rural facilities. I look forward to the wealth of knowledge I will gain in the coming months.