

## Katie Hart

Katie began her professional career with animals in 2004 working with the “happiest horses on earth” at the “happiest place on earth”, at the Circle D Corral at Disneyland. For over 10 years, Katie cared for the resort’s animals that varied over the years but always included draft horses (Belgians, Percherons, Clydesdales, and Shires) cattle, goats, and sheep. Katie also worked with the Wetlands and Wildlife care center in Huntington Beach, CA, where she assisted in rehabilitating injured and sick wildlife.

In 2015, Katie opened her own horse training business. Katie expertly guided horses and their owners to fair and balanced relationships in the discipline of driving. Katie also expanded her work for a small family run carriage company driving horses in parades across California, participated in holiday events, and gave daily carriage tours through the vineyards of the Temecula valley.

In 2019, Katie returned to Disneyland to enter their emerging leadership program and quickly obtained a leadership and training role with the company. In 2020, just as the pandemic was shutting down Disneyland and the world, Katie began her career as an animal control officer with Santa Barbara County Animal Services (SBCAS). Katie has since assisted in saving the lives of thousands of animals. Katie’s favorite calls include requests for service to rescue wildlife, with snakes and hawks being her favorites, and handing investigations for neglect and cruelty. She enjoys educating animal owners on humane animal keeping practices and finds a compassionate approach often yields lasting results.