

## Oliver Lacosta

Oliver began a career in the animal world after 10+ years working up to management in the bar/service industry. After sending his totally under-qualified resume to every animal related job listing in the state of Texas, he received just one interview invitation from the Ringworm Cat Adoption Program at Austin Pets Alive!, and happily accepted the job offer.

In less than a year, Oliver became the Feline Leukemia Program Coordinator, right in time for the on-site FeLV adoption center to shut down due to COVID safety precautions. He navigated the program to an almost entirely foster-based structure, increasing intake numbers by 23% and adoption outcomes by 37%.

In 2022, he returned to California to be closer to his family where he has since served as the Rescue Supervisor at Joybound People & Pets, and currently approaching two years as the Feline Foster Program Coordinator at Contra Costa Animal Services. Oliver spends his free time daydreaming about adopting a dog even though his four cats, three stepchildren, and various bottle baby fosters occupy most of his attention.