

# MICHAEL HILDEBRANDT

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My journey started as a volunteer at the Humane Society of Atchison, Kansas (AHS) completing community service hours for high school, and from there it took off! I worked at AHS for about four years. During time there, I cleaned kennels, managed volunteers, administered vaccines, and my favorite assignment of event planning. After graduating from high school I moved to Las Vegas, NV and joined the Army National Guard. In April 2011, I began working at The Animal Foundation (TAF) located in Las Vegas. There, I was a supervisor in the kennel department responsible for 18-20 employees. My time at TAF was quite a journey. The shelter would see about 50,000 animals a year, most of which would come through my department. I moved to Sacramento in early 2014 and began working for the City of Folsom at the Folsom Zoo. I started in the ticket booth and eventually got into zoo keeping some days. Some of the animals I took care of included: macaques, squirrel monkeys, zebras, deer, bobcats, wolves, and a hybrid, and some farm animals. In July 2015, I began working for El Dorado County Animal Services as an Animal Control Officer. There I would deal with a lot of livestock, fire evacuations, and wildlife. Now I currently work for the City of Elk Grove. My favorite part of animal welfare is getting to help and being a part of something bigger than myself.