

Susan Salcedo

I currently work as a Social Worker for the Monterey County Social Services Department. I work specifically with the IHSS program to assess individuals with mental or physical limitations. I've been working for the county 6 years now. Before working with the county, I worked as a Quality Assurance Officer/Office Manager for a non-profit for 17 years. I managed an office where the main focus was to provide case management services and referral. I find that I've always worked in the service of my community in one capacity or another. One achievement that I am proud of was identifying a family with an overpopulation of cats and assisting this family to spay/neuter over 30 cats. I was also recognized as SW of the year 2020 for my outstanding dedication to my community.

I was born here in Salinas but started traveling at an early age working in the farm labor as it had been all I knew from my family and has helped me identify with the Hispanic community. I've been a proud Salinas native and have always had pets as part of my life.

I got involved in rescue when I fostered a pregnant dog 8 years ago and got all pets secured in rescue. Understanding the impact that had I got more involved learning from those in rescue. I volunteer for POMDR, mostly at events. I transport for different rescues as needed. Volunteer for Snip Bus with scheduling, translating for Spanish speakers and on weekends if time permits volunteer at events. I educate the community through a Facebook group that I run and also network for rescues as many families request assistance. I also connect families to low-cost vet services for medical emergencies and emergency foster at times and assist SCAR or POMDR doing home checks for potential fosters or adopters.

My skills and areas of expertise vary as I get involved in every aspect of rescue, spay/neuter, education, transport and translating. I have years of experience with cultural awareness that allows me to be more effective when educating and assisting my community for the betterment of our pets.