

## Ashley Flores – Director of Animal Behavior & Training



Ashley Flores, CPDT-KA, brings more than 18 years of experience working in animal behavior and training to the Director of Animal Behavior and Training role at Great Plains SPCA. Ashley is a Missouri native, having moved to the Kansas City area to attend the University of Missouri at Kansas City. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Geography and Special Studies in Meteorology and Atmospheric Sciences but quickly felt a calling to direct her professional career towards animal behavior and training. Ashley studied under the Council of Certified Professional Pet Dog Trainers (CCPDT), has been CPDT-KA certified and American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizen (CGC) certified for seven years and certified in Kansas for ten years in humane euthanasia. She also earned certification for Behavior Pharmacology and Separation Anxiety through Heartland Positive Dog Training Alliance (HPDTA) Training. Before beginning her professional career, Ashley volunteered at Springfield Humane Society and with Missouri Pit Bull Rescue. Her first professional behavior role was as a Personal Training Coordinator/Dog Trainer at Wayside Waifs for four years, and she has been in her current role with Great Plains SPCA for seven years since. Currently, Ashley serves as the Board Secretary for HPDTA and is a member of the Association of Professional Dog Trainers. Ashley and her husband, have a six-year-old daughter, Great Plains Alumni dog named Willa Blue, Catahoula Leopard, and cat named Meeka. In her free time, Ashley enjoys spending time outdoors, traveling, meditation, art and reading.