



GREAT PLAINS SPCA
Heroes for pets. Partners for life.

Executive Leadership Team



Lauren Hacker

**OPERATIONS AND HERO
PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

About Lauren

Lauren Hacker joined the Great Plains SPCA over 10 years ago, working on the weekends while she attended the School of Visual Arts at the University of Kansas. Her weekend job evolved into a career, progressing into multiple roles prior to her position as Operations and HERO Program Director.

In addition to her vast knowledge and experience in the animal welfare industry, Lauren holds a variety of animal and rescue certifications including receiving national certification as an Animal Control Officer and Animal Cruelty Investigator from Colorado State University.

Lauren's training and certifications in animal disaster response has been put into action during numerous natural disasters and large-scale animal seizures. She has worked under and assisted multiple national organizations with boots on the ground search and rescue efforts. Lauren has always had a passion for animals, animal behavior, and the human animal bond. She embraces the human component of the companion animal equation. Her job allows her to inspire actions that improve the relationship between a person and their pet, ultimately improving the quality of life for that pet.

Lauren lives in Kansas City and shares her life and home with three Great Plains SPCA alumni dogs.