

Joseph Navarrete is currently the Interim Manager for the Downey Animal Care Center. He began his career as an Animal Care Attendant in 2009 at the Baldwin Park Animal Care Center and has been promoted through the ranks. As an Animal Control Officer, he enjoyed working in the field, helping the people and animals that he encountered. Over his years of service, he strived to “be a voice for the animals”. He is also a member of the Departmental Animal Response Team (DART).

Joseph holds a Bachelor of Science in General Engineering Degree from Cal State Los Angeles, which helped develop his skills in problem solving and innovation. Before joining the Department of Animal Care and Control he worked for a motorcycle company in Big Bear Lake, California. Living there he developed a love for nature and wildlife as an amateur photographer and artist. He has always had pets in his life. In 2016 he adopted his family’s current pet “Blue” a 7-year-old, tan, Husky mix. During Joseph’s free time he enjoys spending time with his family, trips to Disneyland, and restoring classic cars.