Since he was a child he has lived with cats at home, marvelling at their agility, life and behaviour. This was one of his reasons for studying Veterinary Medicine at the University of Chile. There, he got involved with the Alianza Gato Andino, which led him to live alone for more than 1 year and a half in the desolate altiplano of Chile to look for the Andean cat and pumas. Thanks to this, he got the first photo of an Andean cat in a camera trap in Chile in 2005. Since then, Rodrigo has dedicated his work to search for the Andean cat study its range and to raise awareness in local communities about how to mitigate the conflict with carnivores. Most recently, Rodrigo is a PhDc in Conservation Sciences at the University of Minnesota studying the conflict between pumas and humans in northern Chile. He has created and is the coordinator of Seeking the Andean Cat, the first Andean cat documentary, and the Andean Cat Alliance’s Conflict Mitigation Program, which addresses the conservation of this beautiful feline in a multidisciplinary way covering areas from ecology to art to raise awareness of its threatened status.