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He is a young enthusiast who likes cats and wildlife in general. He knew about the Andes as a child, that's where his spirit to learn about wildlife was born, as well as the taste for documentaries about nature. During his high school he liked collecting albums about wild animals, that's where he met the Andean Cat and decided that he would study this little-known species at that time.

He studied biology at the National University of San Agustín in Arequipa, where he collaborated as a volunteer at the Natural History Museum, and that is where he focused on studying the Andean cat, which led him to support Juan Reppucci and Cintia Tellaeche as a volunteer in 2014, to place radio-collars on high Andean felines, having his first encounter with an Andean Cat. Upon his return to Peru, he managed to obtain the first photographic records of Andean cat, in his study area; In 2016, he founded the Association for the Conservation of Biodiversity PRO CARNIVROS, from where studies are conducted on Andean cats in southern Peru. Since 2017 he is a member of the Andean Cat Alliance, and collaborates as a representative of AGA in Peru. His lines of interest are the human dimensions for the conservation of wildlife and the use of camera traps for the study of elusive species such as the Andean cat.