

Giovana Gallardo / Education Coordinator.

Since Giovana was a child, she always felt a particularly strong connection with nature. As a Bolivian-Canadian scientist, she has been working on conservation and education projects both in Bolivia and Canada for more than 20 years. She learned a lot of what she knows today by observing nature with curiosity and connecting with other living beings. She is a biologist (Universidad Mayor de San Andrés/Bolivia) and MSc in Management and Conservation of Natural Resources (Universidad de Los Lagos/Chile). She is passionate about everything that allows us to live in harmony with our universe. Her biggest dream is to contribute to a paradigm shift in which we promote a more empathetic future between humans, animals, and the natural world. Her first contact with the Andean Cat was in the Sajama National Park, where she worked to mitigate conflicts between humans and high Andean carnivores such as the puma and the fox. The Andean cosmovision and the respect that the native communities had for the Andean Cat led her to question the power that our emotions and perceptions of a species has on its conservation. This was the milestone that motivated her to train in other areas such as education, neuroscience, psychology, compassionate communication, among others.