

Ricardo Pino / Collaborator Member

From a very early age, Ricardo was attracted to animals and nature. He lived his childhood surrounded by the feline company of kittens that his grandmother adopted every year. Maria, Musi and Fenix were the first, Jupiter, Nube and Aura later, and the "fire cats" Baltazar and Bianca, the most recent. Ricardo's interest in cats and deep respect for many other species led him to study veterinary medicine. He is a vegan activist fascinated by carnivores, oh the ironies of life!

Since he met the Andean cat, he felt a deep call to protect who he considers a deity on earth. Currently a wildlife consultant and researcher, he has participated in numerous collaborations with AGA members. He leads the Leopardus Austral project, which aims to record the Andean cat south of its currently known range in Chile and to provide information about the entire carnivore community of the central Chilean mountain range on issues such as carnivore-livestock conflict and methodological considerations in environmental impact assessments. He is determined to fight for wildlife conservation and respect for the lives of non-human animals.