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CONICET. Besides being a teacher of Natural Sciences in secondary schools, since the year 2000 she has been developing activities of community participation and education for the conservation with children in rural schools in the high Andes zone and in the Patagonian Steppe of Argentina. She spent these years with a mix of laughter, murmurs, hugs, local aromas, lots of humor, like the circus with which we approach schools, and above all a lot of passion, which has led her to share experiences, information and games about the Andean cat, her environment and its conservation to children and adults from numerous remote locations.