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Curriculum Vitae

Cummins grew up in the hills of Los Angeles, California rescuing baby bunnies, squirrels and even a fawn by the age of six. She continued to rescue all types of animals on her own, for other groups and for local animal shelters.

Animal Advocates is an IRS recognized 501 3c non-profit organization which was formed in 2002. Cummins is a licensed wildlife rehabilitator specializing in small mammals including but not limited to coyotes, bobcats, foxes, skunks, raccoons, opossums, squirrels and bats.

Education

- 1982 Beverly Hills High School Dean's list, swim team, water polo
- 1984 University of Southern California Dean's list, swim team, scholarship

Professional Education

- 1982 Emergency Medical Technician I
- 2001 Wildlife Paramedic I Basic training for wildlife emergency response
- 2003 IWRC Basic rehabilitation skills seminar, two day course, 13 hours
- 2004 Opossum Society, Opossum rehabilitation
- 2004 HSUS Animal Care two day seminar in Reno, Nevada
- 2005 Rio Hondo Police Academy PAC 43.76 PC 832 Arrest - Modules 1 & III
- 2005 Rio Hondo Police Academy PAC 43.77 PC 832 Firearms - Module II
- 2005 Animal Law Enforcement Academy, San Diego Humane Society and SPCA. 80 hr's approved by CVMA, sponsored by the State Humane Association of California
- 2005 American Humane Association Euthanasia by Injection Certificate
- 2005 American Humane Association - TV & Film, "No animals were harmed" one week training program.
- 2006 Pasadena Police Department Certificate of training Tazer X26
- 2005 LA Animal Services, Mitigating animal related injuries in the shelter environment
- 2005 LA Animal Services, Reptile care and handling
- 2005 LA Animal Services, Horse care and handling
- 2005 LA Animal Services, Wildlife care and handling
- 2010 Desert Studies Center, Southwestern bats, research techniques, Dr. Patricia Brown-Berry, 42 years experience with bats
- 2011 Humane Society University, Animal First Aid for Disaster Responders

Professional licenses, permits past and present

- 2004 CA Department of Fish and Wildlife wildlife rehabilitation permit
- 2001 LA City gun permit
- 2003 Los Angeles City wildlife permit
- 2003 USDA exhibitor's permit
- 2004 CA Department of Fish and Wildlife trapping permit

Awards and acknowledgements

- 2003 Certificate of appreciation for assisting EARS in the wildfires
- 2003 Certificate of appreciation from the City of Los Angeles
- 2009 Certificate of appreciation from LA Animal Services
- 2013 Top-Rated Award by Great Nonprofits
- 2013 Top Non-Profit Los Angeles Business Journal

Publications, articles

- 2002 "What to do when you find a baby squirrel"
- 2002 "What to do when you find an injured squirrel"
- 2003 "How to reunite squirrels babies with their mothers"
- 2003 "How to trim trees with wildlife in mind"
- 2003 "How to properly care for un-releasable squirrels"
- 2003 "How to build proper caging for wildlife"
- 2003 Cat Fancy Magazine, "Mama Mia"
- 2003 "How to humanely deal with coyotes"
- 2004 "Rehabilitation of tree squirrels" manual.
- 2004 "Rehabilitation of ground squirrels" manual.
- 2004 "Rehabilitation of skunks" manual.
- 2004 "Treatment of Malocclusion in Squirrels," Co-author Dr. Bill Ridgeway
- 2004 "How to trim rodent teeth"
- 2004 "How to make pet squirrels wild again"
- 2004 "How to set up a wildlife referral system in animal shelters"
- 2005 IWRC, "Journal of Wildlife Rehabilitation," "Raising baby tree squirrels from weaning to release"
- 2000-2015 Over 500 wildlife, animal articles written for blogs, newspapers, online media and others

Selected media

- 2003 Animal Planet "Beverly Hills Vet, Squirrel Rehabilitation"
- 2003 CADFG "Scrawl of the Wild"
- 2003 LA Times "Rodent poisoning project angers animal activists"
- 2004 Cable television show "Wildlife Rescue," six episodes, Doggy TV
- 2004 Gardena Valley News "Helping furry friends survive urban jungle"
- 2004 KROQ radio interview with Scott Mason
- 2005 Discovery Channel "The Undetectables, Squirrel Care"

- 2005 LA Weekly "A Billionaire's Bark"
- 2005 KROQ radio interview with Scott Mason
- 2005 Thousand Oaks Acorn "Public outcry over slain tiger loud—but not universal"
- 2005 LA Times "Urban remedies: Dealing with new arrivals"
- 2005 Thousand Oaks Acorn "Public outcry over slain tiger loud-but not universal"
- 2005 LA City Beat "Welcome to the jungle"
- 2006 Daily News "Stuckey stays on as \$50,000 City consultant"
- 2006 Book "Squirrels: The Animal Answer Guide"
- 2006 Daily News "County relaxes restrictions on llamas, animal rehab"
- 2006 Daily News "Council hears Stuckey critics"
- 2006 LA Times "Fired City Official's appeal in limbo"
- 2007 LA Times "Opossums: your garden's evening clean-up crew"
- 2009 LA Times "Your morning adorable, baby skunks and the handstand dance"
- 2010 Martha Stewart "A gopher named Charlie"
- 2010 Martha Stewart "A second chance for Charlie"
- 2010 LA Times "Your morning adorable: rescued rabbit enjoys a meal"
- 2010 LA Times "Your morning adorable: rub a dub dub, raccoons in a tub"
- 2010 Top YouTube pets video channel in March
- 2011 Ventura County Star "City says bats remain at Moorpark home"
- 2011 CBS Los Angeles "Moorpark Says Homeowners Not Doing Enough To Fight Bats"
- 2011 NBC "WeHo one step closer to fur ban"
- 2012 Santa Monica Patch "Wild Animal in Town? Call on Us, Vet Says"
- 2012 Santa Monica Daily Press "Groups want policy change after mountain lion death"
- 2012 ABC "IDA Rally held in Santa Monica in protest of fatal shooting of mountain lion"
- 2012 NBC "Animal-Rights Group Protests Santa Monica Mountain Lion Shooting"

Social Media

- Over 64,000 Facebook fans
- Over 3,500 Twitter followers
- Over 5,000 YouTube subscribers
- Over 8,000,000 video views on YouTube

Experience

- 2001- Present Wildlife rehabilitation. Rescued over 6,000 wild animals with a release rate over 90%
- 2001- Present Wildlife education, presentations to Oasis, Crossroads school, LA Animal Services, Best Friends super adoption, Temple Beth El private school and many others
- 2001- 2006 LA Animal Services, animal shelter volunteer
- 2003 Dept of Fish & Wildlife cleanup of Tiger Rescue, volunteer
- 2003 City of Buena Ventura no-feed plan for wildlife
- 2004 New wildlife policy approved in Los Angeles City

- 2005 American Humane Association - TV & Film, "No animals were harmed" team
- 2006 Amendment to LA County zoning which allows wildlife rehabilitation
- 2006 Redid the LA Animal Services website, added "Adopt a Pet" feature
- 2006 Birth control program for squirrels in Santa Monica
- 2006 Assistant to Director of Found Animals Foundation
- 2010 HSUS NDART team cockfight raid Nipomo, CA
- 2011 HSUS NDART team 150 dog rescue Lucerne Valley, CA
- 2012 City of Santa Monica Mountain Lion Task Force with IDA
- 2013 Expert Opossum Witness for PETA for opossum lawsuit
- 2013 Expert Animal Cruelty Presentation for Animal Defense League Animal Law School
- 2013 Presentation for California Attorney General "We Love Wildlife!" Campaign

Committees/Task forces

- 2004 LA Animal Services Spanish language Committee, Spay and Neuter Committee, Wildlife Committee, Adopt-a-thon Committee
- 2005 LA City, Councilman Zine Coyote Task Force
- 2005 Approved by Mayor to be a commissioner for LA Animal Services
- 2006 LA City Proposition F Committee
- 2008 Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) National Disaster Animal Response Team (NDART)

Professional memberships

- California Council for Wildlife Rehabilitators
- National Wildlife Rehabilitation Association
- International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council

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