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Bio:

Kelly DeBaene, DVM, MPH is the Epidemiologist and Quality Improvement Manager for the Santa Cruz County Whole Person Care pilot program. Dr. DeBaene earned her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and her Master of Public Health from the University of Illinois-Chicago. In addition to 6 years of experience working in veterinary private practice and animal shelter medicine, she completed the California Epidemiologic Investigation Service (Cal-EIS) fellowship for Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency's Public Health Division. As a Cal-EIS fellow, she worked with multidisciplinary partners on a variety of projects primarily related to emergency preparedness, infectious diseases, and substance use. She also serves as the director of Santa Cruz Veterinary Street Outreach, a new community program providing basic veterinary care to animals of pet owners experiencing homelessness.

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