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I was born and raised in Statesboro, Georgia and received a M.T. in Environmental Science from Georgia Southern University. I graduated with a B.S. in Animal Science from Berry College. Currently, I serve as an epidemiologist for the Southeast Health District of the Georgia Department of Public Health following three exciting years as the vector surveillance coordinator for the 24 counties of the Southeast and Coastal Health Districts. Working with the knowledgeable people from various public and private sector mosquito control entities was an enjoyable learning experience. I was an inspector for both the Georgia State Departments of public health and agriculture. I have been fortunate to gain clerical, management, and communication skills while working in a contracted post office as well as with college administrative offices and retail stores. My experience with wildlife, domesticated livestock, and pets is extensive and includes work with farms and veterinary clinics. I supervised the herpetology section of the GSU Center for Wildlife Education, cared for bears and large cats at a sanctuary, and assisted with a peregrine falcon release project. I see education as the path towards bettering our local community and planet.