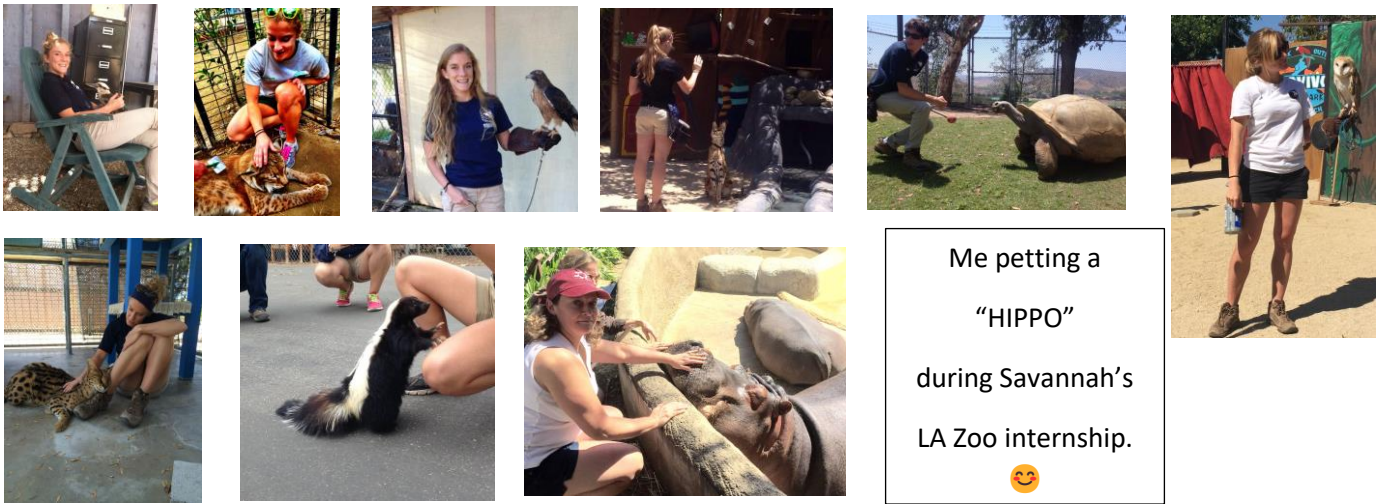


# How "Zootastic Classic" came to be...

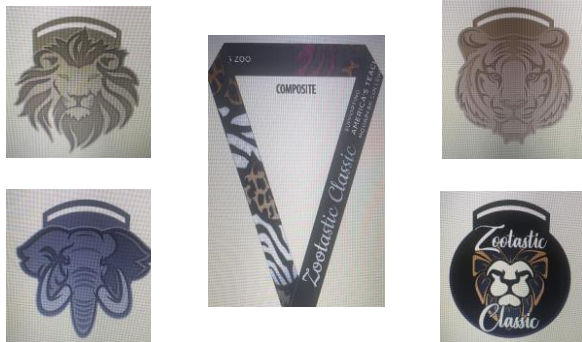
During the whole Covid Pandemic situation, I was forced into making some changes in my life. In doing so, I found myself having time to pursue some of my other life's passions. This was a good thing. However, I was not ready for the sport of Gymnastics to be out of my life. One day, my husband asked me, "Why not take your other passions and incorporate them into one?" During some soul searching, I realized my passions were gymnastics, coaching and animals. After several weeks thinking of how to do this, I came up with the idea of holding a gymnastics competition at a zoo. What an experience it could be! From there things started to form into REAL possibilities!

The Zoo of choice was a no brainer... America's Teaching Zoo in Moorpark was already a part of my life. My oldest daughter attended and graduated from Moorpark College's EATM program. EATM stand for "Exotic Animal Training Management". After a few phone calls and conversations with the Zoo Manager, the Moorpark College Athletic Director, and the Moorpark Administration my competition is now a go. I am so very excited! I hope you and your athletes will join the first ever, **"2023 Zootastic Classic"**. I plan to make this event an unforgettable one!

## Some photos of my daughter during her time at EATM



## Unique Awards



## Athlete's Gift

