

Animal Care Position

December 2023

Full Time/CCF SOMALILAND

Hargeisa, Somaliland, Africa

Pay Rate: \$800/month (accommodation and food provided)

CHEETAH CONSERVATION FUND (CCF) is the oldest and longest running program dedicated to cheetah research, education, and conservation. Our CCF Somaliland project is growing, and we are actively seeking adventurous people with a great dedication to and a passion for wildlife to join our staff.

CCF is currently seeking a full-time ANIMAL CARE KEEPER for its cheetah rescue facility in Geed Deeble, Somaliland. The CCF facility provides housing and veterinary care for cheetah cubs confiscated by the Somaliland government authorities from the illegal wildlife trade. The position requires keepers to work with a team of local and international keepers, veterinarians, and vet techs under the supervision of the Project Manager, Animal Care Manager, and the Project Director. Applicants have an opportunity to make a daily difference in the lives of the rescued cats, help educate about the importance of preserving wildlife and work alongside Somaliland people, providing another opportunity to learn a new language and culture.

Main Duties:

- Assure a high standard of animal care husbandry and health
- Duties will include but are not limited to all aspects of the daily management of the cheetahs and other animals in our care including cleaning, feeding, enrichment, detailed record keeping, behavioral observations, diet preparation, general maintenance, husbandry training, and assisting with veterinary care
- Interact with visitors and guest to the facility
- Required to work 45 hours per week, however due to the job, longer hours may be required to care for the animals and facilities
- Mentor local staff on proper animal husbandry with cultural considerations
- Other duties as assigned by the Managers

Requirements:

- Willing to relocate to Somaliland, Africa
- -2+ years animal husbandry experience
- Ability to follow protocols and policy and help review and develop new materials with the Management team
- Calm demeanor, with good communications skills and able to work and live effectively with a team of co-workers
- High level of responsibility and personal drive
- Experience in delivering environmental and wildlife education programs
- Driver's License with good driving record and the ability to operate vehicles with manual transmission
- Effective written and verbal communication skills, must be fluent in written and spoken English
- vaccination against COVID-19/tetanus/rabies prior to start date.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Degree in animal sciences (biology, zoology), environmental education, animal management or a comparable subject
- 3-5 years of experience in the care of captive large carnivores, preferably big cat species
- Experience with animal training, especially training for medical behaviors
- Experience with Microsoft Excel and Google Drive literacy