

CHEETAH CONSERVATION FUND – NAMIBIA

Job Title: Head Carnivore Keeper

Reports to: Executive Director and General Manager.

Job Overview: The applicant will manage the carnivore department under the guidance of the Co-Founder / Executive Director and General Manager. This role involves all aspects of daily husbandry within the carnivore department (Cheetahs, African painted dogs and other carnivore species), daily management of staff/interns and working guests and the management of daily operations within the Carnivore department. This role requires a self-motivated and approachable individual who is confident and able to demonstrate exceptional animal husbandry and welfare skills.

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Hands-on management of all aspects of daily carnivore husbandry and care.
- Responsible for all training of captive carnivores.
- Perform basic veterinary duties such as cleaning of wounds, administering medication, injections and fluid therapy.
- Responsible for carnivore nutrition and ensuring meat stocks are managed effectively.
- Supervise Animal Care Assistant, interns, volunteers and working guests. Implementing proper training and safety protocols.
- Teaching all interns, volunteers and working guest's husbandry techniques and high standards of animal welfare.
- Perform public presentations, interact with important donors and VIP guests.
- When necessary, attend cheetah pick ups within Namibia and perform critical care upon arrival. Help co-ordinate removal/rescue of cheetahs within the community.
- Keep accurate and detailed records on all carnivores (resident and released).
- Responsible for keeping detailed records of the skeleton inventory (both physical and computer database).
- Ensure appropriate permits are in place through out the year and legislation is adhered to for all carnivores.

Qualifications:

- Minimum 3yrs experience with cheetahs.
- Minimum 5yrs experience in animal care/husbandry.
- Must have a Degree in animal related studies.
- Must have experience with cheetah in a free contact setting.
- Extensive knowledge of carnivore conservation, more specifically cheetah conservation.
- Extensive and specialist knowledge of cheetah husbandry and care. (Cub rearing experience helpful).
- Specialist knowledge of African Painted dog husbandry and care.
- Experience in managing staff and teaching interns and volunteers.
- Experience with animal training and implementation.
- Basic veterinary knowledge preferable
- Experience in carnivore nutrition and health care.
- Must be comfortable and confident to give daily educational talks to guests and important VIP guests.
- Must be able to manage own time very well, be highly motivated, accurate and efficient under pressure, physically fit, confident and positive.
- First aid trained with humans.
- First aid trained with canine and felines.
- Must be able to drive stick shift.
- Must be incredibly flexible with working hours and days off.
- Effective written and verbal communication skills (must be fluent in written and spoken English).

If you meet the qualifications and wish to apply, forward a .pdf of your CV and a letter explaining your interest to jobs@ccfnamibia.org . Email application only: phone /fax/mail applications will be ignored.