

CHEETAH CONSERVATION FUND – SOMALILAND

Job Title: Animal Care Position

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Reports to: Head Keeper, Project Manager and Director Full Time/CCF SOMALILAND
Hargeisa, Somaliland, Africa

Job Overview: CCF is seeking a full-time ANIMAL CARE KEEPER for its cheetah rescue facility in Hargeisa, 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 the public about the importance of preserving wildlife and work alongside Somaliland people, providing another opportunity to learn a new language and culture. In addition, this Keeper position will work with our team towards the development of a permanent cheetah sanctuary in Geed Deeble Reserve, in a natural area outside of Hargeisa city.

Responsibilities and 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 guests to the facility
- Required to work 45 hours per week, however due to the nature of the job, longer hours may be required to care for the animals and facilities
- Other duties as assigned by the Managers

Requirements:

- Willing to relocate to Hargeisa, Somaliland
- 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

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

Compensation:

- Housing and meals provided
- Nonprofit payrate

If you meet the qualifications and wish to apply, forward a .pdf of your CV and a letter explaining your interest to SLKeeper@cheetah.org. Email is the mode of communication related to the opportunity.