

CHEETAH CONSERVATION FUND – SOMALILAND

Job Title: Veterinarian

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

Job Overview: CCF is seeking a full-time VETERINARIAN to serve for 6 months or longer at its cheetah rescue facility in Hargeisa, Somaliland. The CCF facility houses and cares for increasing numbers of cheetahs, (currently 70+ between cubs and young adults), all confiscated from the illegal wildlife trade or human-wildlife conflict. Many of these cubs are in poor shape when we receive them, often malnourished, dehydrated, etc. and are very young requiring hand rearing. The position requires the veterinarian to live and work onsite 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. The clinic is well stocked with drugs, blood machines (hematology and biochemistry), portable x-ray machine and ultrasound machine

Responsibilities and Main Duties:

- Assure a high standard of animal care managing the preventative health care and routine health care of all the animals
- Duties will include but are not limited to all aspects of the daily care of the cheetahs and other animals in our care: husbandry duties, diagnostic techniques (including blood and stool both clinical and for research), managing the clinic, inventory, clinical databases, etc.
- Because confiscated animals usually arrive in poor health, their care may be extensive to stabilize their health.
- Interact with visitors and guests to the facility
- Longer hours may be required to care for the animals when they first arrive.
- Support capacity building through teaching local veterinarians about wildlife and cheetah care
- Other duties as assigned by the Managers

Requirements:

- Willing to relocate to Hargeisa, Somaliland (Horn of Africa).
- 2+ years qualified as a veterinarian. Required experience with small animal and experience on feline medicine and/or wildlife is desired.
- 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
- 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:

- 2+ years of experience in the care of captive, large carnivores, preferably big cat species
- Experience with training for medical behaviors
- Experience with Microsoft Excel

Compensation:

- Accommodation, entry visa & food provided
- **Nonprofit pay rate**

If you meet the qualifications and wish to apply, forward PDFs of the following to director@cheetah.org and dr.lauriemarker@cheetah.org. Email is the mode of communication related to the opportunity.

- CV, with two references and Country issuing passport
- A letter explaining your interest, salary range expectation, and Date you are available to start