



Cheetah Conservation Fund Somaliland

Position: **Veterinarian**

Contract length: Negotiable, 6 months or longer

Paid position: (non-profit salary)

Accommodation, visa & food provided

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

CCF is currently seeking a full-time VETERINARIAN for its cheetah rehabilitant facilities in Hargeisa, Somaliland. The facilities provide housing, husbandry, and veterinary care for over 86 cheetahs and a leopard confiscated by government authorities from the illegal wildlife trade and human-wildlife conflict. Position works with a team of veterinarians, vet techs, and animal keepers under the supervision of a Project manager, Animal Care Manager and Project Director. Most of the work is clinical but includes animal husbandry and may involve visits to external sites to administer care. Veterinary training to local veterinarians and students as well as community outreach programs are also part of the job.

Main Duties:

- Provide ongoing veterinary care and husbandry care for the animals living at the CCF facility in Hargeisa
- Manage the onsite clinic, including inventory, maintenance, and hygiene
- Maintain the clinic data base and electronic records
- Coordinate regular meetings with the international CCF team on health status of the animals
- Supervise the veterinary technicians, volunteer veterinarians, students and interns working with the vet team
- Coordinate with the animal keepers to ensure good internal communication
- Interact with visitors and guests
- Represent CCF at meetings with cheetah project stakeholders in Hargeisa and the region
- Other duties as assigned by the Project Director and Project Manager

Requirements:

- DVM or other equivalent veterinary medical degree
- 2+ years as a veterinarian, preferably with big cat or other wildlife
- Willingness to relocate to Hargeisa
- Ability to manage control protocols and treatment of medical and surgical cases
- Confident executing preventative and routine health care of the cheetahs and leopard, including vaccinations, and parasite control
- Conducting fecal analysis
- Conducting necropsies
- Effective written and verbal communication skills; must be fluent in written and spoken English

Preferred Qualifications:

- On the ground, hands on experience working with a conservation organization (in Africa preferred)
- Willingness in participating in ongoing research
- Willingness to mentor incoming veterinary students
- Laboratory research experience
- Proficient in Word Suite and other online data bases
- Ability to operate vehicles with manual transmission (not critical)

What we Offer:

Non-profit salary, local housing and meals provided. One round-trip airfare ticket for each year of continuous employment.

Please send your CV in English as a PDF with a cover letter and references.

Send your application materials to Jessica Sorrentino jess@cheetah.org and copy to Dr. Laurie Marker director@cheetah.org