

Job Title: Livestock Guarding Dog Programme Manager

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Reports to: Executive Director

Job Overview: The applicant will be responsible for all aspects of the Cheetah Conservation Fund's (CCF) on-site and off-site Livestock Guarding Dog (LSGD) Programme. The applicant will use expert knowledge, training and experience to oversee the care, breeding, placement and post placement monitoring of CCF's LSGDs. This will include but not be limited to sustaining a high standard of care through health monitoring and nutrition for the LSGDs, the overseeing and management of all LSGD enquiries and maintaining and updating all records regarding the programme. Furthermore, the applicant will assist with the human-wildlife aspect involved relating to the LSGDs. Finally, the applicant will, where needed assist with other on-site animal husbandry including the livestock and cheetahs.

Responsibilities and Duties:

- Management, and direct care aspects of CCF's on-site and off-site LSGD Programme including daily care of the LSGDs, breeding, placement and placement monitoring of dogs with farmers.
- Coordinate and oversee the repair and maintenance of all LSGD programme enclosures.
- Coordinate and assist with volunteer orientation and daily scheduling as it relates to the LSGD programme.
- Respond and oversee enquiries regarding LSGD programme and re-home LSGDs when necessary.
- Coordinate and assist the veterinary team on routine health care and procedures of LSGDs.
- Uses expert knowledge to conduct and assist with research on various aspects of the LSGD programme including but not limited to LSGD placement on farms, LSGD effectiveness and general LSGD husbandry.
- Liaison with farmers with regards to human-wildlife conflict and provide education to LSGD owners.
- Responsible for updating and maintaining Filemaker Pro database records.
- Assist with courses, deliver lectures on LSGDs and reducing Human-Wildlife Conflict both at CCF and off-site programmes.
- Organize and conduct extension visits, farmers meetings and agricultural shows.
- Use expert knowledge to manage and educate interns and volunteers regarding the LSGD programme.
- Assist in writing and editing articles for newsletters, e-letters, press releases, trade publications and any other articles required. Furthermore, for the preparation and publication of release-related scientific articles.
- Assist with other aspects of CCF research such as game counts.
- Assist with other animal husbandry (feeding and cleaning) as needed, including CCF livestock and cheetahs.

Qualifications:

- Master's degree in an animal related study i.e. Animal Behaviour or Biology from an accredited university.
- At least 5 years of working with domestic canines in a reputable institution.
- A minimum of 2 years' experience in numerous aspects of both domestic and livestock guarding dog husbandry and care including but not limited to nutrition and health, behaviour and training.
- A minimum of 2 years' experience in the reproductive cycles, breeding and the raising of litters of domestic canines.
- A thorough understanding of human-wildlife conflict and livestock management.
- High level of experience of managing and educating volunteers and interns.
- High level of experience of giving educational talks to visitors and VIP guests.
- Effective written and verbal communication skills (must be fluent in written and spoken English)
- Experience and demonstrable ability with the Filemaker Pro relational database software platform.
- Individual must have a positive attitude and be highly motivated, self-managing and an ability to work well under high pressure.

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 . This position requires extreme computer literacy and fluency in English. Email application only: phone/fax/mail applications will be ignored.