



Cheetah Conservation Fund Somaliland

Position: **Veterinarian Technician**

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 VET TECHNICIAN 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:

- Assist in providing ongoing veterinary care and husbandry care for the animals living at the CCF facility in Hargeisa
- Assist in the upkeep of the onsite clinic, including inventory, maintenance, and hygiene
- Maintain the clinic data base and electronic records
- Take notes during regular meetings with the international CCF team on health status of the animals
- Assist the veterinarians in coordinating with the animal keepers to ensure good internal communication
- Interact with visitors and guests
- Other duties as assigned

Requirements:

- Degree or training as a veterinary technician
- 2+ years as a veterinary technician, preferably with big cat or other wildlife
- Ability to follow protocols and instructions and assist with medical and surgical cases
- Confident in assisting with preventative and routine health care of the cheetahs and leopard, including vaccinations, sub q fluids administrations, and parasite control
- Experience conducting fecal analysis
- Willingness to relocate to Hargeisa
- 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
- 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