



Animal Care Manager

CCF SOMALILAND

Full Time

Time: 6 months or longer

Hargeisa, Somaliland, Africa

CHEETAH CONSERVATION FUND (CCF) is the oldest and longest running program dedicated to cheetah research, education, and conservation. Our CCF Somaliland project is growing, and we are actively seeking an experienced, adventurous person with a great dedication to and a passion for wildlife to join our project as an **ANIMAL CARE MANAGER**.

The CCF facility provides housing and veterinary care for cheetahs confiscated by the Somaliland government authorities from the illegal wildlife trade. The position requires the Manager to work with a team of local and international keepers, veterinarians, and vet techs under the supervision of the Project Director, Dr. Laurie Marker, and the Project Manager. The position supervises a team of animal keepers and volunteers, works with a team of veterinarians, and assists with the coordination and conducting of environmental education initiatives. This is a working Manager position. Additional duties will include but are not limited to all aspects of the daily management of the cheetahs including cleaning, feeding, enrichment, detailed record keeping, behavioral observations, diet preparation, general maintenance, husbandry training, and assisting with veterinary care. The Manager will ensure a high standard of animal care at the CCF Centre and assist with the development of the cheetah facility at a new sanctuary being developed in Geed Deeble where cheetahs are to be housed, as it relates to animal care and management.

Main duties:

Animal Management

- Manage all aspects of animal husbandry, veterinary care, enrichment, and operant conditioning
- Management, supervision, and training of the animal caretaker staff and veterinary staff
- Evaluation and further development of cheetah management protocols, in cooperation with network of international experts
- Cooperation with Somaliland government authorities
- Coordinate the movement of animals in CCF facilities from the point of intake
- Interact with local stakeholders, such as project partners, professional associations and visiting guests of the Somaliland government
- Control and develop plans and implement new zoological strategies and concepts relating to animal safety and welfare
- Record-keeping and photo documentation of the animals in the project
- Other duties assigned by the Executive Director or Project Manager

Requirements:

- Willing to relocate to Hargeisa, Somaliland
- -5+ years animal husbandry experience
- Ability to follow protocols and policy and help review and develop new materials
- 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
- Experience in the care of captive large carnivores, preferably big cat species
- 3+ years Managerial Experience
- Experience with Microsoft Excel

Send a copy of your CV to Jessica Sorrentino jess@cheetah.org and CC Dr. Laurie Marker director@cheetah.org