

## **Veterinary Position – Specialist in Feline Coronavirus and FIP Management** Cheetah.Conservation.Fund.(CCF)

### **Position Overview**

We are seeking a dedicated and experienced veterinarian to join our team at CCF, specializing in the diagnosis and management of Feline Coronavirus and FIP in cheetahs. This role is integral to the care of rescued cheetahs, including the Northeast African (*Acinonyx jubatus soemmeringii*), Southern African (*A. j. jubatus*), and Asiatic (*A. j. raineyi*) subspecies, all victims of wildlife trafficking or human-wildlife conflict. A strong research interest is essential, as the position involves both clinical work and participation in CCF's research and outreach initiatives.

### **Key Responsibilities**

#### **1. Clinical Care and Diagnostics**

- Perform advanced diagnostics, including testing and interpretation for Feline Coronavirus and FIP.
- Manage FIP treatment using experimental and innovative approaches, ensuring optimal outcomes for the animals.
- Provide emergency care for rescue cheetahs and other big cats.

#### **2. Veterinary Operations**

- Oversee preventative and routine health care programs for resident cheetahs and domestic animals, including livestock guarding dogs, goats, sheep, cattle, and horses.
- Manage clinical equipment, including hematology and biochemistry analyzers, portable x-ray, and ultrasound machines.
- Maintain the clinic, including inventory management, hygiene, and supervision of veterinary support staff.
- Plan and conduct bi-weekly health care meetings, ensuring effective communication with animal care staff.

#### **3. Husbandry and Rehabilitation**

- Develop and implement long-term rehabilitation plans for rescued cheetahs
- Participate in hand-rearing young cubs during peak periods
- Collaborate with animal care staff to ensure comprehensive rehabilitation and husbandry practices.

#### **4. Education and Capacity Building**

- Educate local veterinarians, veterinary students, and animal care staff on FIP diagnostics, treatment protocols, and wildlife care.

- Engage with visitors and guests, providing insights into veterinary operations and cheetah conservation efforts.

#### **5. Research and Outreach**

- Actively participate in ongoing veterinary research projects, focusing on FIP in cheetahs and related feline diseases.
- Assist in maintaining and improving clinical databases and electronic medical records.
- Contribute to community outreach programs, including livestock health initiatives and rabies vaccination campaigns.

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#### **Candidate Requirements**

- A minimum of 4 years of veterinary experience, with a focus on feline medicine and wildlife care.
- Proven expertise in diagnosing and treating Feline Coronavirus and FIP in domestic and exotic felids (minimum 2 years)
- Strong interest in cheetah conservation and experience with different cheetah subspecies is highly desirable.
- Ability to work under challenging field conditions and adapt to a dynamic workload.
- Excellent communication and teamwork skills.