

## **CARNIVORE KEEPER**

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Fulltime | CCF SOMALILAND

Hargeisa, Somaliland

**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 passion for wildlife to join our staff.

CCF is currently seeking a full-time **CARNIVORE KEEPER** for its cheetah rehabilitation facilities in Hargeisa, Somaliland. The facilities provide housing and veterinary care for cheetah cubs confiscated by government authorities from the illegal wildlife trade. Position cares for cheetahs housed in CCF facilities in Hargeisa and assists with the coordination of environmental education initiatives that are presently in development. 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.

### **Main duties:**

#### Animal Management

- Management and supervision of the animal caretaker staff
- Evaluation and further development of cheetah management protocols, in cooperation with network of international experts
- Cooperation with Somaliland government authorities, to coordinate the confiscation and handover of animals intercepted from the illegal wildlife trade
- Coordinate the movement of animals in CCF facilities from the point of intake
- Interact with local stakeholders, such as project partners, interns, professional associations and visiting guests of the Somaliland government
- Lead and participate in meetings about cheetah care and movement
- Develop and implement new zoological strategies and concepts relevant to cheetah
- Control and develop plans relating to animal safety and welfare; present to team
- Record-keeping and photo documentation of the animals in the project
- Other duties assigned by the Project Director or Project Manager

#### Environmental Education

- Develop and help implement educational concepts focusing on animal and environmental protection for local audiences
- Coordinate and implement local education initiatives to promote project objectives, i.e. – the Somaliland celebration of International Cheetah Day, December 4th
- Assist in the recruitment of local interns and volunteers to help deploy educational programs
- Help develop environmental education networks by collaborating with project partners, interns, professional associations and the Somaliland government

**Requirements:**

- Degree in biology (majoring in zoology), environmental education, animal management or a comparable subject
- 3-5 years of experience in the care of captive large carnivores, preferably big cat species
- Calm demeanor, with strong leadership and communications skills
- Experience in delivering environmental and wildlife education programs
- Strong verbal communication skills, can make public presentations to local stakeholders
- Driver's license with good driving record and ability to operate vehicles with manual transmission
- Effective written and verbal communication skills; must be fluent in written and spoken English

**Preferred Qualifications:**

- On the ground experience working with a conservation program in Africa
- Experience working with felids in a rehabilitation setting is a plus
- Willingness to help develop, implement and coordinate educational concepts to address threats including illegal wildlife trade and farmer-carnivore conflict in an emerging society

**What We Offer:**

Salary plus benefits; local housing and meals provided. One round-trip airfare ticket for each six-months of continuous employment, or two trip tickets per calendar year.

Please send your CV in English as a PDF with a cover letter and include your salary range expectation and either three (3) letters of recommendation or three (3) references (name, title, phone number and email address). Please indicate the date you are available to start and the country issuing your passport.

PLEASE SEND APPLICATION MATERIALS TO:

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**Position is available immediately.**