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DEAR MRS MARKER,

I currently am a second-year student at ENVT, the French national veterinary school based in Toulouse. As part of my studies, I am looking for a 7-week internship from 15th of June 2020 to the end of July. The objective of this internship is to carry out a scientific work related to the animal world and to write a report. I saw on your website that you do research on genetics, behaviour or reproduction, subjects that I particularly like. So I would like to know if there are any internship opportunities with your team.

I am writing on behalf of Mrs MIGEON and Mrs PELTIER who did an internship in your centre in 2011 and 2017 respectively. I also watched some documentaries and reports about your foundation. For few years now, I have wished to become a wildlife veterinarian and to practise my job in a zoo. Thus I am particularly interested in wild animals and especially in threatened species. Few years ago I had the chance to visit some natural parks in Tanzania and I understood there, why it is so difficult to reintroduce cheetahs in the wild. I always have found cheetahs fascinating but understanding their hunting difficulties, the competition in wildlife and with locals was clearly fascinating. Doing my internship with you would be a great opportunity to learn more on cheetahs but also on African fauna in general which is widely represented in zoos. Moreover, I hope that I could help veterinarians working on site every day and learning from their experience with wildlife.

Thank to my previous experience in veterinary clinics, I learnt basic tasks such as taking blood samples or giving injections. I also can assist during surgeries. As you can see from my attached CV I also had opportunities to work in laboratories and become familiar with laboratory tools.

I am really motivated to participate to your work on cheetahs and in your reintroduction programs. I am a hardworking student and I do not have any problem to work alone or in groups. For my previous internship at INRA (the French National Institute on Agronomy Research) I had to take some decisions and to deal with a great amount of data. I am also aware of tasks I can manage and tasks for which I need some help. Finally, I am versatile and curious, thus, always ready to discover new things.

Do not hesitate to contact me should you have any question regarding the organization of this internship, the definition of the tasks I could carry out.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely Yours.