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Dear Madame, Dear Sir,

My name is Léa, I have finished school in June this year and I'll be 18 years old in December.

I feel I need to take a year off after finishing school to allow myself a year of reflection before embarking on a serious and probably life-changing university curriculum.

What I do know is that I am passionate about the study of sciences, and more precisely biology. I am also passionate about animals, wildlife and nature in general, which could lead me to studying animal biology.

I am therefore looking to spend a big part of my year of reflection participating in a volunteer project related to animal study and care, growing and learning through real-life experiences.

I feel I was born with this need and desire to better understand animals in order to care and protect them. I have been close to all sorts of animals since I was a child. Indeed, I have been riding and caring for horses since I was 6 years old. We've also always had cats and dogs at home and they are integral to our family and therefore are part of my daily life.

Obviously I have little scientific expertise but my energy, hands-on attitude and strong ecological values could certainly be of help to CCF. And I hope that learning through CCF and your teams will help me make the right choices when it comes to my university studies.

Before leaving Belgium for Namibia at the beginning of 2022, I am expecting to spend four months as a "free student", following biological science classes at the UCLouvain university. This should allow me to have a first taste of university life and get some theoretical aspects of animal biology.

The goal is that that experience, combined to the real-life experiences with CCF, will allow me to make wise study-related decisions.

Finally, rest assured, I am voluntary, conscientious and reliable; learning and getting my hands dirty do not scare me.

I look forward to joining you and your teams for many months of discovery.

Sincerely yours,

Léa

