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To the Cheetah Conservation Fund,

My name is Julie Hermansen, DVM, and I am a veterinarian from California. I have worked as a feline exclusive veterinarian for over 14 years, have an interest in wildlife conservation, and am applying to volunteer at the Cheetah Conservation Fund as a working guest.

While my career has exclusively involved domestic cats, I also have a love for their larger wild relatives. A few years ago, I was camping in the Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary and Jaguar Preserve in Belize and while there, I read "Jaguar" by Dr. Alan Rabinowitz. Learning about the efforts that conservationists do world wide to save wild cat populations was very inspiring to me, and made me realize that I would like to dedicate part of my life to wild cats and the conservation of their habitat. This desire to conserve wild cats has been further solidified as I have seen the beauty of felids in their natural environment in Tanzania, the Brazilian Pantanal, and in my own backyard.

I first learned of the work being done by the Cheetah Conservation Fund in 2016 when I heard a presentation by Dr. Laurie Marker. I attended another of her presentations in 2019 and am inspired by the conservation efforts by her and all the others at the CCF, both in Namibia and Somaliland. I would like to assist you in your mission to keep cheetahs in the wild and decrease the human impact on their population and survival. While this application is for your center in Namibia, I would also be interested in learning about opportunities at your facility in Somaliland. Further, the dates that I provided on the application form are flexible.

My career has required me to use science, medicine, passion, intuition, team work, and dedication to improve the lives of my patients daily. I would like to use these skills to assist you in your mission at the Cheetah Conservation Fund to enhance the lives and survival of cheetahs. I look forward to hearing from you and meeting you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Julie Hermansen, DVM