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Cheetah Conservation Fund

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RE: CCF Namibia Internship/Volunteer

Dear Heike,

Until I began my Zoo & Aquarium Science coursework with the Animal Behavioral Institute, I had only a general understanding of animal husbandry and wildlife conservation. And then firsthand experience with the animals at WildCat Ridge Sanctuary further opened my eyes to the immediate need to work for the protection of species against extinction. I was thrilled to discover the CCF Namibia Internship, knowing the impact CCF has on cheetah conservation worldwide.

My internship with Wildcat Ridge gave me the opportunity to safely work around an array of species, from livestock to exotic cats, cleaning enclosures, providing enrichment, creating specific diets, and administering medication. Through this position, I gained expert communication skills by working as a team with the keepers, where discussion and brainstorming was key to ensuring optimal animal welfare. Additionally, with experience in a wide array of fields working with many teams of people, I have come to value the importance of being driven by a common goal. I would be honored to be considered as a potential member of such a team, striving to save the cheetah through community outreach and animal protection.

I look forward to talking with you about this opportunity where I can take my passion for the conservation of cheetahs and channel it by interning beneath the best in the field. I hope to implement the theories and practices I am learning in order to carry out CCF's mission of impacting conservation, educating people on the importance of peacefully coexisting with native species, and providing the animals with the best welfare and husbandry possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,



Rebecca Siemens
