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Object: Veterinary Internship at CCF next summer

Dear Mister, Miss,

I am a third-year veterinarian student in Lyon (France) at Vetagro-sup. I am also a biologist student who follow a double cursus between the vet school and the ENS de Lyon where I sanctioned a bachelor in biology (2018).

I study veterinary medicine and get formation in biology (especially ecology) because I would like to work as a vet and researcher to protect the wildlife in France and abroad. I am very concerned about the ecological issues and the loss of biodiversity everywhere in the planet.

My passion for animals and their protection is not new, I have already done two volunteering missions as soon as I turned 18. I went three weeks in the south of France working in a refuge for turtles ("Le village des tortues"); I also worked as a volunteer four weeks in a wild brown bears refuge in the Croatian mountains.

These two summer experiences were unbelievable as an animal lover as well as a human being because it taught me how to work as a team, with responsibilities, with pressure to do the things well. Furthermore, I especially felt useful.

This summer, it would be my third summer as a veterinary student and after two years of others summer requirements (ethology internship and small animals formation) I would like to make an internship at your center in Namibia. This is the right time for me as I feel to be able to bring something valuable for the center.

I know about for this worldwide famous place since I am a young child as I watched documentaries instead of StarWars or Harry Potter. I felt in love with the work of the conservationists there in the African savannah. I chose to study veterinary medicine as well as ecology to be the more useful as possible in my future, looking to continue the conservation projects. The first step of my work in conservation is doing an internship for 4 weeks at the CCF. I am passionate about the work you do there: studying cheetahs natural behaviours and repartition, developing strategies to reduce human-cattle-wildlife conflicts, protecting cubs from traffic that is terrible to see from Europe. I deeply feel grateful to see the time and passion you dedicate to this terrific cause. That is why I would like to work by your side for a while, discovering the clinics, meeting the scientists (researchers, geneticists), developing my network, sharing abilities and experience.

As a veterinary student I will be able to help, as a biology student I will be able to bring my curiosity and sense of meticulous research work we learn at the ENS and at my two research internships I made (France and Sweden).

This intership is really crucial in my construction as a professional. Now I really want my experiences to be valuable and as I repeat, coming to CCF fits perfectly with it.

My projects after this summer will be to improve my knowledge of small animals medicine, cattle medicine and zoological medicine. I plan to do internships in zoos, hospitals.

In 2022 I will continue my research degree, doing a Ms of biology. That year I will have to do a six-months-long internship. I already need to think about it and my idea is to see how ecologists work at the CCF. This idea of "first contact" will be valuable for me and suitable.

I could have a better knowledge of what is conservation work in Africa and I could meet people that maybe I will be working with later.

To conclude, my veterinary internship next summer will be useful immediately for my medicine knowledge and abilities but even more for my personal construction and my search for an Ms internship.

I hope I succeeded in this short letter to express you all the motivations I have to come at CCF.
Best regards,

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