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Cheetah Conservation Fund

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To Whom It May Concern:

I was excited to learn recently of the opportunity to join your team in Namibia as a volunteer. I feel that not only would my education and experience allow me to assist the Cheetah Conservation Fund in a variety of ways, but ultimately my passion for conservation perfectly complements CCF’s mission to save the cheetah from facing extinction.

I am currently employed as an animal trainer at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park. I work with a variety of species of trained animal ambassadors with the intention of both connecting guests to wildlife and spreading awareness of numerous conservation issues that many species are facing around the world. While I love my current job, I am also interested in getting more involved with in situ conservation. Working in conservation is a job that requires passion and relevant skills in animal management and education, both of which I have gained from my experience with cheetah ambassadors at the Safari Park. Because of this experience, I am confident that I could help maintain CCF’s level of excellence with animal care and welfare.

With degrees in psychology and exotic animal training and management, I have gained versatile skills that allow me to excel in caring for animals in managed care as well as honing professional interpersonal skills and public speaking. In addition to my education, I have held numerous animal care positions in a variety of facilities, including native species rehabilitation programs with California sea lions with SeaWorld Rescue and native birds with Project Wildlife.

Please refer to the accompanying resume for details of my experience and education. Feel free to contact me by phone (408) 691-1598 or email at acappelli@sandiegozoo.org. I am confident that I can offer you the expertise in training and animal management you are seeking. I believe that once you review my resume and connect to discuss my qualifications you will find that I am truly passionate about fighting for conservation and that I am an excellent candidate for your volunteer program.

Thank you for your time and consideration—I look forward to learning more about this opportunity!

Sincerely,

Alanna Cappelli