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To whom it may concern,

Please consider this my letter of intent/cover letter for the Cheetah Conservation Fund. My attached resume outlines my educational and professional experiences.

I learned of the Cheetah Conservation Fund through opportunities provided by the international veterinary medicine program at Tufts University. I have always had an interest in the conservation of wildlife, more recently my interests have begun to encompass large felids. I have recently been searching for potential experiences focused on African big cat conservation and/or theriogenology.

Unfortunately, I have had little experience with these species of large cats, with my only hands-on encounters occurring during job shadowing opportunities at zoos. This lack of experience however, is the driving factor behind my passion for their conservation. I hope to learn how I can help in their conservation and then spread that knowledge to others. I make up for what I lack in direct experience through my prior research and work experiences. During my volunteer work with Alternative Breaks, I learned how to track an endanger species of bird in their natural habitat, navigate a marsh via map and compass, and record data in a geographic information system. An important lesson for me during that experience was the feeling of giving back to something bigger, not only at a community level, but a global level. This is the same feeling I am hope to acquire after participating in the summer research program.

Thank you in for your time and consideration. If you have any further questions, please contact me at (810)247-6980 or via [Trevor.Copes@tufts.edu](mailto:Trevor.Copes@tufts.edu). I look forward to our meeting and discussion of my future plans.

Sincerely,

Trevor J Copes