



Wildlife in Trade Programme Conservation Canine Project Coordinator Vacancy

Purpose of the Position: The Endangered Wildlife Trust is one of the largest biodiversity conservation NGOs in southern Africa and is seeking to employ a Conservation Canine Project Coordinator in its Wildlife in Trade Programme.

Illegal and/or unsustainable wildlife trade is one of the most significant global threats to biodiversity. Wildlife trade is escalating in southern Africa and the mission of the Wildlife in Trade Programme is to curb the impacts of illegal and/or unsustainable wildlife trade through targeted interventions along the trade chain. One such intervention is our Conservation Canine Project, which works to prevent and detect wildlife crimes.

Duties:

The Conservation Canine Project Coordinator will ensure the implementation of the EWT Conservation Canine Project. This includes:

- Day to day coordination and implementation of the Conservation Canine Project;
- Ongoing strategic development of the Conservation Canine Project, including developing new areas of work and unlocking opportunities.
- Providing training, assessing and moderating the Safety and Security Sector Education and Training Authority (SASSETA) NQF DH (Dog Handling) 1-6 training course;
- Providing training and refresher training to the EWT Conservation Canines.
- Ensuring that all EWT Conservation Canines and EWT handlers are annually accredited and evaluated.
- Facilitating the integration of the use of EWT Conservation Canines into operations at appropriate locations where they will be effective in the fight against wildlife crime.
- Ensure the financial sustainability of the Conservation Canine Project (this includes fundraising, engagement with donors, ensuring all donor commitments are met and ensuring financial security of all the EWT Conservation Canines for their full estimated lifespan);
- Develop and nurture new partnerships and relationships with donors, governmental agencies and private sector companies for the benefit of Wildlife in Trade Programme and the EWT at large.
- Maintain and service existing partnerships and relationships with donors, governmental agencies and private sector companies for the benefit of WITP and the EWT at large.

Qualifications and Experience required:

- Certified as dog handler and completed the SASSETA NQF DH 1 – 6 course;
- Qualified as an assessor through SASSETA;
- Private Security Industry Regulation Authority (PSIRA) registration would be beneficial;
- Extensive excellent track record of training working canines and experience training canine handlers and in managing canine units;
- Experience of working with a wide variety of role-players, including intergovernmental agencies, government officials (including those with an environmental and law enforcement mandate), NGOs, the private sector, communities, staff and volunteers.
- Demonstrated ability in conceiving and developing new areas of work.
- Demonstrated management abilities, formal management training would be beneficial;
- A high degree of self-motivation and pro-activity, excellent administrative skills, excellent organisational skills, and the proven ability to work under pressure.
- Excellent report-writing skills for a variety of audiences.
- A passion for conservation and our natural heritage.

Competencies required:

- Ethical and compassionate attitude to working with animals
- Proficiency in all Microsoft Office programmes.
- Strong writing skills.
- Strong project coordination and people management skills.
- Experience in and ability to speak publicly.
- High degree of self-motivation and pro-activity.
- Good administrative skills and good organisation skills.
- Knowledge of a second South African language would be beneficial.
- Valid SA driver's license, and suitable off road and long distance driving experience.

Interpersonal skills:

- Disciplined, innovative and energetic.
- Excellent staff management skills.
- Excellent communication and networking skills.
- The ability to work both independently and as part of team.
- Strong people skills and an approachable manner.

This position is based at the EWT's Head Office in Johannesburg but may require travel to various project sites on a regular basis. The Endangered Wildlife Trust is an equal opportunity employer. Applicants are requested to submit a CV, and a detailed motivation as to how and why they would be the best possible candidate for the Conservation Canine Project Coordinator. Applicants who have not been contacted within 15 working days of the closing date must please assume that their applications were not successful. The EWT reserves the right not to make an appointment. All applications will be treated in the strictest confidence. Closing date: **30 April 2019**. To apply please email your CV and a detailed letter of motivation to Emma Chisare, the Human Resource Assistant, emmac@ewt.org.za or Private Bag X11, Modderfontein, 1645 or fax to +27 086 636 5823