



## Wild Animal Volunteers

**Duration:** Minimum 2 weeks

**Location:** Oudtshoorn and Jeffreys Bay

There is something truly special about being up-close and personal with wild animals that need your nurturing care! If you are passionate about wild animals and want to make a difference in their lives, then this is for you. The rewards and benefits are two-fold: we give you an experience of a lifetime and you assist us in our conservation efforts.

Here are just some of the wonderful highlights to look forward to when joining our program:

- Interacting with our ambassador, Cheetah
- Working with a host of fascinating and endangered animals from White lions, Cheetahs, Pygmy Hippos to Ring-tailed Lemurs
- Optional tours of the local & surrounding attractions & area

### **AN EXAMPLE OF A DAY IN THE LIFE OF OUR WILD ANIMAL VOLUNTEERS**

Whilst there is a routine in place, the time schedule is not fixed and may change, as they have to be ready to act in any eventuality.

Below is a typical day as a wild animal volunteer (Mon-Fri):

08:00 – 10:00: Morning duties, which include cleaning cheetah, tiger and other animal exhibits and night houses. Food preparation for cheetah and tiger cubs as well as other big cats and animals e.g. flying fox, spotted neck otter.

Feeding will follow this.

10:00 – 10:30: Tea Time.

10:30 – 12:00: If there are cubs or babies, they are taken for a run/walk to give them exercise. Preparation is done for enrichment activities to stimulate all our animals on the ranch keeping them happy and healthy.

12:00 – 13:00: Lunch Time.

13:00 – 16:30: Now it's time to provide various animals with their enrichment toys and notes are taken on their progress, which are archived for future use. There are always plenty of ongoing maintenance jobs and projects which we expect all our volunteers to get involved in.

### **APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS**

- No previous experience is required
- You need to be fit and healthy
- At least 18 years of age, and not older than 70
- You should be able to speak & understand English sufficiently
- You must not be scared of getting down and dirty (no make-up here!)
- You must be extremely passionate about wild animals
- Volunteers need to be at least 1,55m tall to interact with some of our adult cats, but this will not hinder you with the rest of the program or animal interaction at all.

Please note, that regardless of your dietary preferences, our big cats enjoy meat and you may be required to assist in the preparation of their meals which is usually donkey and horse meat (this can also involve removing meat from the bone and working with or near the carcasses).

You may also be required to clean enclosures including fecal matter.

**Vaccinations Recommendations:**

- **Tetanus:** A recent tetanus injection is highly recommended
- **Hepatitis A and B:** Recommended

**What's included:**

- Shared accommodation with bedding and bath towels
- Breakfast every day, and lunches and dinners on Mondays to Fridays only
- Transport from George airport on Mondays and to the airport on Sundays

*Hard work is a guarantee, but the rewarding experience you will have is also guaranteed!*