

## **Veterinary Job Description**

Located in Cross River State, Nigeria and nestled in the some of the last primary rainforest in the Cross Sanaga Faunal Region, Drill Ranch is a primate rescue, rehabilitation, and breeding center for the highly endangered Drill Monkey (*Mandrillus leucophaeus*). Drill Ranch is also an orphanage for 27 rescued chimpanzees, 12 Sclater's Guenons, and various other endemic species in the region. Drill Ranch has 2 project sites; Drill Ranch Calabar is the project HQ located in the state capital and Drill Ranch Afi, home to 6 groups of Drills living in semi-natural electrified enclosures and 25 Chimpanzees.

### **Responsibilities:**

- Health and well being of all animals at Drill Ranch, including domestic animals. This includes being involved/providing oversight in the procurement of animal food and other general animal husbandry needs.
- Training of Nigerian veterinarian for capacity building purposes.
- Administration of any medications/treatments when necessary. This includes prophylactic deworming following established Drill Ranch protocols.
- Basic fecal/hematological microscopy and other lab work
- Routine health checks under sedation/anesthesia following drill ranch protocols. Includes inserting microchips and tattoo of animal stock number.
- Administration of contraceptive implants in adult female drills.
- Thorough record keeping using existing drill ranch forms and then data entry into a digital database.
- Routine Maintenance of Drill Ranch veterinary clinics and equipment.

### **Qualifications:**

- Degree in Veterinary Medicine
- Experience with primate medicine, especially great apes, is preferred
- Experience working in a developing country with a preference towards experience in West Africa.

### **Other Desirable Qualities:**

- Skills outside of veterinary medicine (cooking, electrical, driving, etc.)
- Fundraising
- Good sense of Humor
- Ability to adapt to new situations
- Organized and Hygienic

### **Duration**

- A minimum of 6 months is preferred, ideally longer if possible.

### **Remuneration**

- This position is currently a volunteer position, but we are working on funding to provide a modest stipend.
- Housing is provided on site at both project sites as well as food and other basic living expenses(internet, electricity, basic household items)
- Domestic Transport within Nigeria is covered by the project