



Job description – Vegan Chef **Vervet Monkey Foundation, Tzaneen, South Africa**

This position will fulfill the needs of the Vervet Monkey Foundation by ensuring our ever increasing numbers of volunteers, interns and staff are provided with nutritionally complete, varied and tasty vegan meals throughout their stay and by participating in our vegan outreach initiatives.

Reporting directly to – Sanctuary Manager & Josie Du Toit

Full time voluntary position with occasional on call duties

Length of period: Long term, min 1 year (preferably longer)

Working hours – anytime between 6am - 7pm (some overnight baby shifts possible in babyseason Nov – Feb). The co-ordinator will be responsible for their own working hours with a 7am start depending on what tasks need completing.

Visa requirements – 1-3 year volunteer visa, please check with your local embassy for updated information. You will usually need to apply within your home country.

Responsibilities:

- Providing (with the help of volunteers and potential intern) 2 vegan meals per day (lunch and dinner) for our volunteers, interns and staff members
- Ensuring that all allergies and food sensitivities are taken into account and alternative meals are provided when necessary (including, gluten free, nut free, soya free, etc)
- Driving and participating in vegan outreach initiatives
- Encouraging civil, non-judgemental discussions about veganism and conservation amongst volunteers and staff
- Assisting with vegan workshops onsite to educate and encourage volunteers to adopt plant-based when they return home
- Attending volunteer meetings on Wednesday evenings at 6.30pm and participate where necessary.
- Attending staff meetings and participate where necessary.
- There will be the opportunity to become involved with fundraising, promotion projects and other.

This list is not exhausted and may vary depending on season or changes to the foundation.

Attributes required for the position:

- Excellent organization skills, particularly related to kitchen items
- Reliable, flexible, patient and responsible
- Vegan advocacy and outreach experience
- Basic computer skills – word and excel
- Able to create a daily ever changing work schedule
- Manual driving license (preferred)
- Able to speak to volunteers in groups between 1-40
- Work on own initiative
- Perform all tasks in the best interest of the foundation, monkeys and the volunteers.
- Certificate in First Aid (not essential)
- Strong interest in wildlife conservation
- Able to work in a hot climate at times
- Able to work as a team leader with people of different personalities and backgrounds
- Able to live and volunteer in the same community of people with changeable dynamics
- Positivity & enthusiasm

Qualifications / Experience:

Min 4 GCSE's with further education or equivalent
 Experience in supervising / managing people (preferred but not essential)
 Previous volunteer experience / experience with animals
 Min of 2 years in the working environment

Accommodation provided & living conditions:

Basic accommodation includes - staying in a wooden cabin which includes 1 pillow, 1 bed & mattress, 1 sheet, 1 pillowcase, shelves.

There is no electricity at the village but a few solar lights.

Electricity is provided at the main cottage to recharge items such as cell phones etc.

Eco-toilets and bush showers with hot and cold water

Main meals are eaten at the cottage & are all vegan, no meat, fish, cheese, dairy or eggs to be brought on to the premises. We ask you to adopt a vegan diet whilst here.

Cottage area comprises of – kitchen area with fridge, dining tables, internet computer, electricity. Patio area.

Location – Tzaneen:

Climate is tropical being hot and humid in the rainy season, summer Nov – Feb and dry and cooler in winter May – October.

Tzaneen is not a malaria area but Kruger park and other local attractions are, prophylactics can be used and obtained via the doctor in Tzaneen if necessary

Tzaneen town is 25km from the centre with a shopping mall.

Approx situated 1 hour from Kruger National Park

Working environment:

The foundation is 25 hectares in size with over 570 vervet monkeys.

Working partly outdoors, supervising and introducing volunteers to some areas involves walking up a slight hill. Applicants must be physically fit.

Carry a radio to communicate with others on site, carry a cellphone at all times. Please note there will be times when volunteers will ask questions outside of working hours, this is part of communal living and so we ask people to see it as enjoyable getting to know people rather than a hindrance.
Admin – using a computer

Holiday:

You are entitled to one and a half days off per week and 15 days holiday per year to go touring at quiet times and providing we have enough cover. The number of days will increase by one per year until you reach max of 20 days per year. Please note it's not always possible to have days off, it's essential to ensure that everything is looked after before having a day off. Longer working hours are also possible for this position.

Public holidays – you will normally be asked to work whole days on public holidays unless there is sufficient cover whereby it may be possible on occasions to have a half day.

If interested in this position, please contact info@vervet.za.org for more information and to set up a skype interview. To learn more about the work we do, visit www.vervet.za.org