The Global Conservation Force (GCF) K9 Anti-Poaching Unit (APU) Project is designed to improve the skill sets of animal care and conservation professionals. The program is based at the GCF K9 Anti-Poaching Unit Kennels in the Eastern Cape of South Africa. The daily activities of volunteers will include animal husbandry, getting hands-on working with the GCF K9 team. Experiencing true “training for a purpose” will have you invested in the conservation mission we serve at GCF.

OUR MISSION

The goal of the K9 APU Project is to provide a hub for rangers in anti-poaching and wildlife protection to learn, grow, train, and ultimately succeed. Our partners at Kilo9 Kennels are focused not only on building confident K9s, but also confident and educated handlers. In this program, we offer the opportunity to learn first-hand how to successfully navigate caring for and preparing K9s and their handlers for work protecting wildlife.
TRAVEL

Volunteers must arrange their own airfare traveling to and from South Africa. The closest airport at which the Program Coordinator will pick up/drop off is East Gate in Hoedspruit, a short connecting flight after landing in Johannesburg or Cape Town.

AM I ELIGIBLE?

The program is open to zookeepers, animal care staff, veterinarians and veterinary technicians, dog trainers, those in a related field, or those with comparable experience. Candidates from an unrelated profession MUST be vouched for by a credible source in advance.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants must submit a resume or CV, cover letter explaining why they are a good candidate, and 3 references (personal or professional, preferably one from a current or most recent employer).

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BE ADVENTUROUS!

Work days can be long and busy; however, additional outings such as game drives, village tours, and national park visits can be arranged during your stay for an added cost.

STAY FOR A WHILE

We require each volunteer to stay for a minimum of 2 weeks to a maximum of 3 months. This gives participants the opportunity to fully immerse themselves in training, education, and daily operations. Preference will be given to volunteers willing to stay for extended periods. We provide shared housing as part of the program and a Program Coordinator will be present to help you as needed.