**Job Description: Head of Veterinary Services**

**Job Summary:**

The Head Vet will be responsible for veterinary care, animal welfare at the Mefou Primate Park and Mvog Betsi Zoo.

Reporting to the Director and Site Co-Ordinators of Ape Action Africa, you will be the line manager for veterinary technicians and vet students of Mefou Park.

There will be a requirement to travel to both sites weekly. Flexibility is required depending on the needs of the project.

**Role and Responsibilities:**

**Integrations**

* Work with the management team to help design, carry out and observe integrations. Your presence is required for all Initial observations.
* Ensure that all health checks, vasectomies, proper vaccinations and microchips are done before integrations or when animal is being relocated for integration into new group.

**Animal supervision/welfare**

* Working with the management team to ensure that daily rounds of all enclosures and satellite cages are being carried out. Daily monitoring of food washing and distribution, water availability, animal condition and enclosure/cage condition.
* Ensure proper quantity and quality of food is being measured and distributed to all groups. Work to identify and fix nutritional gaps and food waste during different food seasons.

**Veterinary**

* Diagnose and delegate distribution of proper dosage and treatment for all necessary animals.
* Organizing and carrying out all procedures when needed such as new arrivals or sick/wounded animals.
* Ensuring constant training and skills building with vet techs.
* Calculate doses and prepare darts for escaped animals.
* Facilitate escape protocol with management team during escapes, darting or hand injecting animals depending on situation and organizing proper observations of animals under anesthetics.

**Miscellaneous**

* Assist the management team in any administration work or other projects as requested.
* Writing of veterinary reports at end of year and as requested.
* Back up driver in forest site when drivers are unavailable.
* Working with vet techs to ensure proper database upkeep.
* Coordinating with relevant experts on cases and consulting with Ape Action Africa veterinary advisors.
* Reports for the director and the board on health programs and cases.

**Personal Working Hours and conditions.**

To be discussed

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