



WELCOME TO HERMANUS

We hope you enjoy your stay in our beautiful town where we enjoy nature on our doorstep from watching whales in our bay to walks on our magnificent mountain. However, it is important to be aware that our local Chacma baboons forage extensively from the mountains down to the beaches, seeking nutrient rich food growing in low lying, fertile soil. As highly intelligent, adaptive primates, baboons have learnt that human homes and gardens offer potential food much higher in calories than their natural fynbos. This motivates them to enter the suburbs to seek out these sources. The result can be property damage and conflict with residents and pets as well as physical harm to baboons.

BE PART OF THE SOLUTION!

The only way to modify baboon's raiding behaviour is to limit their access to easy food sources. With the effective municipal implementation of baboon monitoring and preventative measures implemented in every residence, baboons will learn that raiding is not worth it. This vital change is only possible if every resident and visitor plays their part in the process through staying informed and making properties less attractive to baboons. We ask for your assistance during your stay by implementing the following guidelines.



PREVENT ENTRY

- Keep windows and doors locked if baboons are in the area - especially when not at home.
- Set the alarm beams in garden when leaving home.

FOOD OUT OF SIGHT

- No food should be visible through windows (even fake fruit).
- Feed pets inside.



MANAGE YOUR WASTE EFFECTIVELY

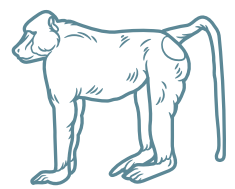
- Use the upright baboon-proof dustbins provided for your waste.
- Do not overfill the bin so that the lids can't close fully.
- Only put refuse bins out before 7:30am on day of collection.
- Don't leave black bags outside bins or on pavement.
- Drop-off household waste next to Voelklip OK Supermarket.

REFUSE COLLECTION DAYS

Monday: Voëlklip

Tuesday: Onrus, Chanteclair, Berghof

Friday: Kwaaiwater, Fernkloof, Eastcliff, Hermanus Heights



DON'T FEED BABOONS

- It is illegal and you will be fined.
- It encourages them to continue raiding.
- It increases intra troop conflict with possible injuries.
- Our food can lead to poor health and increased birth rates.
- Fynbos foraging is crucial for the ecology as baboons are important seed dispersers.
- They do not need our food!

KEEP PETS SAFE

- Bring pets inside if baboons are in the area.
- Keep pets out the way if baboons enter.
- Never set a dog on a baboon as can lead to serious injury to both animals.
- Leash dogs if walking where baboons are ranging.



WHAT TO DO WHEN BABOONS VISIT

Having a baboon in the house can be a startling experience, but remember the animal is only looking for food and does not wish to harm you. Baboons are not usually aggressive. However, if feeling threatened or panic, may defecate in the home, cause more damage or react to defend themselves.

- Never approach or corner baboons as when frightened they can make a worse mess.
- Stay calm and back away slowly if the baboon is near you.
- Avoid eye contact as staring may be seen as threatening.
- Never try to get food back from baboons, and if they try to grab food you are holding, let it go.
- Warn children to drop food items and move away.
- Make sure the baboons have a clear escape route - open more windows and doors.
- Once there is a clear exit, bang pots and pans, clap hands and speak in a commanding voice to chase them out. Shouting may cause them to panic and poop in your home.
- Be confident and assertive or baboons will ignore you.
- Spray with water bottle to encourage baboons to leave. (never use anything stronger than water, as they may react negatively).
- A hosepipe works well in the garden.

For more information, advice and guidelines. visit www.hermanusbaboons.co.za

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