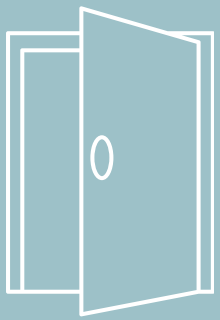




WHAT TO DO WHEN BABOONS VISIT YOUR PROPERTY

Having a baboon in your 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, they may defecate in your home, cause more damage or react to defend themselves.

Stay calm, assess the situation - think and then act!



AVOID CONFLICT

- 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.



ENCOURAGE EXIT

- 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.



KEEP PETS SAFE

- Bring your pets inside when baboons are in the area.
- If baboons enter the home, keep pets out of the way by placing in another room.
- Never set a dog on a baboon as this can lead to serious injury for both animals.
- Leash your dogs if walking in an area where baboons are ranging.

CLEANING UP

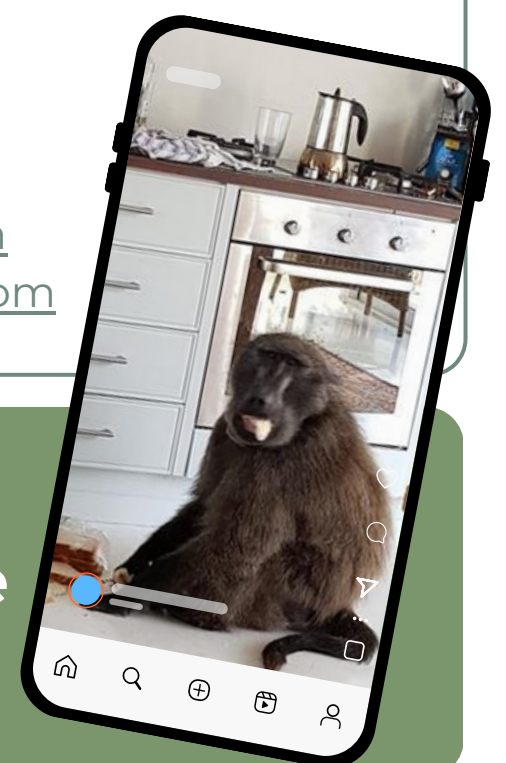
Remove baboon faeces using gloves, paper towel and household cleaner like Handy Andy as soon as possible as poop may carry disease.



USEFUL CLEANING CONTACTS

- Broomstix: Koos van Rooyen 028 312 1032 (office hours) or 082 8912351
- Home Genie: Christel 076 069 7384 Email: homegeniehermanus@gmail.com
- Smart Cleaning Services: Rian 082 670 9671 Email: smarthermanus@gmail.com

If you can't get a baboon to leave, please phone the Overstrand Municipality Baboon Hotline for assistance
069 151 5962



The Hermanus Baboon Action Group (HBAG) aims to minimise baboon habituation in our Hermanus urban space to ensure a clean, safe environment for the community and baboons. This is achieved through raising awareness and education as well as liaising with the community, private organisations and local public authorities regarding ongoing baboon and related bylaw management as well as communication campaigns.

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

