



# Dealing with Baboons

## Avoiding contact and conflict with baboons

Dear Resident,

As you live near the urban edge, please heed the following advice:

- Warn your neighbours when baboons are in the vicinity
- Keep doors locked and windows closed when baboons are in the vicinity
- Sliding doors must have night bolts installed to prevent baboons lifting them off their tracks
- Windows, particularly top-hung ones, must have a latch at each end of the opening edge so that a baboon cannot pull the frame and break the glass
- Install burglar bars (with gaps smaller than 8 cm, including sides/ tops of bars) on windows you usually keep open
- Do not have food on display where it can be seen
- Do not leave pet food outside or feed pets outside
- Do not put seed out for wild birds
- **NEVER** feed baboons. They will return to your property again and again
- Do not plant fruit trees, vegetable gardens or make compost heaps unless they are in a locked caged area or surrounded by electric fencing
- Plant indigenous, as baboons love exotic/alien plants
- **Dustbins:** Every resident should have the prescribed baboon-proof bins. Secure the bin either upright against a wall/pole or lie it down on its side, locked with a dog clip or padlock. "No easy pickings — no baboons"
- Place TV antennas in the ceiling

Always report the presence of baboons if there are no monitors in the vicinity.



**BABOON REPORTING HOTLINE:**

**071 588 6540**

(Cellphone rates apply)



## More useful advice about minimising human – baboon interaction:

### IF CONFRONTED BY A BABOON

- In your garden or house, stand still and remain calm. Sudden movements will make it act defensively
- Back away slowly and do not block its escape route
- Be determined, decisive and confident when driving a baboon off
- Spray the baboon with a strong stream of water as they hate water. Have a water pistol in the house and a hose pipe ready in the garden
- Keep pets out of the way

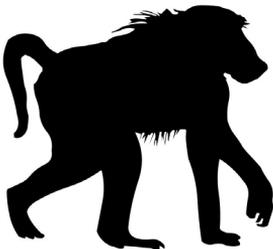
### DO NOT

- Try to snatch back anything from a baboon – it will fight to hold on to food
- Threaten infants and juveniles, as adults, in particular the alpha male, will protect them with aggression if necessary

### BINS AND BABOONS – YOUR OPTIONS

- Secure both latches with padlocks or clips at all times
- Secure your bin lid with strap, rope or chain
- Knock a pole in the ground and attach your bin to the pole. The bin must be raised off the ground
- Store your bin in the garage or in a caged area
- Lie the bin on its side – locked

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