

Baboons



Irresponsible human behaviour spells a DEATH SENTENCE for BABOONS

We are fortunate enough to live on the urban edge and therefore will at some point have a baboon encounter. When dealing with baboons in & around the house or further afield, always try & avoid contact and conflict. Please take a minute to read the guidelines below the pictures and the [City of Cape Town Baboon Awareness Campaign leaflet](#), which will be of help to you in avoiding contact and conflict with baboons.

You can now also **padlock your bin latches**, which will **reduce & discourage baboon raids** – [check out how it works and what to do](#).

For more in-depth and fun information please check the following Baboon fact sheets:

Baboon Facts 1: [Life & Death](#) (Reprinted with permission from Full Circle Magazine, Feb 2011 issue)

Baboon Facts 2: [Meet the Family](#) (Reprinted with permission from Full Circle Magazine, Jan 2011 issue)

Baboon Facts 3: [Sustainable Baboon Population](#)

Baboon Research Unit: For further information please check out the [Baboon Research Unit](#) website

Baboon Reporting Hotline: 071 588 6540

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



Dealing with Baboons

- Warn your neighbour(s) 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 windows, must have a latch at each end of the opening edge so that the baboons can't pull the frame and break the glass.
- Install burglar bars with gaps smaller than 8cm, including sides/tops of bars, on windows you usually keep open.
- Do not have food on display.
- Do not leave pet food outside.
- Do not put seed out for the wild birds.
- **Never** feed baboons – they will return to your property again & 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 alien plants.
- **Dustbins:** Every resident should have the prescribed baboon proof bin (see more information below) and [padlock it](#). No 'easy pickings' – No Baboons.
- Place antennae in the ceiling



How to apply for a Baboon Proof Bin

- An application form 'Application for the Supply of Services' needs to be completed and is available from your local municipal office.
- Only Sections 1, 2, 8 and 10 need to be completed. In Section 8 next to 'To be Billed' write in 'Baboon proof bin'.
- Return the completed form to your municipal offices. Don't forget to take a copy of your ID.
- It takes 3-4 weeks for your bin to be delivered to your residence.



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