

BABOONS & DOGS



Physical injuries are one of the most common threats to the survival and well being of wild animals. As such, baboons will actively avoid conflict with dogs but may react aggressively in self-defence or to protect members of their troop.

Although incidents are relatively rare, they can result in serious injury or even the death of the baboon and/or the dog.

TIPS TO PREVENT CONFLICT

KEEP YOUR GARDEN FREE OF ATTRACTANTS

Unsecured waste, vegetable gardens, pet food, bird feeders, compost heaps and fruiting trees will all potentially attract baboons to your garden and increase the likelihood of your dog coming into close contact with baboons.

MAKE USE OF COMMUNITY ALERT GROUPS

Joining neighbourhood early alert groups may be helpful to reduce interactions between baboons and your dog. Whenever possible, bring your dog inside when baboons are in the area. Do not encourage your dog to chase baboons. This is unlawful and likely to lead to a dangerous situation involving you, your dog, and baboons.

KEEP YOUR DOG UNDER CONTROL ON WALKS

Always keep your dogs leashed where required by regulation or bylaw. Take extra care when walking your dog off leash, even if permitted, while in baboon ranging areas and leash your dog immediately if you encounter baboons. If your dog does not have adequate recall, it is best to keep your dog leashed when visiting baboon ranging areas.

LEGISLATION RELEVANT TO DOGS & BABOONS

ANIMAL PROTECTION ACT NO. 71 OF 1962: 2.(1)(G)

'Any person who save for the purpose of training hounds maintained by a duly established and registered vermin club in the destruction of vermin, liberates any animal in such manner or place as to expose it to immediate attack or danger of attack by other animals or by wild animals, or baits or provokes any animal or incites any animal to attack another animal.'

ANIMAL KEEPING BY-LAW, 2021: 14.(1)

'A person who keeps any animal must ensure that it is kept under proper and effective control when it leaves the premises where it is kept and that it does not endanger any person, animal, or property when it leaves the premises.'

NATURE CONSERVATION ORDINANCE NO 19 OF 1974:

'No person shall, Hunt or feed baboons. Definition of Hunt according to the Ordinance: in relation to any wild animal by any means whatsoever to hunt or search for, to kill, capture or attempt to kill or capture, or to pursue, follow or drive with intent to kill or capture, or to shoot at, poison, lie in wait for or wilfully disturb.'

BABOON HOTLINE
071 588 6540

PHONE THE BABOON HOTLINE TO ALERT US TO BABOONS IN THE URBAN AREA, TO REPORT PEOPLE FEEDING OR HARMING BABOONS, OR IF YOU SPOT INJURED BABOONS.



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