



BABOON MANAGEMENT DURING THE LOCKDOWN

All homeowners are earnestly requested to please consistently apply the following Baboon Management Techniques.

- Keeping all waste/rubbish (including shopping bags) and food completely out of sight at all times.
- Secure all bins with bungee cords, dog leashes or clips to prevent baboons from opening and scattering the contents.
- Where possible, keep bins in a garage or shed where there is no visibility or access as baboons rely heavily, firstly on sight.
- Create barriers wherever possible – electric fencing is effective, even the orange polywire type used for cattle and other livestock will work if it is set up correctly on the top of a wall. Thorn branches may also be used to create a barrier.
- If a baboon is in your yard making loud noises (banging pot lids together, air horns, tazers, deep voice shouting, toy cap guns etc) to chase them away.
- Spraying them with water from hose-pipes or 'wazooka' toy guns. Even the action of pointing a garden hose with a spray nozzle is often effective even if the water jet doesn't actually reach them.
- Do not corner a baboon. If you are in a room with a baboon, as scary as they seem, do not look directly at them. Open a window or another door and then move away without eye contact. The baboon WILL choose the easiest route AWAY from the threat.
- Whatever you do NEVER offer them food and NEVER try to take food from them. If you hand-feed them, they see you as lower ranking (BABOONS NEVER SHARE) and then will in future TAKE from you and if you resist they can hurt you.
- DO NOT let your dogs bark at the baboons or make any aggressive moves towards them in an enclosed yard, if they tangle with a big adult male they will come off second-best. Call them away calmly and quietly and keep them inside until the baboons leave or are chased off. Remember your dog picks up on your fear/discomfort/anger and will react accordingly.