

## ELISENHEIM OWNERS ASSOCIATION

## **EOA CIRCULAR 15.1.**

## BABOON PROBLEM - UPDATE

To all Homeowners and Residents

08 September 2022

Good day residents. Following the recent problems experienced with baboons on the Estate, a petition was circulated among residents on the Estate, in which we aim to petition the Ministry Of Environment and Tourism, the City Police and the City of Windhoek's environmental division to intervene on the Estate in order to solve the problem of invasive baboons that pose a real threat to the safety of residents.

Previously all our efforts to engage with the above entities were unsuccessful, hence the petition.

The aim was to source 200 signatures from residents, and this target was achieved in record time. Our thanks to all that took the time to assist with the petition. We will keep you updated regarding this progress.

In the meantime, Tephcor foot patrols are in place on the western side of the Estate from 08:00 until 14:00, in order to establish human presence to discourage the baboons from approaching the houses.

These foot patrols are supported by the Tephcor quad bikes, should baboons approach the residential areas. They have also now been issued with AIR HORNS, which they will use to scare off baboons approaching residential areas.

Below is a photo of an air horn, that creates a sound blast that is really loud and intimidating. We would like to propose that residents keep one of these at home for use by themselves or their domestics, should there be a situation where baboons invade homes or erven. Cost is around N\$ 350.00 and available at Cymot and other hardware stores.

Other sources have confirmed that these air horns have been proven to be a very effective deterrent if used regularly against invasive baboons.



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Trust that this information will be informative and helpful.

Kind regards, and stay safe....

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