

# BABOON MATTERS TRUST

ANNUAL REPORT | 2017





“The least I can do is speak out for those  
who cannot speak for themselves.”

Dr Jane Goodall





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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

PROFESSOR JOHN CRUISE

### ■ REASON FOR EXISTENCE

The Baboon Matters Trust is a non-governmental organisation whose main objectives are “to create a society that cares about baboon, conserves their place in our natural heritage, and seeks sustainable solutions for our peaceful co-existence”.

Although based in Cape Town and initially set up to serve the baboons on the Cape Peninsula, Baboon Matters Trust has recently and of necessity, expanded its reach into the whole of South Africa.

In Cape Town, baboons are a protected species i.e. it is illegal to feed, kill or injure baboons. However, this is not so in the rest of South Africa. As a result, Baboon Matters have been asked by various concerned groups throughout the country to assist in the effective control of “problem” troops.

Baboon Matters Trust members believes that baboons are sentient beings, who deserve their historical “place in the sun”.

It is we human beings who have a duty to protect the wild baboons against the en-

croachment of man-made interference such as uncontrolled urbanization and the deleterious effects that it brings, such as unsecured waste and easy pickings of human food, and destruction of habitat by fire.

Baboons have a right to life. Baboon Matters Trust believes that the killing of so-called “rogue” alpha males as a management tool shows a lack of management ability and often creates bigger problems, such as upsetting the natural family balance of a troop.

Baboon Matters takes a stand against the killing of healthy baboons.

On the other hand, Baboon Matters allows the euthanasia of unhealthy or injured baboons in pain, but only when all other means to alleviate the suffering have failed.

First do no harm – every life matters.





## ■ PENINSULA BABOONS

Baboons are protected from hunting in Cape Town. As we are not the contracted monitoring company, our role has become one of a voluntary watchdog over the treatment and care of the Peninsula baboons.

This includes an oversight function over the methods used to shepherd the baboon troops away from human/baboon interactions, such as human habitation areas; the follow-up of care of injured baboons, whether by veld fire, by domestic dogs or by baboon-on-baboon fighting; the insistence on the treatment of baboons with illnesses such as mange.

## ■ WESTERN CAPE BABOONS

As a result of overly frequent fires and the impacts of the current devastating drought, the home ranges of all baboon troops have been affected to some degree. It is an established fact that baboons prefer and need mature fynbos, so although there is some nutritional value in the new regrowth after fires, our concerns are that vegetation in specific areas does not appear to be regenerating quickly enough to support those troops. In particular the home ranges of the Da Gama and Slangkop troops appear to have sparse vegetation for foraging in areas where there is water, whilst small pockets of mature, unburnt fynbos may not offer sufficient food for the troops and are found in areas with no water availability.

We have engaged with botanists and are raising funds to do a study of the vegetation in

fire and drought affected areas on Black Hill to Kleinplaas Dam so that we can properly understand the carrying capacity of the area for the baboon troops who utilise it.

## ■ SOUTH AFRICAN BABOONS

Baboon Matters was approached by concerned citizens throughout South Africa regarding the plight of local baboons. These baboons are not classed as a protected species and therefore are more vulnerable than the Cape Town baboons. During the year, Baboon Matters has visited Sabie in Mpumalanga, Namaqualand and Kathu in Northern Cape to assist with baboon problems in those areas.

## ■ EDUCATION

Education is an important aspect of Baboon Matters' raison d'etre. It is important that awareness of the plight of wild baboons be presented to the younger generation so that they can grow up understanding the problems involved. In this respect many schools were visited and the successful #HandsUp4Baboons campaign was launched. In addition, presentations were made to post-grad students and even to the senior citizens' group Probus.

## ■ MEDIA

We continue to enjoy a high level of awareness in the media this year – from local newspapers, television and radio, to international publications and websites. Our Facebook

page, with a following of 31 000 people, remains our primary platform for creating awareness on why the Cape Town baboons are in crisis. We believe that because our Facebook posts are widely shared, the number of people we are reaching is many times this number.

## ■ ADVOCACY

As a result of our continued advocacy, awareness of the plight of the Cape baboons is at an all-time high and there is a higher degree of vigilance and community involvement. What is especially gratifying is the reporting of incidents by residents. Monitors know they are being watched and as a result, have had to moderate their behavior. SPCA Wildlife Inspectors are also spending more time assessing the wellbeing of the baboons.

## ■ CONCLUSION

With limited resources, both financial and staffing, much has been accomplished in the past year. For this, I must thank the continuous dedication of our two full-time employees Jenni Trethowan and Kathy Kelly, and the freelance assistance of Tinka Shapiro and the recent employment of a part-time fundraiser Carol-Ann Brand.

And last, but not least, my thanks go to my fellow trustees, Dr Mark Middleton, Dr Elisa Galgut, Wynter Worsthorne and Dr Paula Pebsworth for always being available for advice and direction.



## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Baboon Matters provides a voice for baboons in a society which views them as problematic and expendable.

We advocate for the holistic and long-term environmental protection of baboons in South Africa, and offer effective, non-aggressive alternatives for managing human-baboon conflict.







In 2017 we've driven more than 12 000 kms and flown nearly 10 000 kms in our work to save baboon lives.



EDUCATION AND TRAINING





# Hands Up  
4 Baboons



# CAMPAIGN

## #HANDSUP4BABOONS



We launched this campaign in the first quarter of 2017, in an effort to raise awareness for the plight of baboons across South Africa. With no legal protection through conservation laws, except in Cape Town where they may not be hunted, and with ever-increasing urbanization and intensive agriculture, baboon/human conflict is escalating around the country with devastating consequences for South Africa's largest primates.

We encouraged people to send us a photo of themselves with their "hands up for baboons", demonstrating their support for non-lethal solutions to conflict, and their recognition that



baboons have a right to exist without persecution. The campaign was very well received and we had a great response, with hundreds of people taking part including a number of celebrities – most notably Jane Goodall, Jerome Flynn (Game of Thrones), and Alicia Silverstone.

As part of the #HandsUp4Baboons campaign we made presentations to 7 schools in the Cape Town area and 4 schools in Greyton, reaching more than 3 000 learners with our message of tolerance and understanding for South Africa's baboons. Educating children about baboons, how to be good baboon neigh-



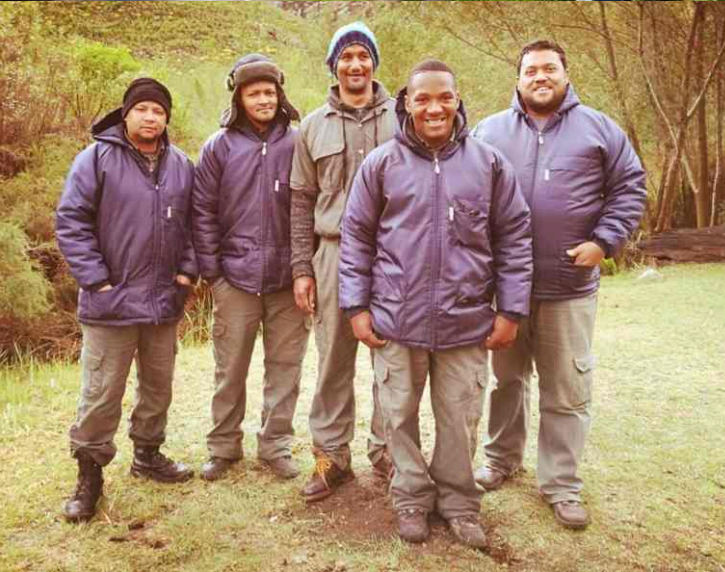
bours, and the fact that they are the next generation of conservationists, remains an important part of our work











## GREYTON MONITOR PROJECT

This lush and idyllic village in the Western Cape had, up until a year ago, only sporadic visits by a troop living in the surrounding mountains. However, these visits were becoming much more frequent, and while the troop had not yet become accustomed to human food from rubbish bins, they were causing considerable damage to homes and loss to orchards and vegetable gardens.

Baboon Matters encouraged the community to put a proactive program in place before the troop discovered the easy rewards in homes and bins, and after several meetings and presentations to residents and the municipality's manager, a team of 5 baboon monitors were given preliminary training so that the program could start effectively. The monitor program has been funded jointly by the local municipality and residents.

Since inception in August to date, the project has been an enormous success, with the troop kept out of the village for around 99.9% of the time. However, a persistent lone male is keeping the monitors on their toes, attracted by the plentiful fruit trees and vegetable gardens which residents are reluctant to secure or remove.

We have advised on how best to manage this male, and will be working with the monitors again early in 2018 to ensure the best possible outcome for both residents and the baboon.

This project demonstrates that, with properly trained and motivated monitors, aggressive management tools such as paintballs and bear-bangers are unnecessary.









## EDUCATION GENERAL WORK

Through our social media platforms we provided on-going education this year to people experiencing conflict with baboons, providing tips and solutions for living peacefully with baboon neighbours, as well as providing input for very many individuals who contacted us with concerns about baboons.

While it is not possible to know exactly how many people have been reached with our educational messages, because our social

media posts are shared so widely, a reasonable estimate would be around 500 000 people.

In 2017 we set up educational displays at six shopping centers around Cape Town, addressed residents in Greyton on two occasions, residents in Hermanus, international post-grad students in Cape Town, and residents in Knysna.





We believe that changing perceptions and the way we manage human activity in baboon-affected areas are the only ways to ensure a sustainable future for South Africa's baboon population, and to create a society that values our wild neighbours and their rightful place in our natural heritage.





OUTREACH





## NAMAQUALAND

After receiving calls from subsistence farmers in the Namaqualand area, who are reportedly experiencing unprecedented loss of livestock to baboons as a result of the devastating drought in the region, we applied for, and received, a small grant from the IPL Jacobsen fund to visit the area.

Since large-scale predation by baboons has been virtually unheard of before now, we engaged with organisations involved in predator management such as the Predator Management Forum, the Green Dogs Anatolian Breeding Program, the Cape Leopard Trust and Conservation South Africa, to get a better understanding of what solutions might assist these farmers.

We held three workshops with farmers to gain insight into their problems and offer potential solutions, which included the use of Anatolian dogs to guard herds, more effective use of human herders, the potential use of drone technology to monitor vast grazing lands, as well as simple deterrents such as lids for water tanks to prevent baboons falling in, drowning, and contaminating water supplies.

We are currently applying for funding that will allow us to return to the area for an intensive, 3-month outreach project, to provide further assistance for these farmers with implementing some of the proposed solutions.





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## KATHU

Our trip to Namaqualand also presented an opportunity for us to travel inland to Kathu, a mining community in the Northern Cape, where the relentless expansion of the mines is impacting negatively on local baboon troops whose foraging range continues to shrink while the drought compounds the problem further.

The small village of Dingleton, which was clearly once a thriving community, is now a ghost town inhabited by only 15 families who have refused to leave their properties to allow for the expansion of the Kathu mine. These remaining families experience regular visits from a baboon troop - with its abundance of fruit trees, Dingleton has become a source of easy food for these baboons, but once the

entire village has been completely bulldozed and incorporated into the mine, as it inevitably will, this troop will face a very bleak future.

A smaller troop of baboons also spends a considerable amount of time on the mine itself, in amongst the massive and treacherous machinery – a danger to both themselves and mineworkers.

We had a very positive meeting with the Land Manager of Anglo American in Kathu, and we hope to facilitate the relocation of this troop off the mine to a biodiversity farm in 2018.









## KNYSNA

Following the horrific fires around Knysna in June this year, which obliterated around 120 square kilometers of vegetation, plantations and farmland, Baboon Matters assisted with emergency provisioning for wildlife and farm animals, transporting around 15 tonnes of feed to the area in the immediate aftermath of the fire.

We met with concerned residents to advise on how best to provide supplemental feeding without creating negative long-term consequences for wildlife, and engaged with local nature conservation and municipal authorities, as well as civic bodies involved in

baboon management in the region, and affected private land-owners.

We will be applying for funding that will enable us to return to Knysna in the New Year, to undertake a comprehensive review of natural food availability for affected baboon troops, to assess their overall condition, and to assist residents who are experiencing increased conflict as baboons move closer to human areas in search of food.













## CALEDON

In 2016 Baboon Matters provided a five-day training course for 18 young men and women living in the towns of Caledon and Greyton - our goal was to encourage proactive baboon management in the Overstrand Municipality as well as supporting job creation in the area.

Caledon is of concern to us because 3 large troops utilize the local municipal dump on a daily basis, as well as finding easy food rewards at the local hospital and high school.

In addition to the waste management problems, there has been an increase in high density housing development and when the official dump is decommissioned in the next few years, it is anticipated that the baboon/human conflicts will escalate dramatically.

We are continuing to monitor the situation and aim to proactively engage with the municipality in 2018.









RESCUE





## Baboons throughout South Africa are in crisis, as evidenced by the increasing number that require rescue, rehabilitation and sanctuary.

In 2017 we facilitated the rescue of two orphaned infant baboons and one elderly female, who were all placed in rehabilitation centers in Limpopo.

We were delighted to see that after a donation from Baboon Matters Trust, a large semi-wild enclosure was completed at the Prime Crew rehabilitation center, and a small troop of young baboons was released into this enclosure as part of their “re-wilding” process this year.

Our ongoing engagement with these rehab facilities indicates that the number of orphaned babies seems to be on the rise – the result of increased conflict as well as hunting. All too often mother baboons are shot but hunters cannot bring themselves to kill the infant who are taken as pets and passed around to a variety of people before the traumatized young baboons finally find their way to established primate rehabilitation centers.

After residents of Knysna reported seeing a female baboon with a snare around her wrist, we travelled to the area and spent two days tracking the troop down before she could be trapped. Nikita was successfully treated and returned to her troop.

In 2016 a concerned informant had been reporting cases of abuse to baboons on a farm in the George area. Following an urgent call that five baboons had been trapped in an illegal and unethical trap we immediately travelled to George where we released the baboons who were found in appalling circumstances.

In 2017, after working closely with local nature conservation authorities to ensure this farmer was prosecuted, we noted that the farmer had been fined - despite the cruelty to the baboons, the only legal recourse was that the trapping had been illegal as the farmer had no permit. This case illustrates how little protection baboons are afforded.

Rescue efforts in the Western Cape remain hampered by the lack of rehabilitation facilities in the province, necessitating that vast distances be travelled to transport the animals up to Limpopo - however we are hopeful that a newly established Wildlife Sanctuary in the Province will receive the required permits so that they can start work on enclosures and thus provide some alternative options for orphaned and injured primates in 2018.





Hundreds of infants are orphaned each year in South Africa, primarily through hunting or on farms – where mothers are shot without hesitation, yet the shooter cannot bring himself to kill an infant.











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## ADVOCACY

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Advocating for the rights of baboons, and creating a paradigm shift that recognizes that these animals have a right to exist, remained one of our key focus points this year, specifically in Cape Town and Sabie.

## ADVOCACY | CAPE TOWN

We remain committed to lobbying for change in aggressive and lethal methods currently used to manage baboons on the Cape Peninsula. We utilize our extensive social media following to place pressure on the authorities to effect this much-needed change, as well as to lobby for intervention in individual cases of baboons needing urgent medical care. It is clear that residents are most unhappy with the status quo and are backing our calls for change.

Our ongoing lobbying this year has unfortunately resulted in the breakdown of relationships with the authorities, specifically the City of Cape Town and the Baboon Technical Team, who despite our best efforts to make our concerns heard, refuse to engage meaningfully with us. After receiving legal counsel on this issue, in 2018 we will be commencing with a Public Access to Information Act request for information from the City, specifically around the protocol for sick and injured animals, the protocol for euthanasia, and the Standard Operating Procedure for Paintball Use which is currently under review.

Following the agonizing and slow death of a juvenile female, Phoenix, who was burned in a fire in Da Gama Park in January, in spite of a massive wave of outrage from members of the public who called for her treatment, we laid a complaint of misconduct with the South African Veterinary Council against the City of Cape Town vet – our initial complaint was dismissed by the investigating committee, but we have requested that the complaint now be heard by a full sitting of the SAVC, which will take place in March 2018.

As the first winter storms rolled in, we were alerted to a Da Gama Park female, Nicky Minaj, with a severe case of mange. She was almost completely hairless, putting her and her infant at real risk as the temperatures plummeted. Treatment would have been easy to administer, and it was unacceptable that this female's condition had been allowed to deteriorate to such an extent. Two months after the mange had first been noted, after repeated calls for intervention by Baboon Matters, Nicky finally received vet care and she has recovered well.

In September, a dispersing male in Da Gama Park was injured while challenging the alpha. Again residents and Baboon Matters called for this animal to receive care, but his condition deteriorated and he was euthanized.

All three of these cases highlight the unacceptable level of vet care provided for Cape Town's managed baboon troops, in spite of the R10-million a year budget for baboon management which includes treatment for an average of one sick or injured baboon every two months.







A badly burned Phoenix is comforted by a friend a short while before she passed away.  
Green paint from a paint ball is clearly visible on her face.





An essential part of our work is to challenge shortfalls and inadequacies in the Government and Provincial Regulations currently used to make decisions on baboon management, and to advocate for the ethical treatment of baboons in South Africa.

## ADVOCACY | SABIE



Following our extensive investigation in 2016 into the mass killing of baboons in the pine plantations around Sabie – at least 4000 since 2008 – Carte Blanche, a national investigative journalism television show, conducted their own inquiry which was broadcast in March 2017.

While the industry maintains its methods for dealing with problem animals are scientifically defensible, we have evidence that the manner in which baboons are killed is not ethical and certainly do not conform to the minimal standards which the industry elected to adhere to.

We provided evidence that the baboons are lured into trap cages and shot at with bird shot or buckshot, and veterinary opinion is that the baboons would die a slow and painful death and that there would be prolonged trauma and stress to the troop. Despite all evidence of unethical behavior, the plantation owners do not appear to have made any changes to their operating procedures that we are aware of.

As a result of this very negative publicity for the South African forestry industry, Forestry South Africa agreed to fund a facilitated process whereby all stakeholders are able to make their views heard. The proposed workshop was not attended by the plantation owners, but the attending environmental NGO's and other stakeholders were in agreement that the lack of comprehensive research and transparent records and information is a deeply problematic and on-going issue.

After advocating for change on the pine plantations in Sabie since 2008, Baboon Matters have launched a crowdfunding campaign to raise seed-funding to begin carrying out much-needed research.







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Help us help the baboons!  
#handsup4baboons

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#handsup4baboons





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## AWARENESS

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Baboon Matters ensures that the public are aware of issues affecting baboons on an ongoing basis, particularly in Cape Town. The Trust has always been well supported by print, radio and television media, who provide us with the opportunity to highlight important issues such as the aggressive and lethal management of Cape Town's baboon population.



Throughout 2017 we maintained exceptionally high levels of awareness for baboons in crisis across South Africa. Our primary platform for this remains Facebook, with our following growing from 12 000 in 2016 to more than 31 000 people, and our reach around topical issues typically between 50 000 and 80 000 people.

This year our work has also featured regularly in local Cape Town newspapers, radio and television, as well as numerous local and international online news platforms. There has been a marked increase in requests for interviews from local and international

journalists and film-makers, which reflects the success we have had in raising the profile of baboons and awareness of the crisis they are facing.

We were also honoured to be featured as LEAD SA's Organisation in the Spotlight in March 2017.

It is very encouraging to see that so many South Africans, and international followers, are opposed to the inhumane and unethical treatment of Chacma Baboons in our country, and stand behind us in our fight for the rights of baboons.





PARTNERSHIPS



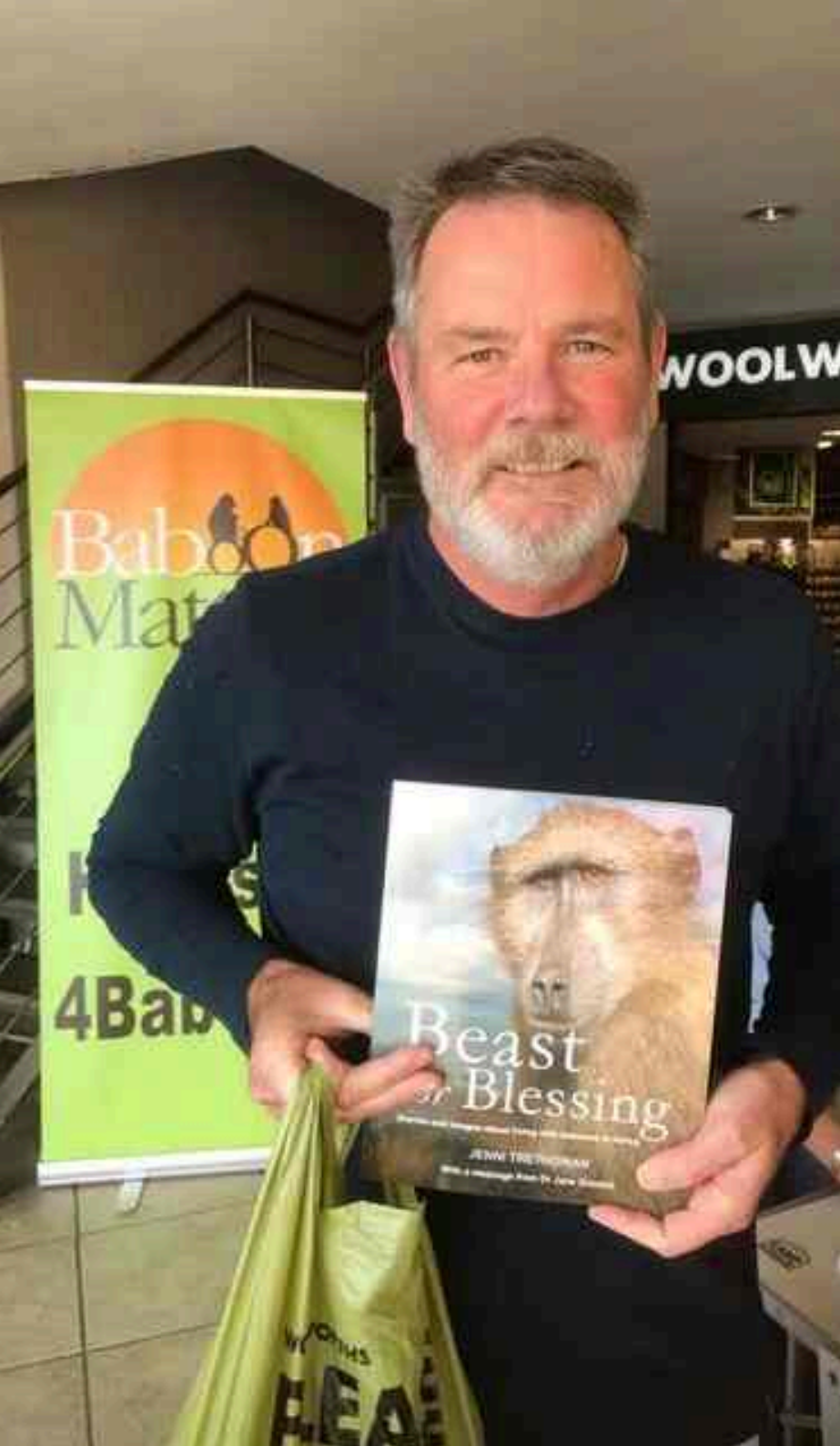


## WOOLWORTHS

This year we were selected as a beneficiary in the Woolworths/Bags 4 Good initiative, where environmental and other worthy causes are enabled to raise funds through the sale of reusable shopping bags at Woolworths stores nationwide.

To date around 25 000 bags have been sold and we are very grateful to Woolworths and Bags 4 Good for this opportunity not only to raise funds, but to raise awareness for our primate cousins.





Baboon Matters relies entirely on the support of the public to continue our work on behalf of baboons throughout South Africa.

## MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet

We joined the MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet program in 2017 – with 1,2 million South African's supporting their favourite charities simply by swiping their cards, the program is one of the biggest community fundraising initiatives in the country and raises more than R6-million a month for the schools and charities it supports.

It will take some time before volumes of supporters are sufficient to contribute meaningfully to our fundraising efforts.









## RELATIONSHIP BUILDING

- We remain members of the WILDLIFE FORUM, made up of Western Cape-based stakeholders with an interest in wildlife and conservation issues.
- We presented at the annual PRIMATES ECOLOGY AND GENETICS GROUP conference, hosted by the South African Primatology Association.
- This year we joined the CAPE ANIMAL WELFARE FORUM – while this Forum is primarily focused on domestic animal issues, it does present an opportunity to raise issues around the management of baboons in Cape Town.
- We also joined the FAR SOUTH WASTE REDUCTION FORUM as poor waste management remains the primary reason baboons raid residential areas, which often results in repeat-raiders being euthanized by the authorities.
- Baboon Matters Trust works closely with primatologists and primate groups to share and exchange knowledge. We work closely with primate rehabilitation facility Prime Crew who have provided long term care for many orphaned baboons. We also work with CARE who helped most recently with orphaned Bibi. The Born Free USA Primate Sanctuary gives freely of advice and veterinary inputs whilst many primatologists and botanists give input on field work. Collectively primate and conservation groups such as Prime Crew, CARE, NSPCA, DIY Wildlife and Geasphere are actively engaged in finding solutions to halt the on-going slaughter of baboons in the commercial pine plantations of Sabie.





# TREASURER'S REPORT

DR MARK MIDDLETON

YEAR : March 2016 – Feb 2017

2016 was an extremely busy year, with many different baboon issues in different parts of the country, which needed the team's full attention. Having a decent capital reserve, mostly due to a bequest made in 2015, we were able to focus mostly on the core of what we do.

This reserve reduced the need to focus on fundraising during this period, and this reflects in the total cash outflow of R805 608.

Money received consisted mostly of a single donation from the ABAX Foundation of R150 000, with the balance being made up from interest on capital, as well as donations.

Total capital reserves are R963 020, meaning that more focus has to be put towards raising

funds in the future. As the team is small, it will mean that some projects will not be viable, some projects will need their costs covered by the groups requesting intervention, such as Municipalities, in order for Baboon Matters to undertake the work, while the essential pro-bono work will continue to be funded through the Trust.

Moving forward it will be essential to balance income with expenditure. As we only have a small budget, it is hoped that we will be able to improve our income stream and continue to fund the essential work that is being done by our team.

*Our full, audited financial statements are available on request -  
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# TRUSTEES



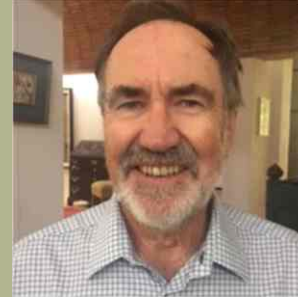
JENNI TRETOWAN  
FOUNDER

For 25 years Jenni has championed the rights of baboons in Cape Town. In 1990, following the euthanasia of a troop of baboons in Kommetjie, she, together with Wally Petersen, formed the Kommetjie Environmental Awareness Group (KEAG) which successfully lobbied for the protected status of baboons on the Cape Peninsula.

KEAG was ahead of the times in many respects – they implemented one of the first alien clearing projects in Cape Town, and offered permaculture training when the method was still in its infancy.

In 2001 she left KEAG to start Baboon Matters, focusing on creating awareness for the plight of baboons living on the urban edge. Since then she has been featured in over forty documentaries, received numerous awards, published a book, and been personally commended on her work by Dr Jane Goodall.

She has addressed many thousands of learners, university students, academics, and residents of affected areas – changing perceptions and giving people a better understanding of our primate relatives and how to live in harmony with them.



PROF. JOHN CRUISE  
CHAIRMAN

John's successful career in mining spans more than 50 years – both as a commercial mining engineer and as an academic at the Mining Department at Wits University, where he was a Senior Lecturer for Exploitation Systems and Explosives Engineering.

After working with Wits to assess the safety of fossil excavations at the Sterkfontein Caves in 1992, he spent a further two decades providing blasting services for Sterkfontein and Swartkrans caves. In 1994 he became a founding trustee of the Palaeo-Anthropological Scientific Trust, which was instrumental in the declaration of the Cradle of Humankind as a World Heritage Site. More recently, he was invited to sit on a Wits committee that oversaw the removal of the 3-million year old Little Foot fossil, – the most complete skeleton of a hominid found to date. John was present when it was finally brought to the surface after 14 years of excavation.

Since his retirement, he has remained actively involved in the industry through numerous committees, and he is currently the Chairman of the Centennial Trust Fund Trustees Committee, and Chairman of the Industry Advisory Council for the Wits School of Mining Engineering. He also has a keen interest in wildlife conservation.





WYNTER WORSTHORNE  
SECRETARY

An internationally acclaimed inter-species communicator, Wynter has a long association with Baboon Matters, and has had much practical experience working with these fascinating animals who live so closely alongside humans – often in situations fraught with conflict, because of the misunderstanding between the species.

Based in South Africa where she works extensively with both wild and domestic animals, she also provides training, both locally and in the UK and Europe, that allows people to unlock their own innate ability to communicate with animals.

She is a core facilitator for the White Lion Leadership Academy, founded by the Global White Lion Protection trust.

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DR MARK MIDDLETON  
TREASURER

Mark graduated as a vet in 1995, and worked initially in a private practise before moving to the PDSA Welfare Animal Hospital.

He has a strong conservation ethic and believes that wildlife, particularly on urban fringes, must be sustained and managed practically, humanely, and in a way that allow harmony in both communities.

In 2002 his love of the great outdoors prompted him to move into tourism, where he ran an outdoor touring company.

He now owns retail Vetshops which allow him to earn a living and spend time with his three children while pursuing his passions – surfing, trail running and hiking.

For 16 years Baboon Matters has been at the forefront of baboon conservation – in the face of ever-increasing urbanization and intensive agriculture, and the resulting escalation in baboon/human conflict.







DR ELISA GALGUT  
TRUSTEE

Elisa's association with Baboon Matters began when she was instrumental in ending the University of Cape Town's use of wild-caught baboons in research. She assisted with the relocation of a group of 11 research baboons to a sanctuary, and was involved in developing UCT's current non-human primate research policy.

She teaches in the Department of Philosophy at the UCT, and served as chair, and is currently a member, of UCT's Senate Animal Ethics Committee. As a result of her work on animal ethics, she has developed an interest in the philosophical arguments for animal rights.

She has written research papers on the ethics of using animals for research and gives regular talks on the topic to new researchers at UCT, as well as participating in local and international conferences.



DR PAULA PEBSWORTH  
SCIENTIFIC ADVISOR

Paula is a research associate at The University of Texas at San Antonio. She earned her PhD from Kyoto University's Primate Research Institute in Primatology. Her research interests are self-medicative behavior, spatial ecology, and human-primate conflict resolution.

She conducted her dissertation research in South Africa where continued human encroachment upon wildlife habitat has escalated conflict between humans and baboons.

Some of Paula's long-term research goals include:

conservation, community education, and helping farmers coexist peacefully with non-human primates through creative solutions.

“Baboons could not, surely, have a more passionate advocate.  
Baboon Matters is doing so much to help both baboons and people.”

Dr Jane Goodall







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