

Rooiels BABOON INDABA, 20 Nov 2021

**Working Group on Baboon Proofing Home
Rapporteur Notes (unedited)**

- 1) What is missing in Document : - Nil
- 2) What Action should be taken by whom : Prepare pamphlets with guidelines and approach the Architects, Estate Agents and Municipal Building Inspector. This has some draw backs. There are 2 categories of Buildings namely new buildings to be built and recently purchased buildings.
- 3) New Buildings . It is difficult to identify new buildings to be built and similarly find out who is the Architect. The building inspector may be able to help and provide details of the Architect and possibly provide the Architect with the pamphlet. The building inspector could also provide the home owner with the pamphlet and or advise him of possible measures. Unfortunately the building inspectors is required by law to ensure that the designs comply with the National Building Regulations but is highly unlikely to want to get involved in advising Architects and home owners for matters outside the NBR's . Fortunately most of the erfs have been built on so these recommendations would only apply to some 30 houses to be built and a few to be renovated or modified.
- 4) Recently Purchased Buildings. These purchases are normally handled through Estate Agents . All Estate Agents should be approached and provided with pamphlets and be requested to inform prospective buyers of the messages. Unfortunately the Estate agents are likely to be of assistance as they would not wish to scare off potential buyers.
- 5) There are also those people who already have houses and are having problems and the pamphlet could be available on the RERA website or available at the shop.

HOME PROOFIN MEASURES.

The existing list was considered fairly comprehensive and only a few further suggestions were made to add to the list.

- 1) Electric Fencing
- 2) Round door handles. These are not easy to purchase especially for aluminium sliding and hinged doors. Possibly someone should be requested to approach suppliers such as BB Glass and request them to negotiate with their door handle suppliers to expand their range to include round door handles. Possibly fit door handles so that they open by turning upwards instead of downwards.
- 3) A suggestion was to make the house fearful to the baboons and not the people. In this context it was suggested that if a pepper spray was attached so that when the baboon touched the door the spray would go off.
- 4) No measures other than electric fences could be proposed for protecting gutters and roofs.

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