



WARNING #13240

To: The Body Corporate Balmoral Heights and Mont Serrat - West Beach	Date: 21 August 2025
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RE: Removal of Goslings – Animals Protection Act No. 71 of 1962

It has come to our attention that goslings have been removed from their parents on the greenbelt between Balmoral Heights and the Mont Serrat property over the past three years by tenants of the aforementioned properties. We wish to draw your attention to the serious legal implications of such actions.

You are hereby formally warned that:

In terms of **Section 2 of the Animals Protection Act No. 71 of 1962**, it is an offence for any person to:

- **Section 2(1)(a):** Ill-treat, neglect, or cause unnecessary suffering to any animal;
- **Section 2(1)(b):** Confine, chain, tether, secure, or otherwise handle any animal in a manner that causes unnecessary suffering.

The act of removing young animals such as goslings from their nest and separating them from their parents constitutes **unnecessary suffering and ill-treatment**, as it compromises their survival and welfare. Such conduct is punishable by law and may result in **criminal prosecution**.

Accordingly, the Body Corporate of Balmoral Heights and Mont Serrat is hereby cautioned as follows:
No resident, tenant, or visitor may interfere with, remove, or otherwise disturb wild animals or their young.
Any individual found to be engaging in such conduct will be reported to the relevant authorities and liable to prosecution.

Recommendation:

We strongly urge the Body Corporates of Balmoral Heights and Mont Serrat to **immediately inform all residents and tenants** of their legal obligations and to take all reasonable steps to ensure that no further incidents of this nature occur on the properties.

We thank you for your cooperation in safeguarding the welfare of animals and ensuring compliance with South African law.

We remind you to adhere to all the provisions of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962, and the City of Cape Town Animal Keeping By-Law at all times.

This warning has been issued in terms of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 169 of 1993.

Failure to comply with this warning may render you liable for prosecution under the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962.

Any person who:- obstructs, hinders or resists an officer authorised in terms of the Animals Protection Act 71 of 1962 or conceals any animal shall be guilty of an offence in terms of Section 8(4) of the aforementioned Act.

SIGNED & ACCEPTED BY: Sent via email PLACE: Cape Town

DATE: 21 August 2025 INSPECTOR: Trevor Rodney