

INSPECTOR NOTE

**Building:** HAPPY VALLEY HOME SHELTER

**Street:** OFF PALACE HILL ROAD

**Suburb:** SIMON'S TOWN

**Postal Code:** 7975

**Date:** 2025-09-25

**Time:** 08:58

**Inspector:** TAMARYN PILLAY

**Type:** EMAIL - RECEIVED

**Follow-Up Date:** 2025-09-25

**Comments:**

From: Lily Samka <lilyvictory59@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, 24 September 2025 11:52  
To: info - Cape of Good Hope SPCA <info@capespca.co.za>  
Subject: Reporting animal cruelty

Good day.

My name is Bulelwa. I live in a home called Happy valley in Simonstown. I have witnessed the most cruel, unkind and vicious act towards baboons. One that I have never seen in my life.

Last week Friday one of the residents here hit a baby baboon with a rock. He literally chased the female amputee baboon and threw the stone at her, hitting the baby and causing a cut next to the mouth of the baby. The most heart breaking thing was that the mother still sat there in front of us as if asking for help. One of the residents named Andrew Chandler and me were the only ones that saw this individual chasing the baboon and we shouted at him as he was chasing and hitting this baboon. I walked over to the mother and screamed for help when I saw the baby baboon bleeding while sucking flat empty breast from the mother. The mother peed on herself out of fear. I burst crying as I couldn't watch it and the picture was the most painful and horrific. I'm an animal lover and anti animal cruelty.

What is more disgusting is that the management of this place didn't take the particular individual to task for what he did. They didn't hold him accountable. The biggest mistake I made was not to capture the incident but there were witnesses. Andrew and I called the supervisor immediately who then came and called the manager of this facility to show him. The supervisor then called the management for the baboon rangers but by the time the manager got to our facility the female baboon had already left.

I've watched the baboon rangers terrorising and shooting at these baboons with Bibi guns for no apparent reason at all inflicting fear on them. It's like they have some kind of obsession to hate the baboons. I wondered how does a company employ a bunch of vigilantes to work with animals because that's exactly how these baboon rangers act. Like vigilantes who are filled with hate and are obsessed with hurting the baboons. You cannot take a person from the location who knows nothing about caring for an animal and place them to keep animals at bay from the people because that person doesn't know better and cannot distinguish between keeping the animal at bay without hurting them and the law against inflicting pain on the animal. You should hear when these individuals shout and, just like vigilantes chase and run after these baboons.

A week ago before this incident with the female baboon and her baby. I overheard one of the baboon rangers talking on the walkie-talkie about one of them having a Bibi gun that could kill these baboons and saying that the particular baboon ranger said he's sick and tired of them and wants to just get rid of them.

Please. I am appealing to you to look into this and help save these poor species. In another incident around May some of the residents came and reported that they witnessed the baboon being hit by the car not too far where we are. The driver drove and didn't stop the car. Leaving the baboon limping as it ran away. I used to think Cape Town is the best City because of caring for animals but with what I've seen happening to these baboons it makes me think Cape Town doesn't care as much for the animal safety as it portrays.

Hoping to hear from you and hoping that something will be done to save these baboons. I've written to two anti animal cruelty organisations already.

Thank you for reading my email and for caring and for protecting the rights of the animal.

From Bulelwa Samka.  
Tel: 0680185974  
Email: lilyvictory59@gmail.com  
Shamiema Abrahams 2025-09-25 08:58

**Captured By:**