



### **Feeding Animals in Marloth Park**

Feeding animals in Marloth Park is one of the attractions to visitors and residents. Is it right or wrong? Marloth Park is fenced and the animals have nowhere to go. Feeding the correct food is very important. Game pellets and lucerne can be purchased locally in Marloth Park. Certain foods must not be given to certain animals. Whole mealie pips must not be fed to kudu. They swell in the gut causing a blockage. Do not feed zebra cabbage or other gas forming foods as the stomach bloats and could cause colic. Both scenarios are usually fatal.

It is not recommended to attempt hand feeding as serious injuries can happen! Do not stand in the open with zebra, you may get accidentally kicked or bitten. Ostriches can be extremely dangerous, especially if there is a male in breeding plumage. Kudu are extremely dangerous - the males butt with horns and the females head butt! Warthogs are always dangerous, especially a female with piglets. All animals have their safety zone, do not cross that line. Worrying reports are coming in regarding the feeding of vervet monkeys and baboons. By doing so, these animals are becoming very aggressive and attacks have been reported. So far no-one has been bitten, but it is an accident waiting to happen. They may have rabies, and should you be bitten, you need to go to hospital immediately so that you can be evaluated as to any treatment necessary. Do not leave food in sight within the home - a baboon is strong enough to break in! To deter these animals, stop feeding them. Ensure that windows and doors that are not in line of sight are closed! Most importantly, please remember that our animals are wild – keep young children away from them!

### **Voering van Diere in Marloth Park**

Om diere te voer in Marloth Park is een van die aantrekkingskragte vir besoekers en inwoners. Is dit reg of verkeerd? Marloth Park is omhein en die diere kan nêrens heen gaan nie. Dit is baie belangrik om die korrekte voer te gee. Wildspille en lusern kan plaaslik in Marloth Park aangekoop word. Sekere voedsel mag nie vir sekere diere gevoer word nie. Koedoes mag nie heel mieliepitte eet nie want dit swel op in die maag en veroorsaak blokkasie. Moenie kool of ander gas-vormende voedsel vir sebras voer nie. Dit veroorsaak dat die maag opblaas en kan lei tot koliek. Beide scenarios is gewoonlik fataal.

Dit word nie aanbeveel om diere met die hand te voer nie omdat dit tot ernstige beserings kan lei! Moenie in die oopte tussen sebras staan nie, hulle kan per ongeluk skop of byt. Volstruise is baie gevaarlik, veral as daar mannetjies is in broeiverekleed. Koedoes is uiters gevaarlik – die bulle stamp met die horings en die koeie kopstamp! Vlakvarke is altyd gevaarlik, veral 'n sog met kleintjies. Alle diere het 'n sekerheids-sone, moenie die lyn oortree nie. Kommerwekkende verslae kom in, in verband met die voer van blouapies en bobbejane. Hierdie primate kan aggressief word en aanvalle was reeds aangemeld. Tot dusver is nog niemand gebyt nie, maar dit is 'n ongeluk wat wag om te gebeur. Hulle mag dalk aan hondsdoelheid ly en indien iemand gebyt word, moet die persoon onmiddellik na die hospitaal gaan vir toetse en indien nodig, behandeling. Moenie binne die huis kos in sig los nie - 'n bobbejaan is sterk genoeg om in te breek. Die beste manier om hierdie diere af te skrik is om hulle nie te voer nie. Maak seker dat vensters en deure wat buite sig is, toegemaak word. Die belangrikste om te onthou is dat ons diere wild is – hou asseblief jong kinders weg!