

1. WHAT IS A VERVET MONKEY

It is a small, black-faced monkey that is common in East Africa that adapts easily to many environments and is widely distributed.

2. WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

The different types of vervets vary in colour, but generally the body is a greenish-olive or silvery-gray. The face, ears, hands, feet and tip of the tail are black, but a conspicuous white band on the forehead blends in with the short whiskers. The males are slightly larger than the females and easily recognised by their turquoise blue scrota.



3. WHY ARE THEY IMPORTANT

The Vervet Monkey falls under appendix two of the Convention for International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) as species to be considered at risk of extinction if populations are not monitored.

4. WHAT CAN I DO TO SCARE THE MONKEY AWAY?

- Loud noises, such as banging pots, can scare monkeys away;
- Plastic snakes discourage monkeys but don't leave them in the same place for too long as they will realise that the snakes are not real;
- Water is an effective deterrent.

5. WILL I GET RABIES IF THE MONKEY SCRATCHES ME?

Vervet Monkeys do not carry rabies.

6. DO'S AND DON'TS

| DO | DON'T |
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| Take care when moving or storing food | Tease or attempt to catch the monkeys |
| Use passive body language if you encounter a monkey | Eat in front of the monkeys |
| Be mindful of your environment – keep your windows closed or use burglar guards to prevent them coming in. | Allow monkeys into your residence to retrieve food |
| Put bleach (such as Jeyes Fluid) inside and outside bins. This acts as a deterrent. | Corner a monkey |
| Make sure that your bins are properly closed. | Stare directly at the monkey – they consider this threatening and may attack in self-defence |
| | Turn your back on a monkey displaying threatening behaviour – rather back away slowly |
| | Do not feed monkeys – it can affect their breeding and eating patterns. |

7. WHAT SHOULD I DO IF THERE IS A MONKEY IN MY ROOM / OFFICE?

Contact 082 659 4711 / 082 411 5444 (Monkey Helpline) for someone to come and retrieve the monkey.

The University of KwaZulu-Natal

cordially invites you to a public lecture entitled

LIVING IN HARMONY WITH VERVET MONKEYS



GUEST SPEAKER:

Jean Senogles (Primates Africa & PEGG)

DATE

Wednesday, 31 July 2013

TIME

13h00 – 14h00

VENUE

Senate Chamber, Westville Campus,
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Light refreshments will be served.