

# Baboon Technical Team

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### Baboon Technical Team (BTT) Management Guidelines:

- BTTG1 Guidelines for response to severe injury / disease in a baboon in the urban area, Cape Peninsula.
- BTTG2 Guidelines for assessment of poor condition in a baboon in the urban areas, Cape Peninsula.
- BTTG3 Guidelines for categorizing & managing damage causing baboon/s (DCB) in urban areas, Cape Peninsula.
- BTTG4 Guidelines for dispersing / displaced male baboons in urban areas, Cape Peninsula.

### Supporting Documents for Guidelines:

- BTTDOC1 Work in progress
- BTTDOC2 Work in progress

# BTTG1 Guidelines for response to severe injury/disease in a baboon in urban areas, Cape Peninsula

Individual ID Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Troop: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Initial assessment conducted by area manager using Habitus Assessment Form (BTTDOC1)  
If concerned, monitor and advise BTT that veterinary input may be needed

**Natural cause of injury**   
Baboon-on-baboon / fynbos fire / accident

Further assessment in conjunction with BTT and/or veterinarian if advisable

*Is the baboon likely to survive ?*

YES

Monitor, reassess with veterinarian if advisable

BUT the injury is severely debilitating

NO

Euthanase

**Human induced or unknown cause/disease**   
From contact with humans / human environment

Further assessment in conjunction with BTT and /or veterinarian if advisable

*Is the baboon likely to survive without intervention?*

YES

Monitor, reassess

BUT the injury is debilitating capture & treat for max.5 days

Communicable disease, treat remotely or capture & treat for max. 5 days

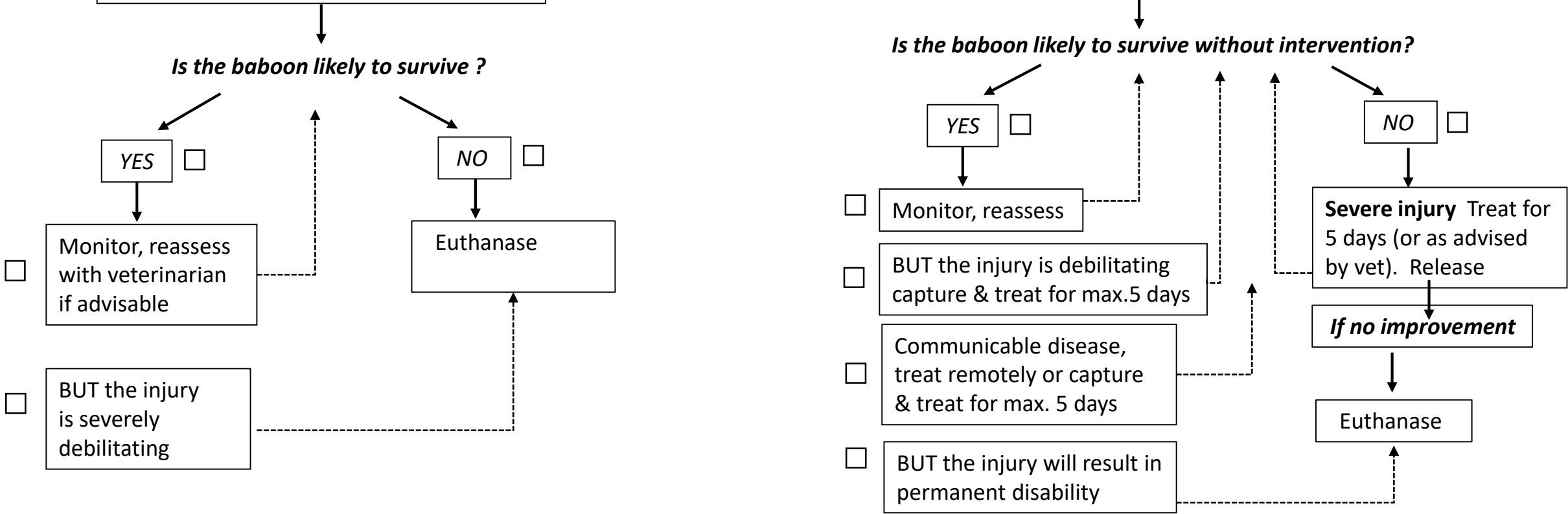
BUT the injury will result in permanent disability

NO

**Severe injury** Treat for 5 days (or as advised by vet). Release

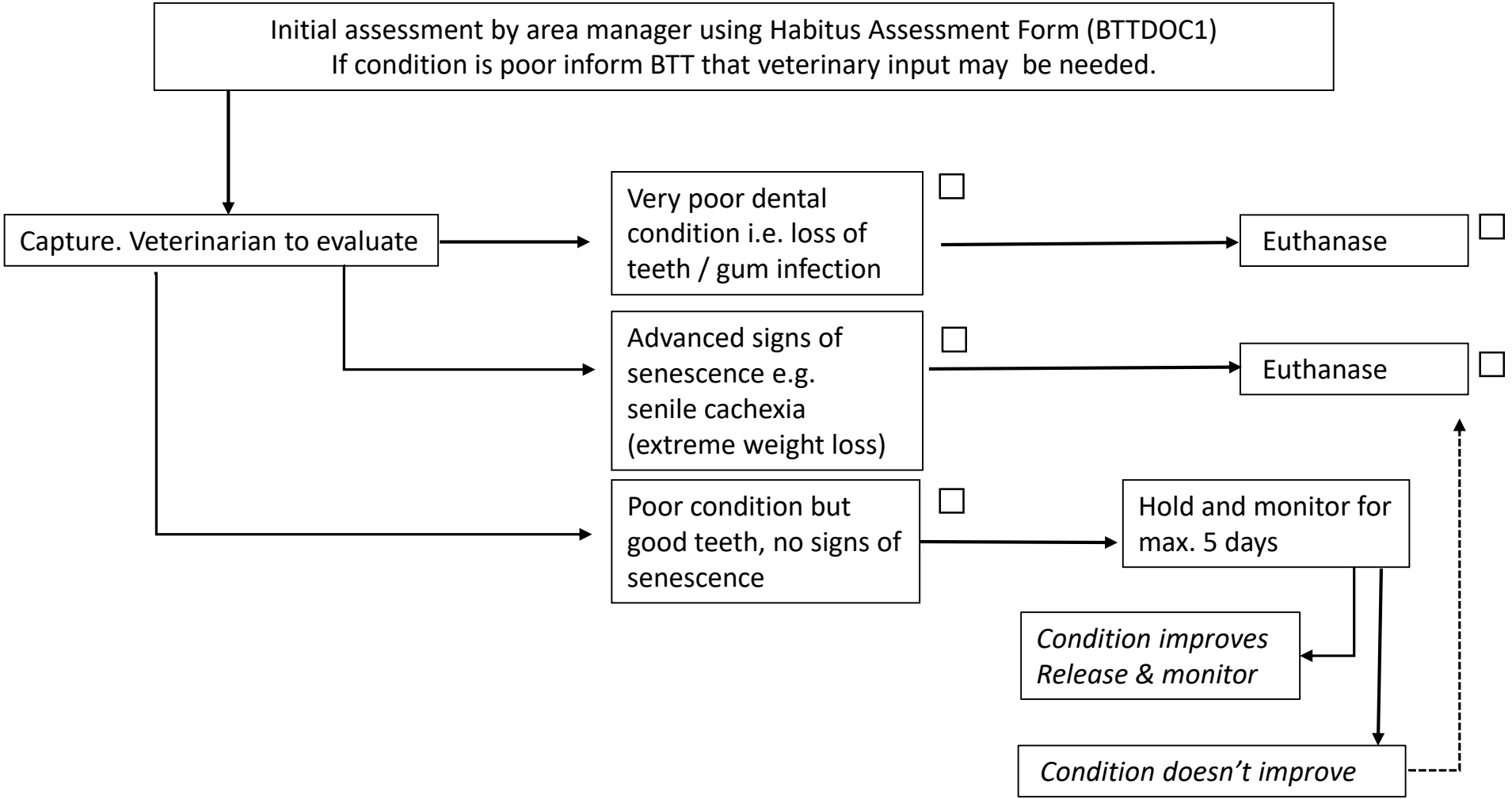
*If no improvement*

Euthanase



# BTTG2 Guidelines for assessment of poor condition in a baboon in urban areas, Cape Peninsula

Individual ID Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Troop: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# BTTG3 Guidelines for categorizing and managing damage causing baboon/s (DCB) in urban areas, Cape Peninsula

Individual ID Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Troop: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

RISK LEVEL TO HUMANS & BABOONS	RAIDING ALERT DESCRIPTION	IDENTIFY POINT SOURCE / DESCRIPTION (dates and frequency)	ACTION TO BE TAKEN Tick as completed	Tick
<p><b>DCB CATEGORY 1</b> <b>Low Risk</b> <i>(no interaction with people)</i> <b>Monitor &amp; Notify BTT &amp; BLG</b></p>	<p><b>Frequency – more than x1 incidents:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foraging on road verge in urban area <input style="float: right;" type="checkbox"/></li> <li>• Foraging on fynbos in urban area <input style="float: right;" type="checkbox"/></li> <li>• Sleeping on a building/ trees in urban area <input style="float: right;" type="checkbox"/></li> </ul>	<p>Location and specific site</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Notify BTT &amp; BLG.</li> <li>2. Authorities &amp; BLG to formulate and apply appropriate management action plans to remedy factor(s)</li> <li>3. BTT &amp; BLG to address point source.</li> </ol>	<input type="checkbox"/>  <input type="checkbox"/>  <input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>DCB CATEGORY 2</b> <b>Medium Risk</b> <i>(Raiding human derived food)</i>  <b>Raiding Alert &amp; Formal Notice</b></p>	<p><b>Frequency – X5 or more per month:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raids a property: for horse/ pet food, fruit tree, vegetables compost , other. <input style="float: right;" type="checkbox"/></li> <li>• Bin raiding <input style="float: right;" type="checkbox"/></li> </ul> <p><b>Frequency – X3 or more per month</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enters room / car without people <input style="float: right;" type="checkbox"/></li> </ul>	<p><b>Reasons for raiding:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General attractant: e.g. vineyards, picnic site <input style="float: right;" type="checkbox"/></li> <li>• Point source attractant: what &amp; where</li> <li style="padding-left: 20px;">Refuse bin: <input style="float: right;" type="checkbox"/></li> <li style="padding-left: 20px;">Fruit tree:</li> <li style="padding-left: 20px;">Food items:</li> <li style="padding-left: 20px;">Refuse cage:</li> <li style="padding-left: 20px;">Other: .....</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A natural event: drought/ fire <input style="float: right;" type="checkbox"/></li> <li>• ..... <input style="float: right;" type="checkbox"/></li> </ul>	<p><u>Consider euthanasing baboon if BTT has:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. No more resources available to prevent the baboon from raiding</li> <li>2. Reached upper limit of deterrents that can be used to prevent raiding</li> <li>3. Exhausted legal means to remove attractant(s) driving raiding behaviour</li> <li>4. Educated owners on consequences of attractants and recommended baboon-proofing</li> <li>5. Notify BTT &amp; BLG</li> </ol>	<input type="checkbox"/>  <input type="checkbox"/>  <input type="checkbox"/>  <input type="checkbox"/>  <input type="checkbox"/>  <input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>DCA CATEGORY 3</b> <b>High Risk</b> <i>(Raiding people or interacting with people for food)</i>  <b>Immediate Intervention Required</b></p>	<p><b>Frequency – X1 incident</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attacks or actively pursues people. <input style="float: right;" type="checkbox"/></li> <li>• Steals food directly from people. <input style="float: right;" type="checkbox"/></li> <li>• Enters car or room occupied with people. <input style="float: right;" type="checkbox"/></li> <li>• Breaking into building or car <input style="float: right;" type="checkbox"/></li> </ul> <p><b>Frequency - X3 incidents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solicits troop members for a raiding group. <input style="float: right;" type="checkbox"/></li> <li>• <u>Forms/ leads a splinter group</u> <input style="float: right;" type="checkbox"/></li> <li>• Raids or leads a raid nocturnally <input style="float: right;" type="checkbox"/></li> </ul>	<p><b>Comments:</b></p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Notify BTT of incident(s).</li> <li>2. Submit application for euthanasia to BTT (WAAC)</li> </ol> <p><b>Note:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If behaviour of baboon is unprovoked: Motivate for euthanasia.</li> <li>• If behaviour of baboon is provoked by person/situation: consider reasons for the baboon/s response, mitigating factors and the possibility of rehabilitating the baboon before euthanasia.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>  <input type="checkbox"/>

# Guidelines for dispersing / displaced male baboons in urban areas, Cape Peninsula

<u>Dispersing Category</u>	<u>DCB Raiding Category</u>	<u>Action</u>
<b>Young dispersing male (6 – 9yrs) D1 (first dispersal)</b>	DCB Category 1	Catch, tag, consider for relocation to new troop with no alpha male or with an old resident alpha or return to home range- Must be collared.
	DCB Category 2	
	DCB Category 3	Euthanase (in line with DCB guidelines)
<b>Mature dispersing male (9 yrs +) D1 (first dispersal)</b>	DCB Category 1	Catch, tag, consider for relocation to new troop with no alpha or with an old resident alpha or return to home range- Must be collared.
	DCB Category 2	Catch, Tag, Return to home range
	DCB Category 3	Euthanase (in line with DCB guidelines)
<b>Young dispersing male (6 -9yrs) D2 (second dispersal)</b>	DCB Category 1	Consider for relocation to a new troop with no alpha male or an old resident alpha male or return to home range. Must be collared.
	DCB Category 2	
	DCB Category 3	Euthanase (in line with DCB guidelines)
<b>Mature dispersing male (9yrs +) D2 (second dispersal)</b>	DCB Category 1	Consider for relocation to a new troop with no alpha or an old resident alpha or return to home range. Must be collared.
	DCB Category 2	
	DCB Category 3	Euthanase (in line with DCB guidelines)
<b>D3 (third dispersal)</b>	DCB Category 1	Euthanase (unless a suitable troop is available and a 1 <sup>st</sup> time relocation)
	DCB Category 2 & 3	Euthanase