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Predation management information centre now operational



The University of the Free State has signed service agreements with all four industries represented on the Predation Management Forum (PMF) to establish and manage a Predation Management Information Centre (PMIC). The wool, mohair, red meat and wildlife industries have pooled their resources to create a space for collating and analysing reliable information on predation and predation management methods, which will be made available continuously to a management information system (MIS). This system, a national asset, will make information readily available to all users.



This information centre will be managed daily by dedicated staff, who will receive and manage calls and emails. Calls and enquiries will be logged and advice will be offered by the call centre and/or PMF specialists.

The centre will further be responsible for information resource management and provide the contact details of regulatory authorities and specialists managing damage-causing animals; it will also source all relevant policies of the national and provincial authorities. Scientific publications, reports, popular articles, best practices and PMF position statements will be sourced and archived. The training manuals of hunters, specialist hunters and livestock farmers and wildlife ranchers will be sourced and archived.

Another function of the centre will entail research and data collection, by means of which predation and predation management statistics, biometrics and new research topics will be identified.

We urge farmers, wildlife ranchers, civil society, the retail sector, regulatory authorities and any other stakeholder affected by predation to contact the PMIC at 051 401 2210 on weekdays from 08:00 to 16:00, or use the email **PredationMC@ufs.ac.za**.

PMF rejects inhumane treatment of animals

The Predation Management Forum (PMF) represents the National Wool Growers' Association of SA (NWGA), the Red Meat Producers' Organisation (RPO), the South African Mohair Growers' Association (Samga) and Wildlife Ranching South Africa (WRSA). The PMF supports the responsible management of damage-causing animals and rejects the inhumane treatment of animals.

Best practices for managing predators in South Africa was developed by the PMF in support of ethical and humane methods to protect livestock and game against predators.

This declaration follows incidents of alleged brutality associated with trapping methods in the Western Cape.

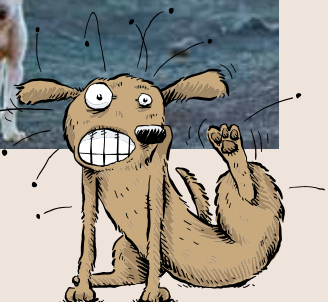
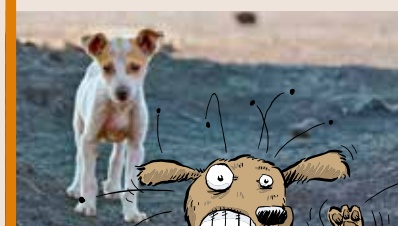


Rondloperdiere in munisipale gebiede

Port Alfred en Alexandria in die Oos-Kaap was in 'n hofgeding gewikkel nadat 'n suksesvolle hofbevel teen die Ndlambe-munisipaliteit, die munisipale bestuurder en die uitvoerende burgemeester verkry is om regulasies af te dwing oor die aanhouding van diere binne die munisipaliteit se woongebiede, op munisipale meentgrond en in oop ruimtes. Herhaalde versoeke oor baie jare heen oor die onbeheerste instroming van diere in woongebiede het min aksie ontlok. Hierdie diere bring 'n verhoogde risiko vir die oordrag van diersiektes na naburige kommersiële plase mee. Voorts is die risiko's wat rondloperhonde aan motoriste en privaat eiendom inhou voor die hand liggend.

Die hofbevel is aan Agri Oos-Kaap en vier ander aansoekers toegestaan. Daar word gehoop dat die bevel as 'n basis vir onderhandelinge gebruik sal word deurdat dit Agri Oos-Kaap se geaffilieerde landbouverenigings in staat stel om met hul onderskeie munisipaliteite te onderhandel. Hopelik sal dit verseker dat die boeregemeenskap vorentoe soortgelyke regstellingsplanne rondom soortgelyke probleme sonder onnodige regsaksie kan oplos. Lees Agri Oos-Kaap se volledige mediaverklaring:

<http://www.pmf.co.za/images/news/Agri-OK-Rondloper-Diere.pdf>



Stuur inligting

U word vriendelik versoek om enige inligting oor predasie, suksesvolle beheermetodes en interessante navorsing aan te stuur. Ons wil die jongste nuus hoor, asook enige aktiwiteite in u bedryf, en die datums waarop dit plaasvind. Wenke oor die voorkoming of bekamping van predasie, asook foto's, is welkom. Kontak Bonita by nwga@nwga.co.za.

