

Important things to know about our rare Cape tortoises:

1. They can pose serious health risks. Because they move slow, ticks attach to the soft tissue under the arms. Tick bites can cause tick fever, loss of appetite, stiff joints, lethargy, vomiting, diarrhea and/or seizures. Hospitalization could be required, and it can even be fatal if not diagnosed/treated in time.
2. People often pick them up. They urinate when picked up (causing dehydration and often death in this arid region). It must be awful to die of thirst! Especially, children who pick them up, often panic and drop them when the tortoises pee. It damage/break the shells when they fall and severely injure them.
3. They are rare, have minimal breeding success in captivity and are endemic to southern Africa.

Kyk asseblief mooi na ons skilpaadjies en bewonder hulle vanaf 'n gesonde afstand. Gee ook hierdie boodskap deur aan u besoekers. Baie dankie vir u bedagsaamheid.



Belangrike inligting oor ons skaars Kaapse skilpaadjies:

1. Hulle kan ernstige gesondheidsgevaar inhou. Omdat hulle stadig loop klim bosluise op en heg aan die sagte vel onder die arms. Bosluiskoors (as bosluise jou byt) kan verlies van eetlus, koors, stywe ledemate, lusteloosheid, braking, diaree, en/of stuiptrekking veroorsaak. Hospitalisering kan benodig word en dit kan selfs tot die dood lei indien dit nie betyds gediagnoseer/behandel word nie.
2. Mense tel hulle soms op. Hulle pie-pie dan. Dit veroorsaak water verlies en soms die dood in hierdie droë omgewing. Dit moet aaklig wees om van die dors te sterf! Verval kinders wat hulle optel skrik as die skillie pie-pie en laat val hulle dan. Dit veroorsaak dat die dop breek of beskadig en hulle word ernstig beseer.
3. Hulle is inheems tot suidelike Afrika, skaars en teel omtrent nooit aan nie in aanhouding.

Please look after them and admire them from a respectful distance. Give this message also to your visitors. Thank you very much for your courtesy.