

Black Pine Animal Park

Animal Facts

Breed: HAMADRAYAS BABOON

Names / Sex / Age:

Mae Female 19

Previous Home: A private animal handler and trainer. She was retired from the circus.

Native to: Africa

Weight: 20 to 30 pounds.

Life Expectancy: 30 years in captivity

Diet: Grasses, tree leaves, tree bark, fruits, vegetables, nuts, smaller monkeys, birds, rodents. At Black Pine her diet consists of fruits, vegetables, nuts and seeds, and monkey biscuits.

Status: Good.

Facts:

- Baboon is a common name given to the monkeys of Africa
- Best recognized for their elongated, dog-like snouts and very large canine teeth
- Baboons live in large troops of around 50
- They live on the ground but they sleep in the trees, making leopards a big threat
- Chimpanzees will also hunt small baboons for food
- Baboons prefer rocky desert areas and other sub-desert areas that have grass
- Apart from humans, baboons are the most adaptable of the ground-dwelling primates
- Intelligent and crafty, they can be agricultural pests, so they are treated as vermin rather than wildlife
- Female baboons experience drastic swelling of the genital area during their estrous cycle which signals males it is time for mating
- Baboons use over 30 vocalizations ranging from grunts to barks to screams
- When a baboon yawns, it is often a “threat yawn”, an aggressive behavior

Personal History:

Mae came to Black Pine in the late fall of 1997. She was retired rather early in life from circus performing by her trainer because she was an “outcast” amongst the others she worked with. She was not accepted by older monkeys, and tended to be aggressive towards the younger ones. Mae is always nervous, tends to be a loner, but exhibits great maternal instincts, making sure her baby (stuffed animal) is nearby at all times. Her favorite treats are peanuts, raisins, and sunflower seeds.