Preparation
Match the vocabulary with the correct definitions and write a–f next to the numbers 1–6.

1……..  a baboon                        a. something that annoys people
2……..  a pest                          b. a species of monkey
3……..  fond (of something)             c. a species at risk of dying out
4……..  an attitude                     d. a way of thinking
5……..  an endangered species          e. having been left alone and uncared for by an owner
6……..  abandoned                       f. having affection for something

1. Check your understanding: multiple choice
Circle the best option to complete these sentences.

1. City residents in Cape Town do not like the baboons because  they dig up parks and gardens / they can be aggressive / they beg for food .
2. Groups of wild pigs have been coming into Berlin  since the early twentieth century / in recent times / for hundreds of years .
3. In Moscow, small cute dogs are more likely  to be fed by city residents / to be given shelter in winter / to be the leaders of their packs .
4. In Berlin, the city council changed their policy because  it was unsuccessful / it was unpopular / it was expensive .
5. The relationship between people and animals is most harmonious  in Cape Town / in Berlin / in Moscow .
6. The wild pigs in Berlin are  carnivores / omnivores / herbivores .

2. Check your understanding: true or false
Circle True or False for these sentences.

1. There have been newspaper reports of bears on the streets of Mumbai.    True    False
2. In Cape Town, baboons often go into the city centre.    True    False
3. Scientists think the dogs in Moscow use their senses to know when to get off a train.    True    False
4. In Berlin, the hunters were employed to shoot young pigs.  
   True  False
5. It is difficult to stop baboons from coming back to the city to find food.  
   True  False
6. Some people in Berlin have built shelters to help the pigs survive the cold winters.  
   True  False
7. All the wild dogs in Moscow used to be pets.  
   True  False
8. It is against the law to feed pigs in Berlin.  
   True  False

Discussion

Which animals do you see in the town or city where you live? Are any of them dangerous?
Does your town or city have any problems with wild animals?