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BREAKING FRONT PAGE HEADLINES

We know all you friends and colleagues of Hart's Reptile World have been anxiously awaiting the latest edition of the Crocodile Chronicle so hope it was worth the wait.

Apologize for the lengthy time in between as we've been soooooo busy with rescues not just here in the Pacific Northwest but beyond.

As you can see from the new updated heading our rescue is now officially a 501(c)3 non-profit, yeah!!!

Going non-profit was an extremely difficult decision for those of you who know us due to the public perception of non-profits.

Lately, when thinking of non-profit animal organizations the word "humanitarian" doesn't come to mind. What does come to mind is the phrase, "corporate salaries".

It's beyond comprehension how organizations who hold themselves up as paragons of relieving animal "suffering" have well over \$100,000 salaries and no shame about it.

They have affective advertising

Oldest Reptile Rescue



In North America

**We're All In This Together So
Join Us In Our Quest To Build
A Reptile House & Sanctuary**

campaigns because unbeknownst to you, they live high class lifestyles on "your heartfelt donations" that you or I never will.

These non-humanitarians and the ignorant Hollywood stars doing their commercials sleep on beds of thousands of euthanized animals that weren't saved due to lack of funds ... paying corporate salaries.

This is absolutely not us and never will be.

Any dime, nickel or even penny

goes to help, support, rescue a reptile in need and even their owners.

Besides, who could pass up memory makers like one the time California Fish & Wildlife called us for another "alligator 911 rescue adventure".

The permit window was for 48 hours. Usually no problem unless your van breaks down, the temperature is 105 and your passenger is an alligator.

The alligator actually turned out to be a caiman but how many know the difference!!!

AAA was having a hard time finding someone willing to come help due to the unusual ...passenger!!!

The 48 hour transport time was slipping away while waiting for AAA to find a tow truck.

Don't try this at home but you have no idea how many friends can be made and how much "reptile good will" can be spread while sitting along side the

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Reptiles in the News



Parents Charged in Death Of Toddler

This story made headlines everywhere about an escaped python that "strangled" a 2 year old toddler.

Investigative documents show that the 8 1/2 ft Burmese python, was kept in violation of Florida wildlife laws.

Documents show the emaciated snake hadn't been fed in over a month and weighed less than 13 pounds, which is less than half of what a healthy snake that size should weigh.

The girls mother was concerned about her daughters ability to care for the

python, she offered to buy rats as neither had jobs or money. She also offered to get secure lids and keep the snakes at her home, both offers were rejected.

Drug charges were filed after the arrest, both pleaded not guilty and could be first ever charged in death by snake. Charges range from manslaughter to third degree murder and child neglect.

EDITORS NOTE:

This is the first time a preventable tragedy has happened and the majority of reporting was accurate.

As the majority of people are snake

phobic look at this tragedy from the point of it being a dog instead of a snake. You would rightly say, how could you be so irresponsible in allowing a toddler to be in that situation.

This is no different other than the animal. Give blame where it's due, the owners are the only 100% responsible for this tragedy ... not the snake.

It was also reported that 10 people have died by snakes since 1980. Yet no mention of the hundreds even thousands of kids and adults that have been killed or maimed by dogs.

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road with an alligator (caiman) on your lap!!!

The neighbors were wonderful in letting us sit under one of their trees for shade. They and others brought us water to drink, peaches to eat and even a pail of water to keep the caiman cool.

Lots of people were stopping by because they heard someone had an alligator.

All this time AAA keeps calling us saying they haven't forgotten us but still can't find a driver

By this time were all having fun,

laughing, including AAA that they couldn't find a driver. Tow truck drivers are usually considered big, burly macho guys.

Apparently that only applies if there's not an alligator involved.

Finally AAA called and said they'd found a driver 2+ hours away that would come, as long as we left the alligator in the vehicle and not the cab.

All turned out well, although the van was permanently deceased.

Who would want to pass up fun experiences and adventures like that...

The large animal organizations with lots of commercials have great advertising agencies as there all over TV with 3 hankie commercials.

If their ad agency want to come help us we'll give them a python hug

thanks and the chance to "really help animals", not just write about it.

In exchange for their services they'll get life changing opportunities and experiences by gather bugs for feeding, muck out the tortoise pens, shovel snake poopie, retrieve lizards from the rafters and everyone's favorite ... cleaning the croc ponds.

Have to make sure their life insurance is paid up as the anacondas look at you as delicious edibles and old Otis the alligator and Diablo the Nile croc get a real kick out of using "newbies" for sport, makes their day every time.

Being non-profit also means those of you with extra funds gathering dust now have a worthwhile place for them to go that's making a "real" difference in the world and heck, we don't even get corporate salaries to do it.

There's actually a lot to tell about what's going on in the Reptile Swamp.

First and most important now that we're non-profit our main focus is to partner with someone that would like to donate a piece of property.

We're looking to construct or make acceptable improvements on an existing building so we can open again.

It's been 10 years since we closed to the public but still get numerous calls and emails asking when we're re-opening.

There is nothing so rewarding as sharing your passion of what you love.

There are several areas we're looking into the possibility of re-locating to.

With climate in mind the main focus is Eastern Oregon or at least east of the mountains. With greenhouse like enclosures many of the animals could be outside and getting, natural, direct sunlight.

As usual there's no shortage of situations or people qualifying for the "Idiot Award". However, there's always one that stands out from the crowd.

Might add all of us are still having way too much fun with this one.

Believe it or not an Orlando man was arrested for, no joke, cockroach smuggling.

Who knew we didn't have enough of our own home grown 2 legged as well as the 6 legged cockroaches that we now have to start importing them.

However, don't worry, these are apparently high class cockroaches being from Dubai. Neighbors and nearby people can rest assured if any got loose or escaped they

"What's New" in the Swamp



What a thrill it will be for everyone to see Otis the alligator and Diablo the Nile croc basking in the open sun, in VERY SECURE enclosures of course!!!

All the large snakes and boas having trees and branches to lounge around on.

In some cases we might actually be able to take in a few more of the "thousands" of iguanas needing new homes.

It will be an exciting but daunting project retrieving and bringing home all our reptiles still being housed at other facilities.

With the number of rescue tortoises arriving there will be no shortage of all sizes for the outdoor tortoise pen. Just remember, no red toenail polish as they look like delicious ... strawberries!!!

The main focus at the new facility

will of course be public education and don't worry we'll still continue with our great educational outreach programs to schools, scouts, day care, libraries, fairs, churches, festivals and more.

It's long overdue and have missed taking tours thru talking about the animals and/or where they came from and the stories behind how we acquired them.

If you or anyone you know would like to jump on the reptile bandwagon and join our "vision", don't be shy, we understand and speak fluent reptile. Just "bellow" like a crocodile, "rumble" like an alligator, "hiss" like the Bronx Zoo's Egyptian Cobra on the lam, "head ram" a tree like a tortoise or just "rattle" like a rattlesnake and ... we'll find you.

Email or a phone call will also work.



"Idiot



Award"



wouldn't be hanging out with any of your local, generic, run of the mill, trailer trash type cockroaches.

Might reconsider a stay at your local upscale hotel though!!!

It's believed these have more meat and nutrients than crickets. Their also quieter and supposedly easier to handle. Well that's certainly a selling factor.

It also says once you have a breeding colony of cockroaches going you won't have to buy any. Imagine that!!!

According to the report he's also accused of altering a permit to show he had per-

mission to import the banned bugs.

Can't you just see this guy in jail, everyone is introducing themselves and their alleged crimes and he says ... cockroach smuggling. That embarrassment alone should detour further cockroach capers.

Most with common sense would just lift up a board, pick up the "free" cockroach and drop it in the lizards cage but hey, apparently were all too simple minded!

Of all the things to smuggle in to sell, jewels, gold, computer chips, paintings, corporate espionage, only in America would you find "cockroach smugglers"!!!

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Just A Thought



Are you



just living to die



or



dying to live?

Home To Happy Reptiles Since The 70's

Featured Reptile in the Spotlight

Highlighting Sulcata Tortoises.

All tortoises are friendly and most are easy to house and care for giving you years of joy and delight.

Each species is different and within those each individual is unique and exhibit specific personalities.

From a rescuers point of view the only issue is that most don't give too much thought or research into which species they want before purchasing.

Tortoises we recommend as pets are those that don't get too big like the



Herd of Sulcata Tortoises

Russian, Elongated, Redfoot, etc.

Sulcatas, like other tortoises are wonderful and after getting to know you and who's in charge of the "food department" will let you know if your late with the goodies.

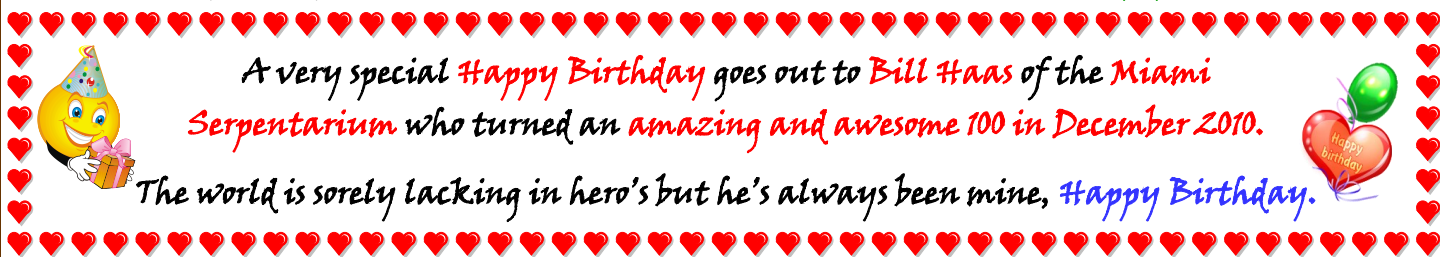
Sulcata's only drawbacks are rapid growth, adult size and they can way out live their owners. Males can attain 250-300 lbs and females to 100.

After you've done your research and talked to people, before buying your tortoise please check with NO KILL rescues first to give a cute and eager "under-privileged" tortoise a home.

Keep us in mind as we usually have a fine selection of "under-privileged but pet quality" reptiles looking for an adoptive family.

OUR MOTTO

"We adopt pets, not animals".



A very special **Happy Birthday** goes out to **Bill Haas** of the **Miami Serpentarium** who turned an **amazing and awesome 100** in **December 2010**.



The world is sorely lacking in hero's but he's always been mine, **Happy Birthday**.



"Happy Birthdays" Go Out To:



Mariah 4 Gresham, OR

Seth 6 Tigard, OR

Gabe 10 Beaverton, OR

Stevie 5 Eugene, OR

Rowen 5 Portland, OR

Taylor 10 Portland, OR

Gina 11 Hillsboro, OR

Lili 6 Corbett, OR

Jesse 11 McDonald, PA

Nancy 8 Salem, OR

Scott 9 Tigard, OR

Sharon 9 Vancouver, WA

Cody 4 Sandy, OR

Peter 8 Tualatin, OR

Jennifer 11 Corvallis, OR

Colin 4 Lake Oswego, OR

Daniel 7 Portland, OR

Sean 7 Longview, WA

Kathy 9 Lebanon, OR

Arlain 8 Vancouver, WA

Kenji 6 Portland, OR

Jason 7 Portland, OR

Lisa 9 Salem, OR

Kaori 4 Portland, OR

Dylan 4 Portland, OR

Gracey 9 West Linn, OR

Riley 8 Vancouver, WA

Karla 9 Keizer, OR

Cassie 7 Beaverton, OR

Graham 5 Portland, OR

Kyle 5 West Linn, OR

Dylan 5 Portland, OR

LeAnn 8 Corvallis, OR

Zuri 7 Portland, OR

Bryce 6 Beaverton, OR

Abby 8 Brush Prairie, WA

Shayna 5 Scappoose, OR

Allen 7 Eugene, OR

Owen 7 Beaverton, OR

Mackenzie 6 Scappoose, OR