

Toledo Herpetological Society THS Newsletter

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Officer's Message

Please join us on Saturday, August 5th for another chance to share our herp friends with the public at Van Buren State Park. Bring your friends, bring your family, and bring your herps! As you're aware we needed to cancel the last demo due to high temperatures. Not only is it too hot for the herps but for all of us as well. Keep an eye on the weather forecast and if it's scheduled to be 90 degrees, we'll need to cancel the demo.

We did send a notice to those members on our email list, which provides another good reason to add your email address to our list. Send it to Hillary at hillary_harms@yahoo.com.

Our monthly meetings will once again be held at the Natural Science Technology Center for the September 21st General Meeting. Since it's still warm out members are invited to bring their herps to the general meeting to share with everyone.



Rob Snyder's False Water Cobra

On-line Help Available To All THS Members!

The THS Yahoo group is now available. The benefits are that members can share pictures of their pets, herp stories and ask reptile related questions that other members can answer. We need your input to make this a fun way to share information. For more information and to join this group, go to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ToledoHerpSociety/>

August General Meeting Program

**Herp Demo
Van Buren State Park
Saturday, Aug 5th
Demo 1-4
Nature Center**

Herp-of-the-Month

**Sponsor: Eileen Underwood
Featured Herp: Pacman Frog**

Visit the Toledo Herpetological Society online at: <http://www.ths.4t.com>

Herp-of-the-Month

Pacman Frog

Common Name: Pacman Frog, Ornate Horned Frog

Scientific Name: *Ceratophrys ornate*

Description: Lime green with mixes of red, black tan or brown (Can also be albino)

Origin: Tropical rainforests of South America (Brazil, Uruguay, Paraguay, Argentina)

Size: Females can grow to be 7-9 inches (~14 cm), Males can be 5-7 inches (~10 cm). Can weigh up to a pound.

Lifespan: Average 6 yrs, Can live up to 12 yrs

Captive housing: These frogs should be kept alone. A ten gallon tank is sufficient. Suggested substrates include peat moss, sphagnum moss, soil (Free of chemicals and fertilizers). Substrate should be deep enough so frog can burrow itself. Can also use moist, white paper towels (supply hide box). A shallow water dish (changed daily) is also recommended.

Temperature: 75-85 °F (can drop to no lower than 70°F at night)

Humidity: Mist daily with de-chlorinated water

Lighting: Use of full-spectrum light over one corner of tank is recommended; leave on for 12 hrs a day.

Food: Will eat any thing that moves!

A Recommended diet for captive care:

- Small-sized frog: feed 4-5 dusted crickets or small guppies daily
- Medium-sized frog: 1 or 2 gold fish every other day and a pinkie mouse once a week
- Large (Adult) frog: mouse (dead, thawed) or 1 to 2 large fish every one or two weeks
* (don't feed mice more than twice a month)
- Never feed prey items more than 50% in size than frog
- Adjust feeding if frog gets too thin or fat
- Can give insects, worms, mealworms as treats

Pacman Frog facts:

- The common name, horned frog, comes from the folds of skin that are located over its eyes.
- The common name, pacman, comes from their large mouths. Half the size of the body is the mouth.
- Males tend to have a "beard" on their throat and also will croak.
- They rarely move, preferring to lie and wait for prey; although when threatened they will jump at and bite at enemy.
- The pacman sleeps with its eyes open, just like all frogs do.
- They swallow their prey whole and will attack prey many times their size, causing many frogs to choke to death.
- Pacman frogs have been known to eat each other
- They spend most of time burrowed in leafy, muddy vegetation of tropical forest floors
- Females lay 1,000-2,000 eggs which hatch less than 24 hrs after fertilization

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(Photos from: www.frogdaze.com)



Herp News

We've all read stories like the ones below and as responsible herp owners you probably cringe like I do. With many cities passing strict laws on keeping or even banning herps, its stories like the "prankster" that fuel the creation and passage of these laws. And after reading "surgery" below make certain to check your enclosures for problems; misplaced or faulty heating elements, unsecure lids or other escape routes, loose branches or rocks that can fall and injure your pets, clean water, bedding and hides. Your pet's health relies on your good husbandry!

Snake Prankster Faces Fine, Jail on Fed Charge

<http://www.detroitnews.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060719/METRO02/607190372/1009>

Paul Egan / The Detroit News
July 19, 2006

DETROIT -- A Farmington Hills man who put a live snake in his mailbox to scare his postal carrier was led into federal court in handcuffs Tuesday before he was released to await trial on a charge of obstructing mail delivery.

James Rutherford Mell, 31, faces a fine of up to \$100,000 and up to six months in prison on the criminal misdemeanor charge. Mell, who asked to have a federal defender appointed to represent him, was released on a \$10,000 unsecured bond pending his next court appearance Aug. 7. U.S. postal carrier Nakeema Anderson opened Mell's mailbox July 7 and was confronted with a 6-foot boa constrictor, according to federal court records. "Anderson reported observing a white male in the driveway laughing," the complaint said.

Mell, an auto mechanic, told The News on Monday he was sorry for "an incredibly stupid practical joke that wasn't funny." Ed Moore, a spokesman for the U.S. Postal Service in Detroit, said postal carriers have enough threats to deal with on their routes with dogs and beehives and other pests without having someone creating extra perils. "It may have been funny to him; it certainly wasn't funny to her," Moore said. "This is her job. What if she was so startled that she had a heart attack and died?"

You can reach Paul Egan at (313) 222-2069 or pegan@detroitnews.com

Surgery Uncovers Blanket Inside Snake

<http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/bizarre/4059150.html>

Associated Press
July 20, 2006

KETCHUM, IDAHO - Surgery saved a 12-foot Burmese python after he swallowed an entire queen-size electric blanket — with the electrical cord and control box.

The blanket must have gotten tangled up in the snake's rabbit dinner, owner Karl Beznoska said. He kept the blanket in the cage to keep the 60-pound reptile, named Houdini, warm. "Somehow, he was able to unplug the electric cord," Beznoska said Wednesday. "He at least wasn't hooked up to the power. It might have been pretty warm there." Veterinarian Karsten Fostvedt conducted a two-hour operation on the python Tuesday, and said afterward, "The prognosis is great."

X-rays showed the tangle of the blanket's wiring extending through about 8 feet of the python's digestive tract. The surgery to remove it took an 18-inch incision. Specialists at the University of California-Davis School of Veterinary Medicine said Houdini probably would have died without the operation. Beznoska has had Houdini for 16 years and takes him to local schools for show-and-tell.

THS Feeder Co-op

Rob Snyder is the “Rodent Master” of the THS Feeder Co-op. Any questions, concerns or ideas regarding the Co-op should be directed to Rob at (419) 308-1346 or email at adherp@woh.rr.com. The Feeder Co-op is a benefit of being a THS member, so only THS members can purchase food through the Co-op.

Insects

Insect orders can be placed and picked up either in Toledo or Bowling Green. Orders must be picked up from the person you ordered from.

Toledo Area: Orders for meeting deliveries should be made through Sue Taylor. Faxing her at (419) 534-5819 is the preferred method for ordering crickets. You may also call her at home (419) 475-1901. Please be sure to include cricket size and quantity, your name and phone number in case of questions about your order. Orders are due the Friday before meetings.

Bowling Green Area: Call Eileen Underwood at (419) 372-8564. If she is not available, leave your order on voice mail, please include your name, phone number, cricket size and quantity. Bowling Green cricket orders are placed once a month, and your order must be in before the first Monday of each month.

<u>Crickets</u> Pinhead to adult sizes 500 \$8.00 1000 \$11.00 1500 \$16.00	<u>Superworms</u> small, med. or large size 500 \$12.00 1000 \$20.00
<u>Waxworms</u> 50 \$5.25	<u>Mealworms</u> 1000 \$7.50



Bearded Dragon ready to pounce!
(<http://www.pittwateranimalhospital.com.au/lizards.html>)

Frozen Rodent Orders

THS does not offer live rodents. To order, call Rob Snyder at (419) 308-1346. The Co-op rodent supply comes from the All Ohio Reptile Sale (Columbus, Ohio), for delivery at the next general meeting or pick-up at Eileen Underwood's office at BGSU before 5:00. **Large orders must be picked up at Eileen's office the Saturday evening they are picked up from Columbus.** We will let you know if this needs to be done when you call us with your order.

<u>Frozen Mice</u> Pinkies 100 for \$20.00 Fuzzies 100 for \$22.00 Hoppers 100 for \$34.00 Weaned 50 for \$22.00 Adults 50 for \$27.00 Jumbo 25 for \$17.00	<u>Frozen Rats</u> Pinkies 100 for \$36.00 Fuzzies 100 for \$46.00 Pups 25 for \$15.00 Weaned 25 for \$17.00 Small 20 for \$16.00 Medium 10 for \$13.00 Large 5 for \$8.50 X Large 3 for \$6.50 XX Large 2 for \$5.50 XXX Large 2 for \$6.50
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Feeding Tip

When feeding a growing young snake it's important to feed the right sized rodent to keep them well fed and growing normally. The right sized rodent will be determined by the size of your snake's girth at its widest point, which is around it's mid-section. After eating this area can have a slight swelling that will return to normal within a day or two. Avoid feeding a rodent that is too large which can lead to regurgitation. When feeding small sized rodents increasing from one to two rodents per feeding is fine. Once you are feeding two of any size rodent you can usually move up to the next size rodent. So if your snake can comfortably handle 2 hopper mice it's usually safe to start offering 1 small adult mouse per feeding. And always remember to leave your pets alone for several days after eating so they can digest their meal in peace.

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THS General Meetings

Held the third Thursday of each month (unless otherwise noted) at the Toledo Public Schools Natural Science Technology Center (see map on cover sheet). Meetings begin 7:15 p.m. If you plan to purchase society merchandise or food through the co-op, please arrive early to do so. Visitors are always welcome and encouraged.

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THS Board Meetings Open to any member who wants to attend. Board meetings start at 7:00 p.m., meeting schedule and location varies, so please contact a board member if you plan on attending.

Herp Vets / Events

Member Recommended Herp Veterinarians

David P. Ernsthausen - Animal Hospital at West Ridge, Ltd., 1244 Ridgewood Dr. Ste. 1, Bowling Green, OH. (419) 354-PETS (7387)

Roger H. Grothaus - Reynolds Road Animal Hospital, 2850 N. Reynolds Road, Toledo (419) 531-5589

Crystal Ponsor - The South Suburban Animal Clinic, 2661 N. Dixie Highway, Perrysburg (419) 872-0920, www.suburbananimalclinics.com

Tim Reichard – Bird & Exotic Pet Wellness Center, 5166 Monroe Street, Suite 305, Toledo (419) 843-3137, www.birdexoticpetvets.com

Ross D. Mahowald - Sylvania Veterinary Hospital, 5227 S. Main St., Sylvania, OH (419) 885-4421, www.sylvaniavet.com

Michael P. Meyers - Hartman Veterinary Hospital, 3924 Airport Highway, Toledo (419) 385-7433

Andrea Maceri – VetSelect Animal Hospital 1010 west Oakley Park Road, Commerce Township, Michigan 48390. (248) 926-9696 Emergency (248) 684-0468, www.vetselect.com

THS Calendar of Events

08/05/06 THS Herp Demo

- Van Buren State Park 1-4pm
- At the Nature Center

NOTE: This Herp Demo will be canceled if the temp is forecasted 90 degrees or higher.

Directions to VanBuren State Park

Take I-75 South past Bowling Green and Cygnet Ohio.

Approximately 15 miles past BG you'll get off on the Fostoria/McComb exit, State Route 613.

Take a left on State Route 613 and continue through the small town of VanBuren. This street turns into Market Street.

Follow the signs for VanBuren State Park and take a right on Allen Twp 218 Road. This will lead you to the park.

The demo will be held by the Nature Center so continue on the park road past the trailers and motor home park on your left, past the ranger building and to the Nature Center.

08/24/06 THS Board Meeting ^

^ THS members are welcome to attend the Board Meetings. Contact a Board Member for times and locations.

2006 Reptile Show Dates

Michigan Reptile Sale *

Taylor, Michigan (248) 586-1265

www.michiganreptileshow.com

01/14/06	05/13/06	09/09/06
02/11/06	06/10/06	10/14/06
03/04/06	07/08/06	11/11/06
04/08/06	08/12/06	12/09/06

All Cleveland Reptile Show *

Fairview Park, Ohio (614) 833-6905

www.pythons.com/allclevelandshow

01/22/06	05/21/06	09/17/06
02/12/06	06/11/06	10/15/06
03 – none	07/16/06	11/12/06
04/30/06	08/13/06	12/10/06

All Ohio Reptile Show *

Columbus, Ohio (614) 457-4433

www.allohioshows.com

01/21/06	05/06/06	09/16/06
02/11/06	06/10/06	10/14/06
03/11/06	07/15/06	11/11/06
04/08/06	08/12/06	12/09/06

* *Note that wild-caught/imported animals are sold at these shows, check purchases closely!*

Classifieds

Ads: up to 5 lines are free to non-commercial THS members. Monthly commercial rates are as follows:

business card \$2.50
1/4 page \$5.00
1/2 page \$9.00
full page \$18.00

Pre-paid ads will be discounted by 10%.

You must specify an expiration date for your ad. There is a 3 month maximum limit after which you will need to re-submit the ad to the editor. Ads sent without an expiration date will only run once. Inappropriate ads will not be run, THS is not responsible for the quality of the merchandise or the animals listed here. Animal genders are indicated by the following code: males.females.unknown.

Newsletter general information: Anyone is welcome and encouraged to submit material to be published in the THS newsletter. Newsletter contributions must be received by the editor by the 25th of the month to be included in the next newsletter. THS reserves the right to edit or reject any material submitted for publication in its newsletter. **Disclaimer:** The opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the author(s), and do not necessarily reflect those of the Toledo Herpetological society.

Mid-Michigan Reptile Rescue, purpose:

The rescue, rehabilitation, and adoption placement of abandoned, abused, and unwanted reptiles and exotics, as well as education of the general public. The Mid-Michigan Reptile Rescue has hundreds of reptiles available for adoption, see their website at: www.geocities.com/midmichiganherp or contact **Jane Billette** via phone at (989) 684-7938 or email at midmichiganherp@yahoo.com.

Bearded Dragon hatchlings \$25-80 depending upon size and color. Pictus Geckos juveniles \$25-\$50. Viper Gecko subadults \$50/pair. Crested Gecko juveniles \$50 - \$150 depending upon size color and sex. 2005 Corn Snake hatchlings: Amel motley \$60. Poison Dart froglets \$35-\$55 depending on color and species.

Contact **Eileen Underwood** at (419) 372-8564
Email – eunderw@bgsu.edu

Available at THS meetings: nutritionally complete turtle and tortoise diets, bulk pricing, sample sizes available.

Contact **Richard Schroeder** at (734) 622-2529.

Jungle Carpet Python babies - \$75, Hog Island Boa babies - \$150, Speckled King Snake babies - \$30, yearling False Water Cobras - \$150, het hypo Florida king snakes - \$30, three year old male het green ghost ball python - \$400, Het albino Ball Pythons – males \$100 to \$150 female \$600, Silkworms – 10/\$1.

Contact **Rob Snyder** at (419) 308-1346
Email – adherp@woh.rr.com

Cornsnakes! Are you looking for that perfect snake pet? Multiple morphs available. Beautiful parents (Ghost, Snow, Okeetee, Hypo, Normals, Anery) producing gorgeous babies.

Contact: **Ken Roshak** at 419-475-1384, lv message
Email – BlackSwampSerpents@toast.net

How about a deal on Reptiles! I have it.
Bearded Dragons Adult 1.1.1 \$25.00 Each. Leopard Geckos 1.1.2 with cage and heat cave \$40.00 for it all! Viper Gecko 0.1.0 with cage for Free! Crested Geckos 1.1.0 with Cage for \$150.00.

There are many extras and freebies
Check <http://web.mac.com/kaniap/iWeb/Reptiles/Home.html> for more information.

Patrick Kania at 419-410-7127 or kaniap@mac.com

Reptiles

Unscramble the words.



1. OANANCAD _____	2. TERESD SRITOOTE _____
3. TREATL NKASE _____	4. OAB _____
5. HYOTPN _____	6. BACRO _____
7. MKDOOO ADORGN _____	8. ODLEICCOR _____
9. FLELIRD LIZRAD _____	10. LAEKCTERHAB ASE RLUETT _____
11. OEGKC _____	12. MEHANLOEC _____
13. ALGOTIRAL _____	14. NSIAPPGN TRLEUT _____
15. LSBIASKI DZLAIR _____	16. GUINAA _____
17. ERABDED RDGANO _____	18. ELAON _____
19. ANINGDBLS URTILE _____	20. UREOEAPN LAWL ZIARLD _____

*Portions of this puzzle were taken from www.edhelper.com

A word of thanks to THS member Hillary Harms who has been contributing Herp puzzles to the newsletter since their inception. We hope you continue to enjoy them!

THS Membership Application

Please print and fill out completely especially for renewals, we would appreciate your current and complete information.

Please check membership type

Family (\$18.00/yr; 2 adults and children under 18)

Single (\$15.00/yr; 16 or older)

Membership: New () Renewal ()

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ Apt#: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number:() _____ Email Address: _____

Spouse's and Children's name (Family Memberships): _____

Herps you are currently keeping, or skills you'd like us to know about: _____

I do () do not () wish to have my name in the THS directory

Make checks payable to the Toledo Herpetological Society and mail to THS P.O. Box 2781 Toledo, OH 43606-0781

Herp Photos

As we move to an electronic format one of the advantages over hard-copy printing is the fact we can add photos more easily and the herps can be viewed in all the glorious color "mother nature" intended. If you haven't already made the jump to an Electronic Newsletter, email Hillary (Hillary_Harms@yahoo.com) and give her your name and email address. Plus, feel free to submit your pictures to Ken (BlackSwampSerpents@toast.net) for submission in the THS newsletter. Because of the limited space I'll try and include your photos as soon as possible. When submitting photos, be sure to include a little information about your entry.



Babies, Babies Everywhere!

This time of year many THS member's collections are literally "bursting at the seams" with new babies.

Another benefit of being a THS member is using the Classifieds section of the newsletter to find your next herp pet. Keep in mind that many THS members breed their herps and produce quality pets at great prices. Plus you have a knowledgeable group to answer your questions on raising your new pet. And as a THS member if you have a pet looking for a new home, you can advertise in the newsletter too.

(Photo by: Ken Roshak)

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If this box is checked, your membership is due within 30 days.

Map to General Meetings

