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CCO Newsletter

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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We want your pet photos!
Email them to brian@coolcrittersoutreach.com
and have your pet featured in our next newsletter!



The last page of this newsletter will include a brief annual report for 2009. Please be sure to read it and see how many animals we helped this past year!

Reptiles in the News

Earlier this year a Chinese man, Yu Feng, found a dying black snake outside his home in Fushun, a Liaoning province. Treating it with herbal medicines he stated the snake became healthy about 3 weeks later.

He released the snake in the mountains more than a mile from his home. However the next morning the snake was back at his home. He released the snake 2 more times and both times the snake would come back to his house. Friends and neighbors told Yu that the snake was coming back to repay him for his kindness, so he decided to keep the snake.

He named the snake Long Long and kept it as a family pet. Then one night Long Long woke Yu up by laying on his face. He had never done this before and Yu was tired so he fell back asleep. Yu claims that the snake then grabbed his clothes in its mouth and began slapping the bed with his tail.

When that didn't work the snake then went to Yu's mothers room and whipped her bed with his tail. This woke his mother, Yu got out of bed and smelled smoke. Yu's mothers electric blanket was on fire and Yu was able to turn it off because of the snake.

While it has been proven that snakes are incapable of having this type of intelligence, Yu believes the snake acted this way to repay him for saving his life.



Yu Feng with his snake, Long Long.

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Cool Critters Outreach would like to wish everyone a safe and happy 2010!

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January Discount

Don't forget: if you schedule a CCO program for January you will receive \$25 off the cost for each hour of program scheduled! It's a great price for a great program. Schedule yours today!

Cool Critters Outreach conducts 34 programs in 5 days!

During the week of December 14th CCO was at Western Row Elementary conducting a program for every student during their science class!

The kids got to see a blue tongue lizard, a tortoise, an alligator, and a Burmese python! We discussed the adaptations these animals have, their habitats, and everything they need to do to survive in the wild.

During that week CCO educated around 900 students and teachers. We even received a visit from the Superintendent and the Asst. Superintendent who had nothing but great things to say about the program!

Thank you to Karen Vome and all the wonderful students at Western Row for making that week a lot of fun!

Did You Receive a Pet for Christmas?

Often times people give pets as gifts. Unless the receiving party knows about it beforehand this is usually a bad idea.

If you or someone you know received a reptile as a Holiday gift keep CCO in mind. If you have any questions about the animal feel free to contact me. If you can no longer take care of the animal give us a call.

These animals can live for many years and require specific temperatures, lighting, food, etc. to survive. Because of this it may be too much for someone to properly care for. That is one reason Cool Critters Outreach is here.



RESERVE YOUR 2010 CRITTER PROGRAM TODAY!

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Now is the time to schedule your Cool Critters Outreach program! Call, text, email, or FB Message today to set yours up! Whether it's for school, birthday party, daycare...no matter the event we will be there!



During 2009 Cool Critters Outreach educated thousands of children and adults. We conducted programs in preschools, daycares, nursing homes, schools and private residences. We heard hundreds of stories of animals in the wild, in captivity, and when individuals had these animals as pets when they were younger. Our programs were conducted in 4 states and we received inquiries for programs from as far away as Seattle!

In addition to the programs conducted, we also rescued many animals from the tri-state. We saw healthy animals and we saw animals that had been horribly mistreated / malnourished. Below are some statistics regarding the number of programs conducted, animals taken in, animals adopted out, and more. If you have any questions regarding this information please feel free to ask.

Programs Conducted – 248

Of those programs:

- 17 were donated / free programs
- 56 were birthday parties
- The remaining were for libraries, scouts, schools, and private gatherings

Animals

Number of animals taken in – 76

Of those animals:

- 5 American Alligators
- 8 Ball Pythons
- 5 Bearded Dragons
- 20 Water Turtles
- 8 Frogs / Toads
- 2 Millipedes
- 2 Red Tail Boas
- 1 Tortoise
- 2 Corn Snakes
- 2 Box Turtles
- 1 Hedgehog
- 1 Monitor
- 2 Iguanas
- 3 Tarantulas
- 2 Hermit Crabs
- 1 Burmese Python
- 11 Mammals

Of those animals:

- 24 were adopted into new homes
- 1 was euthanized
- 15 died due to complications from not being cared for properly prior to coming to CCO
- 1 had surgery & healed very well
- 3 were donated to Newport Aquarium
- 5 (plus 4 from the previous year) were released in a sanctuary in Florida

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Check us out online at the website below or follow us on Facebook! Go to www.facebook.com/coolcrittersoutreach and request to be added. We send out event reminders, upload photos of animals, and much more!

Be sure to forward this e-newsletter to your family and friends. Let them know what we do, why we do it, and what we're about!

What do you think?

Do you have an idea for the next newsletter? Enjoy something you read? Have an opinion you would like to share? Did you see us at a program? Let us know what you think! Send your feedback via email to

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