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They are selling WHAT?

The new craze in China is what they are calling “living keychains”. These keychains contain live fish and small Brazilian Turtles that are sealed in plastic with water. Unfortunately these novelties are catching on and are becoming increasingly popular.

Many citizens see this as a good luck charm. The vendors claim that there is enough food and water for these animals to survive for several months. The problem is there is no fresh air so the animals will die shortly after being placed in the bag.

Laws? What laws? China only has laws that protect wild animals. Since these animals are supposedly not wild there is no law against making these keychains or owning one. Can you say animal abuse?



Street vendors in China are selling keychains containing a live turtle, like this.

Reptiles in the News (sort of)

Rick Sheradin of Independence, MO was working in his garage on Sunday, May 29th when he heard gunshots. Curious as to what they were he headed around the back of his house to see 3 police officers lined up, weapons drawn, firing into his pond.

The officers were firing at an alligator that was in Mr. Sheradin’s pond. The only problem was the alligator is a concrete lawn ornament.

When the officers realized their bullets were bouncing off of the alligator and that it wasn’t real, they got in their cars and left without saying a word to anyone, including the owner.

Mr. Sheradin plans on patching up his wounded “gator” and keeping it in his pond, hopeful that nothing like this happens again.



The ornamental alligator before being sprayed with officers bullets. The “alligator” is expected to make a full recovery.



Quaker Steak and Lube

Come see us at the Quaker Steak and Lube in Milford on June 1st starting at 6:00pm for Bike Night! We will have critters to see and while you're there pick up your very own CCO T-Shirt and Poster!

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CCO Summer Camp



Our Summer Camp for June is full! Now we are looking at scheduling another 3 days at Sharon Woods for an end-of-summer camp!

The dates we are looking at are August 9th, 10th & 11th from 8:00am – noon each day. The cost would remain at \$85 and each child would receive their own CCO T-Shirt along with other goodies!

Before we schedule this we want to know if there will be enough kids in town that want to come out and spend some time hiking, creeking and doing some fun activities with The Critter Guy!

If you have a child that is interested and you know you would sign him/her up for the camp email brian@coolcrittersoutreach.com and let us know! Once we make a final decision we will post it on the website, Facebook, Twitter and in our Newsletter!

Wildlife Is All Around Us...Just Look!

Now that Spring is here it's time to see the beauty that nature has to show us. With the warmer weather comes colorful flowers, buzzing bees and many other amazing things to see. Of course with us loving reptiles we are seeing an increase in calls for snakes that have been found in yards, garages, basements and more.

If you see a snake in the yard just leave it be. The same goes for turtles and other critters. Snakes eat mice and rats and will keep your home rodent-free!

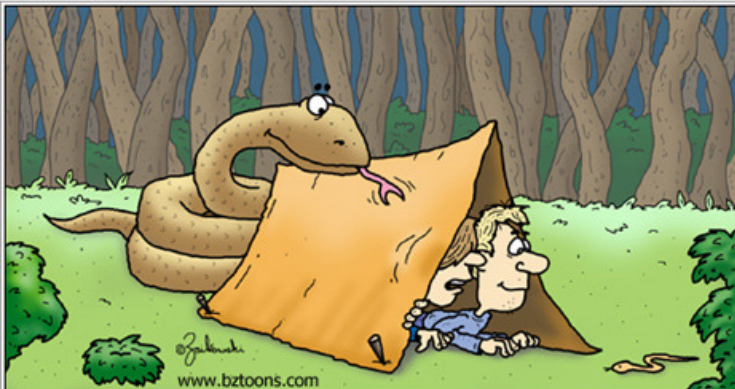
Turtles eat vegetation and small bugs so just let them go and do what they do best.

If it's in your home and you really want to remove it, do so carefully. If you can't do it call CCO and we will do our best to come out and remove it for you for a small fee.

So get out there, enjoy nature and see what your local woodland area has to offer!

B.Z. Toons

by Brian Zaikowski



Oh yuk, a snake! I hope they don't get any bigger than that.



A black rat snake, common to Ohio, that we picked up from a residence in Montgomery and relocated far away.



A Red Tailed Hawk perched atop a monument in Spring Grove Cemetery.

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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!

Snakes in Mythology

Join Cool Critters Outreach on July 6th from 7:00pm – 9:00pm at the Cincinnati Observatory to learn about some of the constellations that have to do with some awesome animals! Learn about the many-headed Hydra, Draco the Dragon, the doctor strangled by serpents and many more!

The cost is \$10 / adults and \$5 / children. Contact the Cincinnati Observatory at 321.5186 to make your reservations.

"Thanks to Brian Gill and Cool Critters Outreach for making Mary and Cara's birthday bash unforgettable. If you are looking for something different to do for your kids, I highly recommend checking out Cool Critters Outreach --the kids (and adults!) had an absolute blast."

Chuck and Elisa

Reader Pet of the Month

Our pet of the month is Wendy, a border collie / lab mix that was adopted by the Straughn family. Wendy had kennel cough which developed into pneumonia and spent the first month or so very ill. However with a lot of medicine and even more love and affection from the family Wendy pulled through. She also has knee problems but, again, medicine and love are helping her out. She chews on everything she can find and the Straughn family loves her unconditionally! They say Wendy has changed their lives in a positive way. Pam Straughn recommends that everyone should adopt a pet from a shelter. They need your love just as much as you need theirs. Pam, we couldn't agree more!



Wendy the border collie / lab mix

Would you like to see your pet featured in our newsletter and on our website? Send your pet's story and a clear photograph to brian@coolcrittersoutreach.com or text it to 513.720.2442

Butterfly Walk a HUGE Success!

On May 7th we took part in the Butterfly Walk for Cancer Free Kids. We are happy to announce that there were more than 1800 people in attendance. Not only was this a huge crowd but more than **\$81,000** was raised for pediatric cancer research!

Thank you to everyone that came out and mark your calendars for Saturday, May 12th, 2012 and be a part of this amazing day!

