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Insane Winter Program Deal!

The cold weather is upon us and typically we slow down during this time of year. However we don't want to! So it's time to offer a deal like we have NEVER offered before!

The typical fee for our programs runs at \$155 / hour. If you schedule your program between November 2nd – January 31st we will discount your program by \$50! Yes, that's right...the cost will be dropped to \$105* for your hour long program!

The program MUST be scheduled between 11.2.11 & 1.31.12 and be conducted during that same timeframe. Our price is good anyway but now it's just ridiculously insane! So go ahead, have us out for your Thanksgiving party, Christmas program, birthday party, School, Scouts, New Years party or just for the heck of it!

Call or text 513.720.2442 to reserve your spot!
You must mention this Newsletter Promotion to receive your discount!

* For birthday parties we will not include the gift bags during this promotion. Gift bags will be an additional \$2 / bag for as many as you need. This promotion is good on newly scheduled programs only, not previously scheduled programs



Have You Seen This?

We have all heard about the Burmese Python problem down in South Florida. It's something that CCO talks about and discusses the impact of these invasive species during our programs.

But last week one was caught that surprised everyone. A 16 foot Burmese Python was captured by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission while removing non-native plants from a tree island.

The snake was killed and a necropsy was done, which is common. They found a 76 pound deer, fully intact, in the snakes belly! Yes, this snake had eaten a full grown deer! After consuming his meal the snake measured a whopping 44 inches in girth.



Did you know?

Snakes are completely deaf. While they can't hear sounds they do pick up vibrations using their jawbone and scent molecules on their tongue.

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The Slaughter in Zanesville, OH

On the evening of October 18th, 2011 Terry Thompson took his own life. Before doing so he released more than 50 exotic animals, causing a major problem in the area. Tigers, Lions, Bears, Wolves and Monkeys were let loose to terrorize the neighborhood. Authorities responded with deadly force, which caused an uproar.

How could they do this? Why did they have to kill all the animals? Since this happened I have been asked over and over about my thoughts on the situation.

I decided to go ahead and address them here for those that are interested.

First off, Mr. Thompson had all the necessary permits to house these animals. While he did go through the proper channels to have these animals legally, Mr. Thompson was unfortunately not a stable man. Known to authorities for being unruly and having illegal weapons, he recently spent some time in jail. While normally you would think this would be cause for them to confiscate these animals, the law isn't set up to do so.

The question I want to ask is why weren't the authorities better prepared? Did they try to remove these animals at any other point in time? He was convicted of Cruelty to Animals in 2005 stemming from allegations that three cows and a bison had died on another one of his properties. That conviction had nothing to do with his other property where the big cats, bears, etc. were being held.

The most frequently asked questions is why authorities didn't use tranquilizer guns instead of killing the animals.

For a tranquilizer to work you have to have the correct amount for the weight of the animal. You also have to have time. Once the tranquilizer is injected it could take anywhere from 3 minutes to 15 minutes or more for it to work. While that doesn't sound like a lot of time, in this instance it is. They would have to track these animals in the dark of the night and hope that it worked. If the tranquilizer hit a muscle it most likely would not work. There was human life at stake and thus the call was made to shoot the animals when they were seen.

While I am saddened by the death of these amazing animals, I understand why the call was made to shoot them. Tougher laws should be enacted, however you never know what a person is like inside. They may seem nice, or even a little weird, but unless they show outward signs of instability there is always a chance that something like this may happen again. Don't worry, you won't read about me in the news releasing my critters.

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What's A Good Reptile Pet To Have?

Often times we get asked about what type of reptiles make great pets, especially for kids. While there are several we commonly promote, this month I want to briefly talk about Bearded Dragons.

These beautiful lizards are native to regions throughout Australia. They like it to be comfortably warm (from 80 degrees on one side to 100 degrees in their basking spot). They also need a UV bulb to ensure they are producing the proper vitamins in their body. They like to climb so make sure they have something to climb on. They at times will hide so make sure they have something to hide in. Their cage should be a decent size, at least a 40 gallon breeder or larger for an adult.

With a lifespan of 8 – 12 years, these critters require daily care. Fresh water at all times, crickets and fresh greens and veggies every day. At times you can feed them mealworms or baby mice, just don't do it every day...or every week for that matter!

Make sure you research everything prior to getting any pet, including the Bearded Dragon. With proper care your Beardie can be your companion for many years to come.



Now that it's getting colder we must remind you: if your program is intended to be outdoors it must be above 70 degrees. If it's below that we will need a space indoors for the safety of our animals.

What Happened To Our Facebook?

Well we are trying to figure that out as well. Currently we are unable to update our page as we believe it has been hacked. Until we get this issue resolved please feel free to check out the website for updated information.

You can also follow us on Twitter. It's quick to sign up and easy to do. Look for @coolcritters and follow us. We will update where we are, what we're doing and post photos as well. With Twitter nobody can poke you, you don't have to receive gifts or play games. It's just a great way to share with others what's going on. So make sure you sign up, follow @coolcritters and send us a message!

Springfield Township Small Business Fair

Saturday, November 5th from 11:00am – 4:00pm
be sure to stop by the Xenos Fellowship Center
located at 1016 West North Bend Rd. in
Finneytown. See some of the independently
owned businesses in the area. We will be there
along with several other small businesses.

There are still spots available so if you are a
small business owner and would like to
showcase what you do, call Richelle at
513.658.1672 and let her know you will be
there! There is no fee involved, it's indoors and
it's something that has never been done here!

What are you waiting for? See you there!