Welcome to Lancaster Herpetological Society!

- **RESTROOMS**: Out the doors to the right.
- **TRADING POST**: Check out the Trading Post where members can sell or trade herp stuff!
- **SIGN-IN**: Sign in to make sure you’re on our e-mailing list.
- **T-SHIRTS**: $10 each while supplies last. (SALE!)
- **MEMBERSHIPS**: Memberships available through treasurer, Roy, or online. $15/year or $20/family. Current membership sales are for 2017!
- **HOSTESS**: Thank you Mary Anne for having us at the library!
Lancaster Herpetological Society 2016 Board Members

Dave McNaughton, President
Jesse Rothacker, Vice President
Roy Mellott, Treasurer
Pam Hartmoyer, Secretary
Kelsey Frey, Website/FB
Kent Hartmoyer
Monica Bortz
Chris Bortz
TONIGHT

1. Business Meeting / Show and Share - 23 people!
2. Snack and Social Break
3. Speaker: Roy Mellott, Snake Keeping
4. Meet club members for drinks & food @ Highland Pizzeria
Last Month…

Bog Turtles with George Gress
I wanted to take a moment and thank you for attending the Meet the Rescues event in September. We had over 14 adoptions, and raised $347 from the raffles. I have sent you $25 via paypal as we had 14 rescues participate. It was a success for us, because it was a success for you. We hope to do more of these events on a larger scale for 2017, so I will keep you posted. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. It's because of you that I enjoy my job so much.

Regards,

Trisha Ries
Local Community & Events Coordinator

That Fish Place - That Pet Place
Has anyone been herping lately?

Herping = Looking for reptiles and amphibians in the wild.
American Toad - Lancaster County - Submitted by Kristina
Longtail Salamander & Garter Snake - 10/20 - York County - Submitted by Kelsey
Bortz Family Herping Report

Chris - photographer, PA Amphibian and Reptile Survey County Coordinator & data hunter

Monica - outing organizer and data hunter

Cassie & Ella - data hunters & photography support team
Northern Dusky Salamander

Schuylkill county

Queensnake

Lebanon & Lancaster Counties
Northern Water Snake

Franklin & Lebanon Counties

Eastern Fence Lizard

Schuylkill County
Hatchling Common Snapping Turtle

Lebanon County

Northern Red Salamander

Columbia County
Hatchling Eastern Box Turtle with egg tooth

Lebanon county
Marbled Salamander with Eggs

Northern Slimy Salamander
American Bullfrog

Wood Frog Tadpoles
Northern Brown Snake

Columbia County
Fun Finds with Dave
Any additional herping reports?

Herping Reports October:
- 20 fence lizards - Arizona
- Giant Garter Snake - Jesse
  - Adam - Green Frog
- Ringneck Snakes - Camp Mack - Aaron
Has anyone gotten new pet reptiles or amphibians?

This is a time to share stories and photos about your new pets or give pet updates!
Mitch’s Pets!

Sulcata Tortoise foster from Forgotten Friend - Sheldon

Leopard Gecko - 3 years old - Lanny
Thank you Mitch!

Join the Lancaster Herpetological Society

Aug 4, 2016  (0)

I am 13 years old and interested in herpetology — the study of reptiles and amphibians. A couple of years ago, I learned about an organization called the Lancaster Herpetological Society. They meet at the Manheim Township Public Library on the third Friday of each month at 7 p.m.; attendance is free.

Although this might seem like something for adults, I can attest that it is very informative and interesting for people of all ages. I wish I had known about this organization sooner.

I am writing to alert people, especially other young people who are interested in reptiles and amphibians, of this wonderful learning opportunity. There are often guest speakers, and throughout the year they sometimes have meetings where you can interact with reptiles. It has been an educational and fun activity for me, so I wanted to share this information with others.

Mitch Williams
West Hempfield Township
Additional Pet Stories?

Pet stories October:
- Ball Python - Cecilia
- Zach - Reptile Room Plumbing Issue - Found Lost Snake Crossing the room when he went down to find his classes
Herps in the News!

Herps = Reptiles and Amphibians
Herpetology = The Study of Reptiles and Amphibians

This part of the meeting is to discuss recent scientific discoveries & research, debunk myths put forth by unreliable media, and discuss important conservation needs and successes!
The frog called Toughie, a Rabbs' Fringe-Limbed Tree Frog, died in its enclosure at the Atlanta Botanical Garden. The frog, believed to be 12 years old, was found dead during a routine daily inspection at the end of September.

In 2005, a team of scientists collected live animals in Panama as an infectious disease in amphibians, threatened species in Central Panama.

Scientists estimate that up to one-half of amphibian species all over the world are at risk of extinction.

Marine Mammal Stranding Center rescues 280-pound loggerhead turtle

The Marine Mammal Stranding Center is currently caring for the largest loggerhead sea turtle it has ever had at the center.

Staff members rescued the large female Monday evening after receiving calls that it was caught in the surf and struggling near the 10th Street beach in Avalon. The 280-pound turtle was transported to the center in Brigantine, where the staff is monitoring and caring for it.


Submitted by Zach
HMM, maybe faster animal hurt less.
HILLSBOROUGH, N.C. (WNCN) — A North Carolina man who spent days in the hospital after a pet king cobra bit him has been found guilty of a misdemeanor “venomous reptile” charge and sentenced to 2 years of probation.

Iyoob, 21, was treated at UNC Hospitals and was in critical condition for days after the bite.

Officials said Iyoob had “18 poisonous reptiles and two crushing reptiles” that were in violation of Orange County codes.

On Monday, Iyoob was convicted of one count ownership of venomous reptile. One count was dismissed. The animals were not kept in “escape proof or bite proof containers, documents say.

Authorities seized the following animals from the property: A dog, A cat, Four quails, Five chickens, Four fish, An Eastern Painted turtle, A Cayman, Eight chicks, Three Native Mole King Snakes, A Lavender California King Snake, A Scarlet King Snake, Three Whitesided Black Rat Snakes, An Eastern King Snake, A Chocolate California King Snake, Four Orange Gopher Snakes, Two Reticulated Pythons, A Cottonmouth Snake, Two Puff Adders, An Egyptian Cobra, A Sharknose Viper, A Lancehead Viper, Two Zebra Spitting Cobra, A Gavan Spitting Cobra, A Banded Egyptian Cobra, An Arizona Black Rattlesnake, A South American Rattlesnake, A Whitetail Lancehead, A Fer De Lance. A Tree Viper, Two Monocled Cobras, A King Cobra, A Box Turtle

In Japan, owls and reptiles join cats in animal cafe boom (Nope, not to eat, Touch, pet, educate, but mostly have a selfie taken, Read on. Another Fad to Attract more business?
By Takao Ueda, The Japan News/Yomiuri, 9/22/16

Animal cafes in Osaka have increased eight fold over the last five years, as people seeking solace with the animals, as well as foreign tourists craving novelty, have increasingly sought them out.

Nami Kuroki, an 18-year-old company employee from Osaka, enjoyed the roughly 3-foot-long snake draped around her neck at the Rock Star reptile cafe in the city’s Naniwa Ward.

“I like that she cuddles up to people even though they don’t give her attention. Her mysterious nature is fascinating,” she said.

Rock Star’s reptile collection also includes iguanas and chameleons. The cafe opened in 2014 and, after generating strong word-of-mouth buzz, was able to double its seating capacity to 40 last year.

Eighty percent of its customers are women, many of whom came to the shop in search of a scary experience and later became regulars after finding the atmosphere comfortable, according to the cafe.
Carnegie Museum looks to preserve vast collection of reptile specimens

Some 200,000 snakes, frogs, turtles, toads, salamanders and lizards hang suspended in tanks and jars of alcohol on shelf after shelf in a 110-year-old building connected to the Carnegie Museum of Natural History in Oakland. Except for student groups and researchers, the public has no access to the Alcohol House collection, one of the 10th largest of reptiles and amphibians in the country.

A recent $499,224 grant from the National Science Foundation will allow the museum to hire another staffer and pay for facility upgrades, new tanks and jars and all the little stuff, too, from gaskets to tags. Seventeen percent of the grant will go toward creating exhibits for the public to get a sense of the measure of this collection and why it matters so much.

Marines Call Off Beach Assault to Protect Endangered Turtles

A planned Navy and Marine Corps beach landing exercise on the island of Tinian in the Marianas was canceled last week after officials discovered evidence of an endangered turtle species nesting there.

The canceled exercise was a planned Sept. 13 company-sized boat raid onto Tinian’s Chulu Beach, employing troops from the MEU's Battalion Landing Team 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines...

The creatures that held the forces at bay were green sea turtles… Bill Kavanaugh, the regional and environmental coordinator for Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Marianas, said exercise planners had received advance warning that turtles might come between them and their combat objectives.

"We saw the hatching window would coincide with the window of the exercise and alerted military planners with alternative [courses of action] a month ago," he said in a statement. The planned boat raid, which would have employed combat rubber raiding craft, was replaced with a helicopter-borne reconnaissance insert, Irish said. He added that no other training was affected by the presence of the turtles.

Navy personnel comply with a number of restrictions and rules in order to protect the turtle population that nests within the Marianas. The beaches undergo monthly inspections, and all military landing sites must be inspected six hours prior to the anticipated operation. If a nest is spotted, officials will either close the beach to training or mark the nests for bypass, Irish said. "The Marine Corps has experience with sea turtles and land tortoises in other training venues," he said. "We adhere to environmental considerations, U.S. law, respect for the environment, and maintaining the ability to conduct safe and realistic training to prepare our forces for war."
Forgotten Friend Reptile Sanctuary is a 501(c)(3) reptile rescue and education organization from Amish country, Pennsylvania. Our mission is to give reptiles a chance, by rescuing reptiles that need our help, and by providing fun outreach programs to spread our love of reptiles.
Adoptable Pets on Facebook.com/forgottenfriend
Texas Rat Snake for Adoption

Healthy
Not tame
Eats F/T
Comes without Enclosure.

FREE TO GOOD HOME

CONTACT:
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Corn Snakes for Adoption

Not super tame

Medium size

Normalish coloration

2 live together - unsexed

Eat F/T small mice

Should be separated while feeding

FREE TO GOOD HOME

Contact: Kelsey,
kelsey@lancasterherp.org
Upcoming Events

- **November 18, 7pm** - “Meet the Zookeeper!”
- **December 16, 7pm** - Potluck and Social - Reptile Dessert Contest & Board Member Elections
- **February** - Amphibians and Road Salt
- **March** - Nixon Park Wetland Herping Field Trip
Any Additional upcoming Events for the Good of the Group?

- Lancaster Native Plant and Wildlife Festival - April 29th, 2017!
- Mid Atlantic Reptile Expo - October 29th, 2016 - Carlisle Expo Center (Tables are $60)
- PA Entomological Society of PA - Lebanon Meeting - $10 - Saturday October 29th
- Next Thurs - FF in Strasburg Parade
Snack Break

Thank You Monica!