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Ssafe Haven Society

for Reptiles and Amphibians

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Lisa's Beasties

Barking Tree Frog

Griffen is the newest member of our family. He came from a home that could no longer care for him. He is nocturnal so spends most of the day resting in the trees of his enclosure. At night he is full of energy and loves to come out to hunt and explore. The barking sound he makes sounds like a Labrador Retriever!

Fun Fact - vocalize with a bark (usually during breeding season)

Size and Lifespan - grow a bit bigger than a golf ball but look much larger when jumping through the air!.

They can live up to 10 years in captivity

Diet - insectivores; eat mostly crickets and worms in captivity

Habitat - must be kept between 70-75°F, are very temperature sensitive (avoid heat lamps); use UV lights to produce light cycle



Leopard Geckos



Magic and Kobe are 4 years old and they are full of energy! They make great first time reptile pets as they are fairly low maintenance, however, they are nocturnal (awake at night) so you do not see them for most of the day.



Fun Fact – they have actual toenails (not suction cups) so they are unable to climb glass like other geckos

Size and Lifespan - about 15 cm long, can live to 20 years

Diet - crickets and mealworms that have been gut loaded (fed veggies/fruit) and dusted with a calcium supplement

Habitat - 85°F basking spot during day and 75°F at night, likes cooler, damp hiding spots low to the ground

Bearded Dragon



Gimley is approximately 3 years old. He was an elementary school classroom pet, but he soon outgrew the classroom and had to be rehomed. He reminds me of a cartoon character, as he is very animated and loves attention. Beardies make great family pets.

Fun Fact – for communication, beardies wave to each other

Size and Lifespan - 2 feet long, can live to 12+ years

Diet - crickets, mealworms, diet-specific fruit and veggies, calcium supplement

Habitat - 110°F basking spot during day and 75°F at night, desert creatures, require artificial sunlight (UV light bulb)

Iguanas

Jake is my 14 year old male iguana. I adopted Jake, along with his mate Susie, from the Middleton SPCA when they were 7 years old. They were my first reptiles and thus began my passion. They had been bounced back and forth from a few different homes, not always receiving proper care. Susie sadly died a few years ago of kidney failure (likely from her poor diet of cat food years before).



Ozzy is my 4 year old female iguana. She has been through a lot since I adopted her at 6 months old. She was missing 3 toenails when I got her, has had a partial tail amputation, partial toe amputation, and has been spayed to prevent egg binding (iguanas produce eggs every year).

Izzy is my 1 ½ year old boy who was rehabilitated from a badly sprained leg when he was 12 weeks old. Iguanas are very high maintenance as they require a very specific diet, frequent bathing, constant attention and can grow to 6+ feet long!

Fun Fact - iguanas naturally sneeze salt on a daily basis

Size and Lifespan - 6 feet long, can live to 20+ years

Diet - strict vegetarians: dark leafy greens, veggies, some fruit, calcium supplement

Habitat - 95°F basking spot during day and 75°F at night, requires artificial sunlight (UV light bulb), love to climb, require high humidity, needs a large enclosure



Red Albino Rat Snake



Rook is a 2 year old female red albino rat snake. She is very gentle and loves attention. Her favorite spot to be is curled up around your wrist like a bracelet!

Fun Fact - all snakes are deaf and have poor eyesight

Size and Lifespan - 6 feet long, can live 10 – 20 years

Diet - carnivores, eat mice in captivity

Habitat - 85°F basking spot during day and

75°F at night, love to explore, need dark and cool hiding spots, enclosures require a secure cover

Albino Prairie Kingsnake

Isis is approximately 5 years old. Her previous owners did not realize that she had outgrown her original enclosure. Snakes spend so much time coiled up sleeping that it is sometimes easy to forget that they are busy growing. Isis has a condition which causes her muscles to spasm on a regular basis. She receives frequent massages and exercise to help loosen her muscle kinks. This was likely caused from being housed in an area which prevented her from being able to stretch out and move around.



Fun Fact - King snakes get their name because they are the kings of the snake world. They are able to eat other snakes (even poisonous ones)!

Size and Lifespan - Can grow 4 feet long; can live 10 to 20 years

Diet - carnivores; eat mice and rats in captivity

Habitat – 85°F basking spot during the day and 75°F at night, need dark, cool hiding spots

Ball Python



Cooper is approximately 1 1/2 years old and came from a home that could no longer care for him. Ball pythons are also called Royal pythons as they were used to protect the jewels of royalty years ago. If thieves knew how charming ball pythons really are then the thieves wouldn't have been so intimidated!

Fun Fact - roll up in a tight ball to defend themselves

Size and Lifespan - up to 5 feet long, can live up to 40 years

Diet - carnivores; eat small birds, mammals, frogs, lizards

Habitat - 90°F basking spot during day and 70°F at night, are shy animals so like lots of hiding spots, needs higher humidity than many snakes