

ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS

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Reptile Program for Schools

Our reptile program provides an educational and entertaining opportunity to interact with and study some amazing animals. All our program animals are uniquely suited to being handled by children and exhibit excellent representations of the amazing adaptations and behaviors present in the reptile world.

Program can be modified to suit any grade level and typically runs 60 minutes (can be extended as needed). We can provide up to 3 programs back-to-back as needed.

Program animals include:

Savannah Monitors- Kinshasa and Kenya are docile 3 feet long African lizards who can be petted and depending on class size, walked on leashes or fed with tongs. We discuss habitat, range and more.

Brazilian Rainbow Boas- These rainforest beauties, are, some of the most beautiful snakes in the world. With their “eye spot” patterning and scales that act like prisms these are truly amazing animals!

Kenyan Sand Boas- Kisumu, and Kitale are delightful little snakes who love to burrow in the sand. A joy to hold in your hands! Sand boas are common in many arid and desert areas of Africa.

Ball Python- 5-foot-long, Monty and Megatron, the pythons are always a crowd favorite. Their patient demeanor and slow pace make these large fellows very endearing. These African snakes has beautiful markings that illustrate camouflage patterning.

Lavender and Okeetee Corn Snakes- Lavender and Sunny are beautiful examples of domestic snake species. They are docile, inquisitive and love to explore!

Blue Tongued Skink- Sheila, our blue tongued skink from Australia is a friendly lizard who loves to sit on your lap and show you her blue tongue. That brightly colored tongue is an excellent example of how some non-venomous animals mimic the bright colors of poisonous ones for defense. Sheila is also a lizard that mimics a snake!

Bearded Dragons- Bearded dragons are from Australia. Their pancake shaped bodies and unique skin allow them to camouflage in the outback of Australia. When startled, they puff up their beards to make themselves look bigger than they are. Our dragons love to be held and petted.

Frilled Lizard- One of Australia’s most famous reptiles is the frilled lizard. This lizard looks much like a dinosaur when he sticks out his frill and walks on two legs. Students can touch his tree bark-like skin and watch him run and display his amazing frill.

Milksnake- This brightly colored fellow mimics the venomous coral snake. Students will learn a rhyme to tell the difference!

Notes:

- We reserve the right to modify program(s) at any time without notice. Depending on class size, available time, animal well-being or other factors, certain animals may not be available.
- Animal Encounters is a USDA licensed animal exhibitor and is fully insured.