



REPTILE HANDLING

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KEY BENEFITS**Education**

Educates participants on reptile behavior, anatomy, and habitat conservation.

Appreciation

Encourages appreciation and respect for less common animals in ecosystems.

Fear Reduction

Reduces fear and misconceptions about reptiles through hands-on learning.

Skills Development

Develops fine motor skills and confidence in handling exotic animals safely.

KEY HAZARDS & CONTROL MEASURES

Venomous Bites

- ✓ Only trained staff handle venomous species
- ✓ Secure enclosures with double-locks
- ✓ Anti-venom location known
- ✓ Emergency protocol displayed

Salmonella Infection

- ✓ Hand washing mandatory after handling
- ✓ Hand sanitizer available
- ✓ No eating during handling sessions
- ✓ Under-5s excluded from handling

Non-venomous Bites

- ✓ Proper restraint techniques used
- ✓ Defensive postures recognized
- ✓ Reptile behavior monitored
- ✓ First aid kit available

Reptile Escapes

- ✓ Secure enclosures with proper locks
- ✓ Escape protocol established
- ✓ Handling in enclosed areas only
- ✓ Regular enclosure checks



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