

Adopt A Reptile

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The Sandalwood Herpetology Club (SHC) is pleased to announce the continuance of a program in which you can learn more about a few threatened or endangered species of reptiles. At the same time, your donations will help the SHC maintain our collection of these animals. Adopting a reptile will help you become part of our conservation education to learn more about these animals and ways in which we can help them. Several species are on the brink of extinction (including 2 species we have here at Sandalwood) and without learning more about how we can help, they are sure to go the way of several species of other animals in the past. Some of these species aren't just another pretty face. Each one plays an important role in its own environment. Remember, extinction is forever!

You can help by making a donation to help us maintain our collection and enable us to work on local outreach programs. In addition to the "goodies" that you will receive, you will know that you have made an important contribution towards the education of future scientists. Please consider one of the following animals and options for donations.

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Eastern Kingsnake *Lampropeltis getula getula*, eastern seaboard, US
Burmese Mountain Tortoise, *Manouria emys emys*, se Asia "Endangered"
Dumeril's Boa, *Acrantophis dumerili*, s and sw Madagascar "Endangered"
Rosy boa, *Lichanura trivirgata roseofusca*, sw US
Black Milksnake, *Lampropeltis triangulum gaigeae*, small area in Cent. America
Reeve's Turtle, *Chinemys reevesii*, se Asia "Endangered"
Alligator Snapping Turtle, *Macrochelys temminckii*, se US
Florida box turtle, *Terrapene carolina bauri*, peninsular Florida

Type of Adoption	Friend	Patron	Blue	Gold
	\$25	\$50	\$100	<\$200
Certificate of adoption	X	X	X	X
Listing on website *	X	X	X	X
Fact sheet	X	X	X	X
Photo of animal		X	X	X
t-shirt			X	X
Banner ad on website				X

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Please contact Mike Monlezun for sponsorship. We will provide you with the request form or you can download it from our website.

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How will the Sandalwood Herpetology Club use your donation?

Your donations play a key role in the SHC achieving its goals of education and conservation. Your money goes to many aspects of maintaining our animals and assisting in future outreach programs.

Feeding the collection - The animal collection at Sandalwood is not small. We maintain, on average, about 15-20 adult snakes, 15-20 juvenile snakes, 10 turtles and tortoises, and other miscellaneous reptiles off and on throughout the year. This does not include hatchlings that occur occasionally. Even though we buy our mice for the snakes wholesale, this adds up to a substantial amount during the course of a school year. Greens for the tortoises have to be purchased a few times per week.

Maintaining the collection - Our collection is being housed in a variety of cages, ranging from plastic shoeboxes that are placed in racks, to glass aquariums and homemade wooden cages. As time goes on, we want to streamline how we house our animals by purchasing Vision brand cages that are uniform in size and can be stacked, **locked**, and still have adequate lighting and ventilation. These cages do not come cheap and will have to be purchased a few at a time. The mountain tortoises outside are relatively maintenance free. But they need to be fed daily. The big ticket item for the mountain tortoises will be the webcam. This will cost us approximately \$1000 and does not include a desktop computer that we can house in the library to maintain and update the live pictures daily. We hope to have a relatively new one donated to us for that purpose. Other miscellaneous expenses include mulch, light bulbs, etc.

Outreach - We have participated, and have been a huge draw, for the Earth Day celebration at Kid's Kampus in downtown Jacksonville in the past. We want to upgrade our display boards to a sturdier type that will not only make it easier to transport to this and other functions, but will look professional and last a long time as well. We will look into going to elementary and middle schools to spread the word about reptiles and their role in the ecosystem. Buses for these trips are another expense that we have to pay for.



Left: SHC members manning our tables at the Earth Day celebration at Kids Kampus.

Right: Several young visitors getting their hands on some of the artifacts.