



## Reptile Safety Rules

***When handling reptiles during the show please remember these very important rules of engagement to keep everyone safe.***

- Always make sure that anyone who wants to hold or touch a reptile, sanitize their hands first so that the reptiles do not get sick.
- Always make sure that your hands are also sanitized as well.
- **Never** approach anyone who is afraid or does not want to get too close. (**always** ask before approaching anyone)
- **Never** give anyone a reptile to hold *unless* you are sure they are confident, always leave a hand under the reptile until you are confident that they are also confident so that they do not become frightened and drop the reptile.
- When presenting a reptile to the audience to allow them to see or touch **ALWAYS** make sure you are in complete control of the head (for a snake). You must **ALWAYS** know where the head is at ALL times.
- When presenting a reptile to the audience to allow them to see or touch **ALWAYS** present a snake or reptile tail first, and keep the head closest to you.
- IF you happen to get bit by anything, do not panic or make a scene, simply come back to us at the main table and we will address it professionally. (This is *extremely* rare)
- If you notice that a snakes neck and head "S" up into what looks like a striking position, (or if they strike out) simply pat the snake on the head and return to the main table to let us know.
- **NEVER** give anyone a snake to hold and then walk away, or allow them to walk away. Make sure they stay close to you at all times. You must keep track of ALL reptiles that you are in charge of at all times.
- **If anyone asks "Will it bite?"** The answer is: "Anything with a mouth can bite, but these reptiles were all born and raised in captivity and are very well behaved."
- **If anyone asks "Is it poisonous?"** The answer is: "The correct term is venomous, and no we do not have venomous reptiles".
- ALWAYS smile, be polite and friendly.
- **MOST IMPORTANT ONE .... HAFE FUN!!!!!!!!!!!!**