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CANADIAN AQUATIC EXPO

WORLD OF CURIOSITIES EXPO

DATE

Sunday, November 29, 2026

TIME

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

2026 Reptile & Plant Expo

EXHIBITOR MANUAL

ADDRESS

Hall 1
The International Centre
6900 Airport Rd.
Mississauga, ON









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Welcome!

Dear Exhibitor,

Welcome to the November 29, 2026 Reptile and Plant Expo!

Thank you for joining our community of breeders, retailers, service providers, content creators, and reptile, plant, aquatic and now Curiorities enthusiasts! We're thrilled to welcome you to our family of exhibitors and look forward to partnering with you for an exceptional Reptile & Plant Expo experience.

Please take a moment to review the Exhibitor Manual, as it contains key details to help you plan and prepare for a smooth and successful event. If you have any questions along the way, our dedicated support team is here to help. For the quickest response, feel free to reach out at info@canadianpetexpo.ca

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SHOW SCHEDULE

Move In

Saturday, November 28 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

- Saturday move-in is highly recommended to all vendors to avoid the last minute rush Sunday morning. We highly encourage setting up your physical table/booth space Saturday and bringing your animals Sunday morning.
- Exhibitor Entry/Exit is Door 43/44, at the rear of Hall 1.
- Please report to Exhibitor Registration upon arrival
  - Wristbands are mandatory for the duration of the show on Sunday, worn on exhibitor wrists at all times.
- **Drive-in unloading is at the discretion of the Venue and Event Management, and if permitted will only be available on Saturday during the set-up hours.**
- Please bring carts and dollies to move your items from the parking lot to your table.

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Move-in on Sunday begins at **7:30am** for anyone that needs to set up, and for vendors that need to complete final touches on their booths, and bring in animals and any last minute items. Roll up doors/docks and drive in **will not** be available. **Set up must be complete and ready for Veterinary Inspection no later than 9:30 am.**

Show Hours

Sunday, November 29 - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm (Exhibitor Door Opens at 7:30am)

Move Out

Sunday, November 29 from 4:15 pm to 5:30 pm

- Please respect last-minute purchasers and attendees by delaying teardown to 4:15 pm
- Kindly fold tables and chairs and stack in designated areas
- Garbage should be bagged and left neatly near any of the floor garbage cans

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

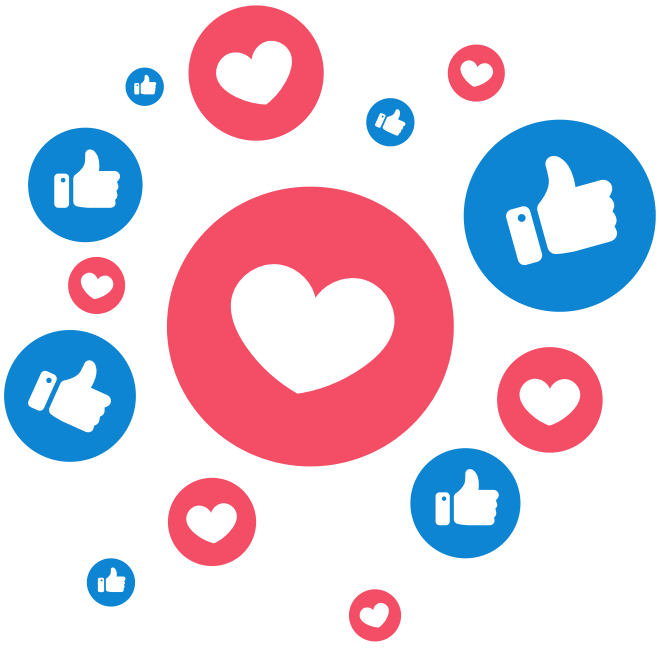
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EXHIBITOR BASICS

Below is a list of basic Reptile and Plant Expo regulations that are applicable to **all** exhibitors.

Expo Regulations and Requirements

1. The Reptile and Plant Expo is a family-friendly event. Expo Management reserves the right to remove any item, product, display, exhibitor personnel, or exhibitor booth that is deemed inappropriate. Refunds will not be issued in such cases.
2. Expo Management reserves the right to make required changes to show floorplan at any time, including moving booth locations due to unforeseen circumstances. This does not happen often, and Management endeavors to minimize any disruptions to exhibitors.
3. The Reptile and Plant Expo encourages pet adoptions and ethical breeders registered by governing bodies; however, the sale of any mammals is not permitted during the Expo.
4. **Exhibitor booths are booked once a payment is made in full**. With booths in high demand, we cannot confirm booths without a full payment. Please see Dates & Deadlines for more details. Please note that booths specific to reptiles and plants will be given priority over those that are not. Exhibit booths must be staffed and fully operational during published show hours. Please respect Expo patrons by being set up and ready no later than 15 mins prior to show opening and kindly refrain from tearing down before closing time.
5. Exhibitor wristbands are mandatory for access to the exhibit hall via the designated Exhibitor Entrance. Wristbands are included with the purchase of a booth; however, additional wristbands **(max of 2)** can be purchased at the time of registration. Please see “Included in your booth space” for more details.
6. **Please bring dollies and carts to unload/load**. The Reptile and Plant Expo does not lend out dollies or carts.
7. As exhibitors, you are welcome to use your own booth furnishings. One 8-foot table is included with your fees. If you would like an additional table to be used within your 8ft of space; i.e. behind or to the side, please order via your ExpoFP account. Important: any additional tables rented do not constitute the purchase of extra space. Extra tables are to be used as additional display options within your existing 8ft of space. Please contact us at info@canadianpetexpo.ca if you require assistance.

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8. Promotional materials may not be distributed outside your exhibit space. Aisle space is sacred land secured for the attendees. Inventory, solicitation and/or booth extensions are not permitted in the aisle space. Please respect your 8ft booth space.
9. Hydro (max 500w) is a shared element. Please bring a minimum 30ft extension cord and power bar(s)
10. Exhibits that include sound/audio/visual displays must ensure the noise level and lights resulting from the display do not disrupt the activities of neighbouring exhibitors. Expo management reserves the right to lower all sound equipment and make lighting adjustments as necessary.
11. Our venue, The International Centre, has excellent ambient lighting; however, if you choose to add extra lighting to your booth, please direct it to the inner confines of the booth space. Lighting should not project onto other exhibits or show aisles.
12. The sale, sampling, or distribution of food for consumption on the premises must be approved by Expo Management and licenses or permits are required by The International Centre. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to obtain such approvals and/or permits from the venue.
13. Signs in the table area must not extend above 8 feet and must not block the line of sight for neighbouring tables. In order to maintain a positive and professional image for the enthusiasts at the show, hand-drawn signs of any nature are not encouraged.
14. A table booking is booked under the contract of one exhibitor. All items on the table are to be represented for sale by the contracted exhibitor. **Sharing is not permitted**.
15. Exhibit space should be kept in good order with storage boxes placed under tables or in designated storage areas.
16. The use of helium balloons is not permitted by the facility.
17. Fire regulations prohibit the use of sterno, or any open flame including candles.
18. Cooking or food-warming devices are prohibited on the expo floor and in booth spaces.

Important Note

All booth payments are final. Refunds or any other consideration will not be applicable due to inclement weather.

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Expo Regulations and Requirements

19. Any display vehicles must have less than ¼ tank of gas, at lease one battery cable disconnected from each set of batteries, and the gas tank sealed or locked. A set of keys must be given to Expo Management. All display vehicles are subject to a Vehicle Inspection completed by Expo Management.
20. No outside alcohol is permitted on the exhibit floor at any time, other than beverages sold on site.
21. The use of nails, screws or any material that can mark floors, walls or ceiling of exhibit hall is prohibited.
22. The only tape exhibitors are allowed to use for securing carpet or material to the floor is double -sided cloth tape.
23. Please do not pin, pierce, or affix anything to drapes. Any damages will result in an invoice for repair or replacement.
24. It is expressly understood and agreed by the Exhibitor that no claim of any kind against Event Management for loss, damage, theft, or destruction of goods or exhibit; nor any injury that may occur to himself or his employees while at the show. The exhibitor shall be solely responsible to his own agents and employees and to all third persons, including invitees and the public for all claims, liabilities, actions, costs, damages, and expenses arising out of or relating to the custody, possession, operation, maintenance or control of leased space or exhibit. The exhibitor is held responsible for agents and employees performing on show stages. Exhibitor does indemnify and hold harmless Show Management against any and all claims as may be asserted against it.
25. Show Management reserves the right to move table locations/bookings as required.
26. Respect your booth boundary and area behind your booth. Any set up that deviated from the approved floorplan must be pre-authorized by management.
27. End cap booths are not permitted, with the exception of sponsors.
28. Exhibitors must pay at the time of booking. Booths will no longer be held without immediate payment.
29. Exhibitors must follow booth placement as per the floor plan. Any deviations must be pre-approved by management.
30. Persons purchasing a reptile pet must be at least 18 years old, or have a parent/guardian present at the time of purchase.
31. **All reptile pets presented for sale/adoption must be 100% captive bred/domestically bred. Veterinarian staff and event management reserves the right to ask for validation.**

MARKETING AND EXHIBITOR RESOURCES

Congratulations on booking! Now what?! Time to leverage your Reptile and Plant Expo marketing options and exhibitor resources!

ExpoFP Exhibitor Profile: access to your Exhibitor Profile is included with your booth fees. Your login link is contained in your booking confirmation/invoice document. Save and keep this link handy! Your profile has fields for logos, company information, photos, video and links to socials. There are even call to action buttons! Take advantage of this opportunity and complete as much information as possible. *Hint – complete profiles receive at least 50% more attendee hits!

Social Media: Why not make a splash on social media and announce your attendance at the Reptile and Plant Expo? Our SM team monitors our account daily and is happy to repost your expo related posts to our stories! Just be sure to tag us! Want to do a collab? Send us a DM!

Ticket Giveaway: Want to hop on board the social media giveaway train? We will provide the prizes! Every exhibitor who does a social media based giveaway will receive a pair of Expo tickets for prizes! All we ask is that you tag us in your giveaway and include one of our logos. You can use whatever criteria you like to qualify entries. The deadline to request tickets and run your giveaway is November 20, 2026.

Media Kit: To assist you with your online and Social Media efforts, the Reptile and Plant Expo has created a downloadable Media Kit containing Expo logos, frames, squares, posters etc. that may be helpful. The Media Kit is available here: Become an Exhibitor Page

DATES, DEADLINES AND PAYMENTS

November 29, 2026 Reptile and Plant Expo Specifics

Saturday Set Up: Set up time on Saturday is offered to give exhibitors the opportunity to bring in larger items and set up space utilizing the convenience of the roll up doors and drive-in unloading in designated areas (if venue management permits). Due to the weather, particularly in winter, the venue may be chilly during set up due to the larger doors being open. We kindly request you delay bringing in your animals to Sunday morning when large doors are not permitted to be open.
Click here for our Live & Interactive Floorplan

Expo Date & Time

Sunday November 29, 2026, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Payment Schedule and Deadlines

All payments for booth space are to be made by the exhibitor who has contracted the space. Booth payments can be made with EMT, Cheque, Cash, Debit or Credit Card.

Payment is **due in full** at the time of booking. Booths can no longer be held without immediate payment.

Reptile Exhibitors:
$289 plus HST per table space

Plant Exhibitors:
$249 plus HST per table space

Aquatic Exhibitors:
$149 plus HST per table space

World of Curiosities Exhibitors:
$179 plus HST per table space

DATES, DEADLINES AND PAYMENTS

Payment Regulations

The exhibitor is responsible for the full cost of their booth space upon booking. All payments are final. Any request by the exhibitor to terminate their booking must be received, by the Reptile and Plant Expo in writing. **If a termination notice in writing is received, the following will apply:**

- ***If notice is received by the Reptile and Plant Expo 7 days or less prior to the first day of move in, the exhibitor will be responsible for payment of 100% of the total contracted booth space fees.***
- ***If notice is received by the Reptile and Plant Expo 8-14 days prior to move in, the exhibitor will be responsible for payment of 50% of the total contracted booth space fees.***
- ***Weather is out of the control of the Reptile & Plant Expo. In the case of inclement weather, refunds or discounts will not be applicable.***

Under no circumstances will the amount of any refund to the exhibitor exceed the amount of the booth space fees paid up until the written notice of termination. Termination of the booth booking will disentitle the exhibitor (or applicant) to any rights or claims against the booth space, or the Reptile and Plant Expo. The exhibitor will remain responsible for paying their booth fees, except as noted above. All monies retained will be deemed a reasonable estimate of the damages incurred by the Reptile and Plant Expo for administrative and other related costs arising out of the termination.

Payments requiring refunds for reasons discussed and agreed upon with Expo Management and the Exhibitor within 14 days of the Reptile and Plant Expo will be issued within 7-10 days upon completion of the Expo. Show Management will make note of the discussed refund and why a refund is being issued.

Payments for all services requested from the Reptile and Plant Expo by the exhibitor must be processed in full before the move-in date.

INCLUDED IN YOUR BOOTH SPACE

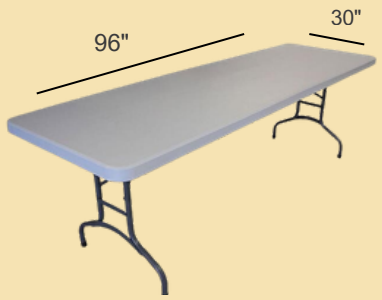
Included in Your Booth Space

- Table space is 8 feet long (multiplied by the number of table spaces purchased) and includes 3-4 feet behind your 8ft table and and one foot on either side. Under no circumstances will the table space be extended beyond the 8 feet (or multiple tables purchased).
- Included in your booking is a single 8-foot table, 2 chairs and a shared hydro connection.
- Company name in the Exhibitor section of the Reptile and Plant Expo website
- 2 event wristbands for yourself and crew. 1 additional wristband is included for each additional space booked thereafter.
- Complimentary E-Ticket Prizes are available to Exhibitors for shared social media marketing programs. Please contact info@canadianpetexpo.ca with a screenshot of your contest/giveaway and we will provide you with a pair of tickets. The deadline to request tickets and run your giveaway is November 20, 2026.
- Please note that floor plans are subject to change without notice.

Booth Add-Ons
NOT Included with Your Booth

- Additional 8-foot table (table only, not space) - **$25**
- Additional 6-foot table (table only, not space) - **$25**
- Exhibitor Wristbands - **$18 (Max 2)**
- Internet service (Encore Canada, contact directly)

8 Foot Table Set Up



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MOVE IN/MOVE OUT TERMS

Move In - Saturday November 28, 2026 12:00 to 4:00 pm

In order to facilitate an organized and efficient move-in process, please follow the process below.

- Upon arrival at the International Centre please proceed to the designated parking area for load in, Door 43/44 at the rear of Hall 1. Door 44 will be the designated Exhibitor Entrance/Exit for the duration of the Expo. Exhibitors are not permitted entry at the public entrance.
- Proceed inside the hall and report to Exhibitor Registration to pick up your Exhibitor package containing parking pass, wristbands, invoice copy and any other information required.
- Staff will confirm your booth number and location on the floorplan. Please fill out your Parking Pass to identify you as an Exhibitor and place it on your dashboard where it will be kept for the duration of the show.
- Please put your wristbands on at this time. They should remain in place for the entire show. If you need to remove it, or it breaks, please bring it back to Exhibitor Registration and we will exchange it for you. Security will be asking to see it each time you enter the Hall, and entry will be denied if wristbands are not worn.
- To unload, please park as close to the loading door as possible and unload your items inside the hall in the designated unloading area. Immediately move your vehicle back to a regular parking spot away from the loading door once unloaded. You may then proceed to move your items to your booth. Remember the Reptile and Plant Expo does not lend dollies or carts. Please bring your own.
- There will be limited onsite tables available at last-minute rates at Exhibitor Registration. Please order rentals before the deadline to avoid disappointment.
- There are NO vehicles permitted on the show floor during move-in time.
- For safety/security reasons **no children under the age of 13 years old are permitted in the venue during Move In.**
- Your representative should accompany all goods in transit from the loading area to your booth.

Disregarding any of the above Move-In guidelines set out at any time by the Reptile and Plant Expo is considered a Zero Tolerance Infraction (non-renewal for future events).

MOVE IN/MOVE OUT TERMS

Move Out - Sunday, November 29 4:15 pm to 5:30 pm

- Booths must remain open and stocked until 4:15 pm.
- Move Out is scheduled no earlier than 4:15 pm Sunday, November 29. Booth dismantling is not permitted before this time. Any Exhibitor packing up before this time may be subject to sanctions and/or fines.
- All items must be removed from the building by 5:30 pm
- Due to safety concerns, please restrict your travel on the event floor to the area to and from your booth within the hall and loading area.
- Exhibitors are responsible for the loading of their booth materials.
- Remember the Reptile and Plant Expo does not lend dollies or carts. Please bring your own.
- There are NO vehicles permitted on the show floor for Move Out.
- For safety and security reasons **no children under the age of 13 years old are permitted on the venue during Move Out**.

Disregarding any Move-Out guidelines set out at any time by the Reptile and Plant Expo family of events is considered a Zero Tolerance Infraction (non-renewal for future events).



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PARKING/SECURITY

Parking

Parking is free for exhibitors and attendees. Exhibitor parking is in the lot adjacent to door 43/44, please do not park in or near loading dock or ramp. On event days, kindly park farthest from the exhibitor entrance door while respecting the handicapped parking signs and any fire lanes. All exhibitors will be given a parking pass at the time of registration. This is to be kept in the dashboard of your car for the entirety of the event. There will be additional parking passes available at Exhibitor Registration for any staff coming to work your booth.

DO NOT LEAVE ANY PETS IN VEHICLES UNATTENDED. This policy is mandated throughout the event stay at The International Centre – no exceptions.

Overnight vehicle parking spaces are available upon request for trailers, campers, RV's etc. Please email info@canadianpetexpo.ca to make arrangements.

Security

The event floor is secured with 24hr security. At the end of set up, staff will escort all exhibitors out in a systematic exit plan to ensure all booths are vacated.

All exhibitors are required to exit the hall no later than 5 pm on Saturday November 28. Security is provided for your protection; however, we are not responsible for theft. We suggest you take precautions and not leave valuable items in your booth overnight. Door guards and perimeter guards are on duty during the hours that the doors are open, with overnight guards throughout the duration of the event. As a safety precaution, your exhibit space should not be left unattended during show hours.

INTERNET/PRIZES/ELECTRICAL CODE

Wireless Internet Service

The International Centre does not offer free WiFi. The International Centre has High Speed Wireless internet access, with some hot spots throughout the lobby areas of the hall. There are no hotspots inside exhibition halls. If you would like to order internet services please contact Encore Canada directly at 905-678-5120 or email TICC@encoreglobal.com.

Draws/Prizes/Copyright

Draws or raffles of any kind are prohibited.

Each exhibitor is responsible for obtaining all necessary licenses and permits to use music or other copyrighted material in their booth or display. Show management reserves the right to remove any part of a booth or display from the exhibit hall that incorporated music, photographs or other copyrighted material and for which the exhibitor fails to produce proof of required licensing.

Electrical Safety Code Requirements

Exhibitors who display or offer for sale any electrical equipment in the province of Ontario is subject to the requirements of the Electrical Safety Code of Ontario and compliance with these regulations is mandator.

Inspectors from the Electrical Safety Authority will be visiting the show to ensure compliance with the code. They will identify any unapproved equipment in evidence and offer information to exhibitors detailing the steps required to have the unapproved equipment accepted.

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Live Display Terms And Requirements

Veterinary Supervision

- A Specialty Pet Veterinarian Team will be present at every show to inspect and approve all animal displays. The Veterinarian Team will ensure all animals are in excellent health without any signs of poor health (parasites, infections, trauma, etc.) and welfare concerns are addressed immediately. ***Reminder: all vendors must be set up and ready for inspection 30 min prior to show open (by 9:30am)**
- Vendors will be asked to immediately remove any live inventory from display that appears to be in poor health, general distress, or are not in approved display sizes. Animals not on display must be stored in climate control transport crates as per the IATA standards. Vendors who disrespect these requirements will be asked not to return as a vendor and/or attendee.

Terms and Regulations

1. **All live inventory must be captive-bred and/or captive-produced. Proof may be required by the Veterinarian Team**
2. All exhibitors must complete and sign an Animal Safety Assurance Form upon arrival at the expo. This form will also be used for the Veterinary Team to sign off on your booth inspection and will be collected for record-keeping.
3. It is highly recommended that all reptiles be transported in and out of the exhibit hall in IATA approved, insulated transport boxes.
4. All live inventory must be packaged and displayed according to size and species regulations set out in Appendix A and or B.
5. Live inventory in containers must not be stacked more than 2 layers deep on your table. This does not apply to live inventory in acrylic/pvc/glass displays.
6. All Live Inventory displays must be in locked or snap locking holding units
7. Snakes must not be in a resting position touching more than two sides of the display, and the length of the snake cannot exceed 90% of the display unit perimeter.
8. Snakes must not be in a resting position touching the top and bottom of the display.
9. All other reptiles, arachnids, and amphibians must have enough space to completely turn around within the display, while not touching the top of the display. Please refer to Appendix B for more information.

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Live Display Terms And Requirements

Terms and Regulations

10. Displays must have appropriate and clean substrate at all times. Species that like to nestle and burrow should be capable of doing so. Substrate must be non-slip and cover the entire base of the unit. **Note**: Paper towel is **not** an acceptable substrate. Please bring extra substrate as needed.
11. All live inventory that requires constant hydration must have access to clean water while on the event floor and in transport crates.
12. All live inventory needs to be clearly labelled with the common name and/or Latin name.
13. All live displays must not house more than one live inventory item in each display/presentation temporary travel container.
14. All live displays must be well-ventilated.
15. All live displays are to be clear and free of any external parasites, failure to do so may result in the exhibitor being asked to immediately remove suspect individuals from the venue and site.
16. Arboreal snake species must be housed in approved size enclosure (See Appendix A) specifically oriented for an arboreal animal. Upright climbing material is mandatory for species that utilize them (for example: Green Tree Python (Morelia viridis), Amazon Tree Boa (Corallus hortulanus), Emerald Tree Boa (Corallus caninus), Carpet Python (Morelia spilota))
17. Exhibitors/vendors are required to provide adequate heat to their displays and storage crates for species that require above-regulated venue temperatures
18. Species requiring constant levels of humidity or moisture must have access to water at all times at the booth - Spray bottles, bottled water etc. must be clearly available.
19. Floating or non-fixed hides are not recommended.
20. Vendors are encouraged to provide opaque enclosure sides and line-of-sight blocking foliage to all displays/temporary travel containers.
21. All feeder insects (crickets, legal species of roaches, worms, isopods etc.) must be sold in pre-packaged, sealed and ready-to-purchase containers only.
22. Exhibitors will place adopted reptiles in transport units and place the transport unit in a paper bag for the journey home. Exhibitors will advise adopters to keep bags sealed until they reach the safety of home. This is to prevent stress and protect the pet from the elements.

APPENDIX A

DISPLAY SIZING: SNAKES

1. Terrestrial Pythons & Boas
    a. The snake's length cannot exceed 90% of the display compartment/unit perimeter. For instance, a 24" snake must be displayed in a container that has a perimeter of at least 26.5"
    b. It is recommended that the sides and bottom of the display be opaque.
2. Colubrids
    a. The snake's length cannot exceed 90% of the display compartment/unit perimeter. For instance, a 14" corn snake must be displayed in a container that has a perimeter of at least 15.5"
    b. It is recommended that the sides and bottom of the display be opaque.
3. Arboreal Snake Species
    a. Neonates and species whose length is 14" or less must be displayed in a vertically oriented display of at least 8"x 8"x 8" (Exo Terra Nano, or equivalent)
    b. Juveniles and species whose length is 15-24" must be displayed in a vertically oriented display of at least 12"x12"x12" (Exo Terra Mini, or equivalent)
    c. Species whose length is 24" and up must be displayed in a vertically oriented display of at least 18"x18"x18" (Exo Terra Small Wide, or equivalent)
    d. All arboreal species require at least one perch in the display.

APPENDIX B

DISPLAY SIZING: LIZARDS AND TURTLES/TORTOISES

1. Lizards and Geckos
    a. All lizard displays must have adequate space that allows for free movement; and
    b. The display must be wide enough for the lizard to comfortably turn around and change position; and
    c. The display must be deep enough to allow the lizard to nestle or burrow and have species – appropriate, non-slip substrate lining 100% of the bottom of the display.
    d. All aboreal lizards must have upright climbing material in the display
2. Aquatic Turtles and Tortoises
    a. Red Eared Sliders, Cooters and Map Turtles are not permitted to be sold. Adults and Sub Adults may be adopted by approved rescues.
    b. Aquatic turtles must be displayed with water large enough to swim freely with a resting area.
    c. Tortoises must have adequate space that allows for free movement and wide enough to turn around and change position within the display; and
    d. Display substrate for tortoises must be coco chip or fibre, cypress mulch or a similar, species appropriate non-slip material.

APPENDIX C

Prohibited Animals As Per The City Of Mississauga

Mammals	
Artiodactyla	All species purely or partially of the order Artiodactyla (**cattle, goats, sheep, pigs, deer, elk, etc.**)
Carnivora	All species purely or partially of the order Carnivora (**panda, otter, wolves, bears, seals, walruses, coyotes, foxes hybrid, wolf dogs, tigers, leopards, cougars, lions, lynx, hyaenas, minks, skunks, weasels, otters, badgers, mongoose, civets, genets coatimundi, cacomistles, raccoons, African wildcats, savannah cat, jungle cat, serval cat, European wildcat, Chinese mountain cat, sand cat**) **Except common domestic dogs, common domestic cats and ferrets**
Chiroptera	All species purely or partially of the order Chiroptera (**bats, myotis, flying foxes, etc.**)
Edentates	All species purely or partially of the order Edentates (**anteaters, sloths, armadillos, etc.**)
Lagomorpha	All species purely or partially of the order Lagomorpha (**hares, pikas, etc.**) **Except domestic rabbits**
Marsupialia	All species purely or partially of the order Marsupialia (**koala, kangaroo, possum, wallabies, etc**) **Except sugar gliders derived from self-sustaining captive populations**
Primates	All species purely or partially of the order Primates (**chimpanzees, gorillas, monkeys, lemurs, etc.**)
Perissodactyla	All species purely or partially of the order Perrisodactyla (**horses, donkeys, jackasses, mules, zebras, ponies, etc.**)
Proboscidea	All species purely or partially of the order Proboscidea (**elephants, rhinoceros, hippopotamus, etc.**)
Rodentia	All species purely or partially of the order Rodentia (**porcupines, prairie dogs, nutria, chinchillas**) **Except rodents which do not exceed 1,500 grams and are derived from self sustaining captive populations**

APPENDIX C

Prohibited Animals As Per The City Of Mississauga

Reptiles	
Crocodylia	All species purely or partially of the order Crocodylia (**alligators, crocodiles, gavial, caymans, etc**.)
Squamata	All squamata purely or partially of the following species: The genus Eunectes (**Anacondas**); Morelia amethistina (**Amethystine and Scrub pythons**); Python molurus (**Indian python, Indian rock python, Burmese python**); Python sebae (**African rock python**); Python reticulatus (**Reticulated python**); Varanus niloticus; Varanus salvadorii (**Crocodile monitor**); Varanus salvator (**Water monitor**); Varanus varius (**Lace monitor**); Varanus giganteus [Perentie]; Varanus komodoensis (**Komodo dragon**); The family Viperidae (**True vipers, Fea's viper, Night adders, Rattlesnakes, etc.**); The family Elapidae (**Cobras, Mambas, Kraits, Coral snakes, etc.**); The subfamily Hydrophiinae [Sea snakes, Coral reef snakes, etc.]; The genus Dispholidus (**Boomslang snakes**); The genus Thelotornis (**Twig snakes**); The genus Rhabdophis (**Keelbacks**); The genus Atractaspis (**Burrowing vipers, Mole vipers, etc.**); Philodryas viridissimus (**South American green racer**); The family Helodermatidae (**Gila monster, Beaded lizards**)

Birds	
Anseriformes	All species purely or partially of the order Anseriformes (**ducks, geese, swans, screamers, etc.**)
Galliformes	All species purely or partially of the order Galliformes (**pheasants, grouse, guineafowls, turkeys, chickens, pea fouls, etc.**)
Struthioniformes	All species purely or partially of the order Struthioniformes (**ostriches, rheas, cassowaries, emus, kiwis, eagles, hawks, falcons, owls, etc.**)

Arachnida	
Araneae	All Araneae purely or partially of the following species: The family Ctenidae (**Wandering spiders**); The genus Latrodectus (**Black widow spiders**); The family Sicariidae (**Brown recluse spider, Assassin spider, etc.**); The family Hexathelidae (**Australian Funnel web spiders**)
Scorpiones	All species purely or partially of the family Buthidae (**Fat tailed scorpions, Bark scorpions, etc.**)

Chilopoda
All species purely or partially of the class Chilopoda (**Centipedes**)

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Pythonidae	
Python sebae	(African Rock Python)
Python natalensis	(Southern Rock Python)
Python reticulatus	(Reticulated Python)
Python molurus	(Asian Rock Python)
Python bivittatus	(Burmese Python)
Liasis olivaceus	(Australian Olive Python)
Simalia amethistina	(Scrub Pythons)
Simalia kinghorni	(Australian Scrub Python)

Boidae	
Eunectes sp	(As per example: Green Anaconda, Yellow Anaconda)

Colubridae	
Dispholidus sp	(Boomslang)
Thelotornis sp	(African Vine Snake)
Philodryas(Chlorosoma) viridissimus	(Green Racer)
Philodryas olfersii	(Lichtenstein's Green Racer)
Scolecophidia	(As per example: Blind Snakes, Thread Snakes)
Toxicodryas blandingii	(Blandings Tree Snake)
Rhabdophis tigrinus	(Tiger Keelback Snake)
Tantilla sp	(As per example: Centipede Eating Snakes)

Lamprophiidae (previously Colubridae)	
Atractaspidinae	(As per example: Stiletto Snakes, Burrowing Asps)

Elapidae	
All Elapidae	(As per example: Cobras, Coral Snakes, Death Adders, Mambas)

Viperidae	
All Viperidae	(As per example: Bush Vipers, Rattlesnakes, other Pit Vipers, Adders)

Hydrophidae	
All Hydrophiinae	(As per example: Sea Snakes, Marine File Snakes)
All Laticaudinae	(As per example: Sea Kraits)

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Lizards	
Hemitheconyx taylori (ant specialist)	(Taylor's Fat Tail Gecko)
Draco sp (poor survival rate)	(Flying Lizard)
Varanus salvadorii	(Crocodile Monitor)
Varanus salvator	(Water Monitor)
Varanus komodoensis	(Komodo Dragon)
Phrynosoma sp (ant specialist)	(Horned Lizard)

Chelonians	
As per law 1977 CFIA regulation prohibits import of all chelonians.	
Tortoise	
Chelonoidis nigra complex	(as per example Galapagos Tortoise, Chatam Tortoise, Abingdon Tortoise)
Aldabrachelys gigantea	(Aldabra Tortoise)
Centrochelys sulcata	(Sulcata Tortoise)
Turtle	
Turtle Trachemys sp	(Sliders, Cooters, Map Turtles)
Chelus fimbriata	(Mata Mata)
Macrochelys temminckii	(Alligator Snapping Turtle)

Crocodilians	
All Crocodilians	(As per example, alligators, crocodiles, caimans)

Hydrophidae	
Ctenidae, Latrodectus, Sicariidae, Hexathelidae	(As per example: Widow Spiders, Recluse Spiders, Funnel Webs)
Buthidae	(As per example: Fat Tail Scorpions, Deathstalkers)

More Information:

City of Mississauga Animal Services By-Law

http://www7.mississauga.ca/documents/bylaws/Animal_Care_&_Control.pdf

City of Toronto Animal Services By-Law

https://www.toronto.ca/community-people/animals-pets/pets-in-the-city/prohibited-animals/

City of Brampton Animal Services By-Law

https://www.brampton.ca/en/city-hall/bylaws/all%20bylaws/animal%20control.pdf

Provincial Animal Services Welfare Act

https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/19p13

Invasive Species Centre

Help Join the Fight Against Invasive Species!

Teach your customers the importance of responsible pet ownership

As retailers in the pet trade, you know how much joy a pet or aquarium can bring into peoples' lives. Pet ownership can be an exciting and fulfilling hobby - but it also comes with responsibility.

The **Don't Let It Loose** campaign aims to stop the spread of invasive species by promoting responsible pet ownership. We need your help to spread the word and ensure your customers are aware of the risks of loose pets in the wild and alternative options to releasing them.



What is an invasive species and why can pets become invasive?





Invasive species pose **ecological**, **social**, and **economic** challenges by accelerating biodiversity loss and altering the composition of natural ecological structures. They are considered one of Canada's greatest threats to the survival of wild animal and plant life, and the pet release pathway creates additional pressure on ecological communities.

Domestic pets including fishes, invertebrates, frogs, turtles, mammals, or aquatic plants may be released into the wild when their owners no longer wish to care for them. When released into the wild they can spread diseases, outcompete native species for resources, prey on native species, and can contribute to habitat degradation.

Examples of pets that can become invasive when released into the wild include Goldfish, Red-Eared Sliders, Rabbits, or Marbled Crayfish to name a few.

Pathways related to species release

Pathways are routes by which invasive species are transferred from one ecosystem to another. These intentional or unintentional releases can occur in a number of forms.







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Pet Releases of fishes,

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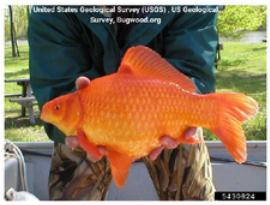
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consumers the ability to buy and sell pets online and provides a simple and seamless means of importing exotic organisms into Canada. Retailers may provide unclear or inaccurate taxonomic information and consumers may have limited knowledge on the care and risks of these species, leading to their release.



Zebra and Quagga mussels have previously been found on moss ball products purchased by unsuspecting consumers across the United States and Canada. Moss balls (marimo) are commonly found in aquariums.

invertebrates, frogs, turtles or mammals into the wild may occur when they become unwanted or can no longer be cared for.



The goldfish you buy at the pet store can grow up to the size of a football and live up to 40 years when released into the wild. They disrupt ecosystems by outcompeting native species for food and resources. They contribute to algal blooms, kill aquatic wildlife and pass viruses and diseases contracted in aquariums to wild fish.

contain exotic plant species such as Yellow Floating Heart, European Water Chestnut, or Flowering Rush which may escape as a result of flooding events, via connected waterways or through disposal.



Gardens should be designed to hold contents without the possibility of releasing them and regular monitoring should take place to avoid unintentional escapes. When disposing of exotic or aquarium plants, do not compost them or dispose of them close to water.

What You Can Do

Educate customers - Display educational materials such as posters, brochures or flyers about the risks of releasing pets and the impact they can have on the natural environment.

Encourage informed choices - Help customers select pets suited for their lifestyle and needs to reduce the chances of release or abandonment. Provide detailed information on the size, lifespan and care requirements of each pet before they purchase them.

Provide responsible disposal or rehoming tips - Provide advice on how to improve their relationship with their pet(s). The customer may be unsure of proper care or overwhelmed. This could lead to them deciding not to rehome it. If they do decide they are unable to care for their pet, offer guidance on reputable adoption groups or pet return programs.

By working together, we can help prevent the spread of invasive species from threatening our ecosystems. The information you provide and every conversation you have with a customer can make a difference in reducing the risk of invasive species introductions and help protect the environment.

Thank you for providing opportunities for people to find companions, your commitment to protecting our environment, and for being a proactive partner in preventing the release of pets into the wild.

We offer pamphlets, videos, and digital resources that can help reinforce the Don't Let It Loose message. Additional information and resources on invasive species are also available on our website.

Remember the best practice in preventing the spread of invasive species is to **not let it loose**!

For more information on Don't Let It Loose visit:
www.invasivespeciescentre.ca/take-action/dont-let-it-loose/