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LA Animal Services to Host Southwestern Herpetologists Society's Reptile & Amphibian Exhibit

Los Angeles – The cages will be rattling on Saturday, November 1, 2008, from 10AM – 4PM, at the East Valley Animal Care Center located at 14409 Vanowen Street, in Van Nuys.

The Southwestern Herpetologists Society, a 54 year old nonprofit organization that has been educating the public about the importance of reptile and amphibian conservation and the advancement of herpetology will bring a variety of local as well as exotic reptiles and amphibians from around the world into the Center.

The highlight of the exhibit will be a live rattlesnake presentation by Joe Banashek. He has a scientific collection permit for rattlesnakes issued by the State Dept. of Fish and Game. He works with a nearby university and medical center. He will bring all six species of Southern California rattlesnakes: the Sidewinder, the Southern Pacific, Mojave, Speckled, Red Diamond and Western Diamond Back.

Junior Herpers as well as other expert Society Members will be sharing their experiences and knowledge about caring for reptiles and amphibians, as well as answering questions from those attending the exhibit.

There will be a photo booth where reptile lovers of all ages can have their photo taken with a huge Sulcata Tortoise or a large Boa Constrictor.

Other community groups, such as the CA Wildlife Center in Calabasas and the San Fernando Valley Turtle and Tortoise Club will be participating in the exhibit.

A fun time is promised for all in the magical, mysterious world of herpetology.

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