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Hot and Wild at Repticon Columbia!

Columbia SC - July 8 & 9, 2017 - It will be “hot” and wild in Columbia as Repticon, a recognized leader in hosting reptile and exotic animal expos throughout the United States, returns with the largest and “hottest” reptile show in the South. Repticon is coming back to Columbia with an outstanding mixture of vendors, breeders, and educators. This family-oriented, fun-filled event offers guests the opportunity to learn about animals not normally seen in local pet stores, including many venomous creatures. Breeder-vendors are always willing to teach; and, throughout the event, there will be seminars on animal-related topics by experts in the field of herpetology.

Guests can also shop for a new family pet among the hundreds of reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates, spiders, and small exotic animals. Repticon Columbia is also the perfect place for them to get merchandise, cages, supplies, and both live and frozen feeders, as well as to get expert advice about caring for their new household member. Many of our vendors allow live interactions with the pets during visits to their booth.

To add to the fun, free-entry raffles are held frequently during both days of the event, offering guests the opportunity to win coveted prizes.

This event, held at the Jamil Temple, offers a unique family outing suitable for all ages and for a very diverse range of enthusiasts.

The doors open to the general public at 10 a.m. on Saturday, closing at 5 p.m. On Sunday, the show hours are 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. At the door, tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 5-12, and children under 5 are admitted free. VIP and advance tickets may be purchased from our website at <http://repticon.com/south-carolina/columbia/>.

If you would like more information, an opportunity for a one-on-one interview with one of our employees or vendors, or to send a reporter or film crew to the event for onsite coverage, or to discuss a ticket giveaway, please contact our Promotions Team Leader, Bonnie Miller, by email at bonnie.miller@repticon.com or by phone at 1-803-814-5018. Email is preferred.

Attached are photos from one of our Repticon shows. Other photos are available upon request.

