

Educational Hands-on Experiences with Animals: Reptile Labs

This lab offers a fun way of learning about certain snakes, and a bearded dragon as pets and in the wild, including all the different snakes in Connecticut. Each lab offers something different and each class ends with hands-on experience with pet ball pythons, a king snake and a bearded dragon. **We encourage all ages to attend: children, teens, adults, and seniors!**

Introductory Educational Classes (Ages 5 & up)

Intro to Snakes: Identifying different snakes (venomous vs. non-venomous), a brief introduction to most snake's anatomy, and how to read the body language of a snake (when they may bite you). *Each Snake 101 class offers a different activity at the end of each class!*

Intro to Ball Pythons: A class all about ball pythons, from handling, feeding, patterns, and more! This class will offer time to handle a ball python and interact with an adult and baby ball python.

Intro to Bearded Dragons: A class all about bearded dragons, from handling, feeding, care a pet and different colors! This class will offer time to interact with a Red Monster Bearded Dragon!

Bonding, Handling & Feeding Classes (starting age varies, 2-5 & up)

Ball Python 102: Participants will get to handle a few ball pythons, from baby ball pythons to an adult ball python. This class focus on more handling time with ball pythons, and less classroom/lecture on ball pythons. This class is highly recommended for those who want to desensitize themselves to snakes/ball pythons, or who love these animals and cannot own one.

Reptile Hangout: Participants will be introduced to different reptiles in this class. All participants will be able to hold and interact each reptile, from a variety of different colors and sizes of ball pythons, a king snake and bearded dragon.

Reptile Feeding (and/or Ball Python Feeding): Brief hands on experience with ball pythons, a king snake and/or a bearded dragon. This class will end with a live demonstration of snake feeding (with frozen/thawed food, not live) and bearded dragon feeding (dubia roaches, wax worms, or super worms). We will do this towards the last 10 minutes of class and warn those who do not wish to see it. We cannot promise that any animals will take the food.

Advanced Educational Classes (Ages 10 & up)

Snake Husbandry: Learning how to take care of pet snakes, including their temperatures, supplies needed for their enclosure, feeding and more! The snakes that will be discussed are sand

boas, ball pythons, corn snakes, and hognose. Most of these snakes are found in pet stores and considered beginner snakes, while some snakes are for more experienced owners.

Ball Python Morphs: Unlock the fascinating world of ball python genetics in this educational class designed for reptile enthusiasts, breeders are also welcome to come. The goal is to share some common genetics with the class and what they look like (color and/or pattern alternating gene). Whether you're just starting out or looking to deepen your understanding, this class will provide a solid foundation in the basic principles of genetics as they apply to ball pythons. You'll learn how to interpret genetic traits, understand morphs (color and pattern variations), and explore how genes are inherited from parent to offspring. The course will cover dominant, recessive, and co-dominant traits. We will discuss 1 unique pairing through breeding where the possibility is a BEL (Blue-Eyed Leucistic).

This class is taught by reptile enthusiasts who are new to learning genetics and morphs and is not geared to starting your own breeding projects. The goal is to share knowledge of the different colors and patterns, geared towards an audience that wants to know the different colors and/or patterns of a ball python to get as a pet or to learn the amazing world of science and DNA!

Meet the animals!

Colubrid: California King Snake



Bearded Dragon (Red Monster Morph)



Ball Pythons (various morphs)

Lemonblast (pastel pinstripe het albino), Banana het enchi, Clown double het orange dream pied, Coral Glow and Mojave.



Hatched:
Estimated
December 2023



Meet
Linguine



Meet
**PUMPKIN
SPICE
LATTE**

Hatched: 1/1/24