



Exotic Reptile, Amphibian, & Insect Birthday Show!

Our birthday shows are structured to appeal to different age groups and sizes. Kids meet animals such as friendly bearded dragons, colorful geckos, incredible pythons, smiling frogs, amazing frilled dragons, and even tarantulas up close! Shows for younger children focus on basic reptile information such as where they're from, what they eat, and body parts. Events for older children combine the unique opportunity to see reptiles up close with education. We cover proper care and husbandry as well as information about conservation. We find that the parents and adults are often just as interested as the kids!!

Enjoy an interactive and educational show in your home or the location of your choice. The presentations consist of us bringing out different exotic reptiles, amphibians, and insects from our collection one at a time while providing some information such as where they're from, what they eat, and other fun facts! Guests will have the opportunity to touch most and even hold some of the animals that we bring along!

With each birthday package the birthday child will assist with the presentation as well as get a special birthday gift of a printed photo of them with their favorite animal that we bring!! [Click Here](#) to see the special birthday pictures from past parties!

A party will feature a variety of animals from each of the following categories: Lizards, Snakes, Turtles/Tortoises, Amphibians, Arachnids/Invertebrates, Insects, and more! [Click Here](#) to see a complete list of the reptiles, amphibians, and insects under our care. *Unfortunately not all of our pets are available for birthday parties but if you have any special requests please let us know and we'll do our best to bring them along!!

Testimonial: Andrea Harms: "Being the hosts of this party, I have to say that Prairie Exotics did a great job! The kids loved it as well as the adults. They were informative and fun and for those kids who were a little timid, they weren't pushy so no melt-downs occurred! They had the kids entertained for a whole hour - that's amazing! Thanks again, guys! You're highly recommended by us!"

The Details

- The party can be in your home, at a school/gym, community center, outside (weather permitting), or other location. Just let us know where you want us! If you need some ideas let us know and we'd be happy to suggest some great options!
- We will show up 15min prior to the start of the show to get unpacked and set up.
- We need a parking spot close to the doors to quickly unload/load the animals.
- At the end of the show we will take a picture of the birthday child with their favourite animal that we've brought, we'll then print it on a portable printer we'll bring along so they can have it as a memory of the party before we leave!
- Parents/Adults (18+) are more than welcome to stay and participate at no extra charge!
- During an hour long show you will see 16-20+ different species!!
- Here is a list of the common animals we take to our shows:

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| -Central Bearded Dragon | -Frill-necked Dragon | -Chinese Water Dragon |
| -Savannah Monitor | -Leopard Gecko | -African Fat-tailed Gecko |
| -Crested Gecko | -Blue Tongue Skink | -Western Hermann's Tortoise |
| -Cane Toad | -Argentine Horned Frog | -African Bullfrog |
| -Australian Green Tree Frog | -Red-eyed Tree Frog | -Brazilian Rainbow Boa |
| -Corn Snake | -Ball Python | -Dumeril's Boa |
| -Red-tailed Green Rat snake | -Chaco Golden Knee Tarantula | -Giant Desert Hairy Scorpion |
| -Indian Walking Sticks | -Halloween Crabs | -Hissing Cockroaches |

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If you want to see how we transport all of the animals to the show you can take a [Look Here](#).

Frequently Asked Questions

Can you do the show with the children in one room while all of the adults hang out in another room?

We require at least one other parent/adult in the room at all times.

Can we serve the kids food, snacks, and beverages during your show?

We ask that you don't serve food or drinks during the show. We don't want the kids touching animals then putting their hands/food to their mouths.

Do you need a table?

No, we bring our own table and everything we need. The only thing we require is enough space to do the show.

Is the show going to scare any kids?

Unfortunately you cannot predict the reaction of every child. Before the kids interact with an animal we first allow everyone to adjust and calm down after it is first brought out. If kids do not want to interact with an animal they will not be pressured in any way. The show is fun and appropriate for all ages, we do not want to scare kids but help eliminate any fears they may have!

Can the children be in the room as you set up your show?

It is usually best to keep the children in a separate room while we set up for the show. We realize that sometimes another room is not available and in this case we can be flexible and set up in the same room if need be. If this will be the case, please notify us in advance so that we can prepare accordingly.

How far in advance do you need to be booked?

There is no length that is set in stone. As there are only so many spots available during the weekend it is suggested that entertainment is hired prior to sending out invitations. It may be possible to move the party earlier or later or even to another day to ensure that we are available for your child's birthday. However there are occasionally spots open so please feel free to contact us even if its last minute.

Do I need to pay a deposit?

There is no deposit necessary. Payment is to be made in full in either cash or cheque when we arrive to set up for the show. This allows you to get right back to your party after the show and allows us to quickly pack and leave you to your party. Checks can be made payable to Prairie Exotics.

Should we have you perform at the start, middle or end of the party?

We recommend having the show near the beginning of the party after all the guests arrive. After the show many parents decide to serve cake or open presents. This allows for a better flow for the party and ensures the kids haven't been filled with sugar before being sat down for the show.

How much space do you need to perform?

Although we have performed in many different situations and space restrictions we generally ask for an area 6' x 8' with enough space for the children to sit on the floor.

Can you perform outside?

We can do the shows outside weather permitting. Obviously if it's raining the show needs to be inside but as long as it's warm enough or not too warm we can do it outside. We will only perform shows outside between temperatures 26 °C - 34 °C.

What is the cost of your show?

There are many factors that influence the price of the show including the number of children, travel distance (outside Winnipeg), and show length. Please feel free to contact us and we will provide you with a quote for your event.

What You'll Learn!

Shared characteristics of reptiles and amphibians:

1. Vertebrate animals that have internal skeletons made of bone.
2. Ectothermic.
3. Most do not protect their eggs or young (except crocodilians and a few others).

Differences between reptiles and amphibians:

1. The skin of amphibians is glandular, highly permeable to air and water, and is usually covered in slimy mucus. The skin of reptiles is covered in dry keratin scales and is not very permeable to air or water.
2. Amphibian eggs do not have a shell and are usually laid in water. Reptiles either lay shelled-eggs on land or give birth to live young.
3. Amphibian young are born physiologically different from their adult form and must go through metamorphosis to develop into adults. Reptiles do not go through metamorphosis.

The 4 orders of the class Reptilia:

1. Chelonia – turtles, tortoises
2. Crocodilia – alligators, caimans, crocodiles, gavials
3. Rhynchocephalia – tuatara
4. Squamata – amphisbaenians, lizards, snakes

The 3 orders of the class Amphibia:

1. Anura – frogs and toads
2. Caudata – newts and salamanders
3. Gymnophiona – caecilians

Further Resources:

If you have specific questions about this show, please call Prairie Exotics at **204.782.0296**. You can also visit our website www.PrairieExotics.ca or feel free to EmailUs@PrairieExotics.ca!