



Live Display Terms And Requirements for Reptile Exhibitors

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 30min 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.
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 Veterinarian 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. Deli cups and clamshell containers are single-use only and not to be re-used.
5. All live inventory must be packaged and displayed according to size and species regulations set out in Appendix A and or B.
6. 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.
7. All Live Inventory displays must be in locked or snap locking holding units

8. 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.
9. Snakes must not be in a resting position touching the top and bottom of the display.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. All live inventory that requires constant hydration must have access to clean water while on the event floor and in transport crates.
13. All live inventory needs to be clearly labelled with the common name and/or Latin name.
14. All live displays must not house more than one live inventory item in each display/presentation temporary travel container.
15. All live displays must be well-ventilated.
16. 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.
17. 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*))
18. Exhibitors/vendors are required to provide adequate heat to their displays and storage crates for species that require above-regulated venue temperatures
19. 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.
20. Floating or non-fixed hides are not recommended.
21. Vendors are encouraged to provide opaque enclosure sides and line-of-sight blocking foliage to all displays/temporary travel containers.
22. All feeder insects (crickets, legal species of roaches, worms, isopods etc.) must be sold in pre-packaged, sealed and ready-to-purchase containers only.
23. 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.

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.

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 arboreal 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.

Mississauga By-Law

The City of Mississauga has proactively created a pet and people friendly system of Animal By-Law that forms the basis of live animal displays at the Canadian Pet Expo.

Kindly refer to the City of Mississauga's By-Law here:

<https://www.mississauga.ca/wp->

[content/uploads/2023/11/Animal-Care-and-Control-By-law-0098-2004.pdf](https://www.mississauga.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Animal-Care-and-Control-By-law-0098-2004.pdf)

Another helpful source is the PAWS website: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/animal->

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