

Hello prospective adopter. We're glad you're interested in adopting a reptile from HerpHaven Reptile Rescue and Sanctuary. Our goal is to provide forever homes to snakes, lizards, turtles and tortoises that are listed as unrestricted species in the State of Maine. As you will notice, our questionnaire/application is quite extensive - we want to be sure we are matching the reptile to the appropriate home. There are several things to take into account before bringing home a reptile. Many reptiles are very long lived - with some species living 50+ years. It's important to carefully consider a reptile's life expectancy before adopting any reptile. Each species also has very specific husbandry requirements, including heat, lighting, humidity levels, diet, supplements, and appropriately sized enclosure. Certain species will need to have UVB lights replaced every 6-12 months. Reptiles also require a vet who is knowledgeable about their specific anatomy and physiology. Not all vets are able or equipped to care for reptiles. You will need to know who your reptile vet will be before bringing home your new pet. If you are not aware of a reptile vet in your area, please ask us - we will be able to refer you to one. Reptiles also require daily care - fresh water, fresh food, spot cleaning of their enclosure, and temperature checks all need to be done every day. Caring for a reptile can be labor intensive. It's important to consider all aspects of caring for a reptile - husbandry needs, start up costs, continued expenses - before taking on the responsibility of owning a reptile. We are available to answer any questions you may have, now and after you bring your new reptile home.

Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability.

1. What type of reptile are you interested in adopting?

2. Why are you interested in this type of reptile?

3. What experience do you have with reptiles in general??

4. Please tell us about your experience with the type of reptile you are interested in adopting

5. What size enclosure is required for this species? Do you have an enclosure already or will you need one?

6. What are the heat, light, and humidity requirements for this species?

7. How will you monitor temperature & humidity in the enclosure?

8. How will you maintain appropriate humidity levels for this species?

9. How will you maintain appropriate ambient temperature/basking temperatures/UVB levels?

10. How often does the enclosure for this species need to be cleaned? How will you do this?
What cleaning agents will you use?

11. How often does the water have to be changed?

12. What are the dietary requirements for this species?

13. What type of substrate are you planning to use? Why did you choose this substrate?

14. What enrichment opportunities will you provide for this reptile (hides, enclosure features, time out of enclosure, time outside during appropriate weather, etc)? If taking the animal outside is part of the enrichment opportunities, how will you keep the reptile safe and ensure it does not escape?

15. Where will the reptile be kept in your home?

16. Will the reptile be kept with other pets?

17. How will you acclimate the reptile to its new home?

18. How often does this species need to be fed?

19. What supplements does this species require?

20. How will you identify any signs of illness in this species?

21. Please list all known foods and plants that are considered toxic to this species:

22. Please list other potential harmful household items this reptile may be exposed to and the steps you will take to limit the exposure:

23. How do you properly handle the type of reptile you are interested in adopting?

24. What will you do in the event of a power outage to maintain appropriate heat?

25. What steps will you take to ensure the animal is properly cared for when/if you go out of town/away on vacation?

26. Some reptiles have the potential to outlive their owners. What are your plans in the event this would happen?

27. Are you a breeder?

28. What other pets are in your home?

29. What is the name of your reptile vet (regular vet if you don't yet have a reptile vet)?

30. Do you own your own home? If you rent, does your landlord allow reptiles for pets? What is your landlord's name?

31. Please list 3 personal references:

32. Please attach a picture of you and the enclosure the reptile will be kept in. If you don't have an enclosure yet, please enclosure a picture of any reptile enclosures you have or a picture of the room where the reptile will be kept.

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this questionnaire. Once it is received, we will review your answers and contact you if we need more information. If your application is accepted, you agree that you will provide your pet reptile with the care specific to its species and that you will practice the necessary safety precautions when handling him/her. You understand that reptiles are not part-time pets and must receive daily care and attention. You agree to maintain proper living conditions for your pet reptile, which includes an appropriate size enclosure that is cleaned when necessary, proper diet, exercise, heat/light/humidity requirements. You also certify that you and anyone in your household have never been convicted of acts of animal abuse/neglect or domestic violence.

Signature _____

Printed name _____

Date _____

