

Newsletter



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Hello and welcome to the New Year everybody!

We hope you've all had a great Christmas and are ready to tackle yet another year of shows, talks and school fairs together.

As always, we would like to say a big thank you to all members that are able to come along to support us at the shows by bringing their animals or even popping along to say hello.

Another big thank you to everyone who contributed to our Christmas raffle, one of our biggest and best so far thanks to the donations of many companies!

I'm sure that you are all sick of me saying this by now, but I would like to remind everyone that the newsletter is **always** looking for pieces or ideas from any member and that everything will be accepted happily.

We've got a lot of busy shows coming up in the next few months, such as Bright Sparks and the STEM Festival – both of which we're sure to attract a large crowd like every year, so volunteers would be much appreciated.

If you'd like to support us but cannot attend to help at a show, the E.S.R.A.S public Facebook page now has a review feature which we'd appreciate you using and encouraging anyone you know who has attended a show to use as well. All these reviews will be very helpful in keeping the club successful.

E.S.R.A.S looks forward to another fun packed year, bring it on! 😊

- Beth

Christmas Meeting

E.S.R.A.S's 2016 Christmas meeting was a good one, with a great turn out - even though we were regretfully missing a few members. The raffle was greatly enjoyed by all, and all the contributions of prizes and food went down as quite a treat – even if I went home with all of the heavily desired prizes of four bags of sand!

Congratulations to the big winners of the Christmas Quiz, the team politely named 'Lee is a Numpty'!



A big thank you to Lee for creating the quiz and to Mick, our Quiz Master this year!

A massive thank you to all of the companies that donated for our fantastic raffle:

Pets Corner – Brighton branch

Arcadia

TSM

Swell

South Downs Garden Centre

Pets at Home

Coastway

Global Geckos

Digitilian

Eastbourne Pets

Jollies Hastings

Merchandise Update

Our little shop has been going so well this year that we now have some new stock for you all! Unfortunately, it won't be pocket money prices but we have done our best to keep the prices as low as possible.

The new stock includes plushies, mood rings, mood keyrings, collectible enamel pin badges and realistic animal fridge magnets in boxes. These will be brought along to both the January and February meetings, so please come along and have a look at our wonderful new gear.

Any feedback on the new products or things you would like to see would be greatly appreciated, please speak to Lisa at the meetings or email us after the meeting at esras.uk@gmail.com.

- Lisa

From the Secretary.....

Hello everyone and a Happy New Year!

So into 2017 we go, and what a year it could turn out to be for ESRAS and all of us as keepers and enthusiasts, with everything from the government that is to be talked about and decided this year including the Animal Welfare Bill (AWB) which is also trying to tackle the question of Animal Fairs of all kinds.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone who has helped out this year, be that doing shows or helping at meetings or organising prizes for the raffle or buying raffle tickets as it all goes towards keeping the club going.

For 2017 I would also like to repeat the trip we did in 2016 to the June Doncaster Conference and Expo which is this year to be held on Saturday the 24th and Sunday the 25th of June.

I wish to start organising it now to allow people enough time to sort out their diaries and organise payment.

I will be launching it in February so people can register and put down a deposit of 20%, once again this year ESRAS will be paying for the transport and half of the cost of entrance to the expo which leaves only half of the cost for you and the cost of your bed for the night totalling £35 as it stands at the moment.

It will be another early start setting off at around 3am for the long drive up arriving at around 9.30am

We will have a selling table at the conference so anyone who wished to take anything to sell can place it on the ESRAS table.

I need to get an idea of numbers so I know how big a minibus to book so if you could let me know **a.s.a.p.** if you are wanting to attend as the seats will undoubtedly fill up quickly.

I am also opening up applications for the ESRAS committee from the January meeting which is a little earlier than usual but it gives everyone time to consider their position.

- Lee

Our next show is Bright Sparks at Hove Park Upper School on February 11th & 12th

Friday Night for Setup

Brighton Science Festival 2017

BRIGHT SPARKS

Hove Park Upper School

35 Nevill Road,

Hove,

BN3 7BN

Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th February, 9am – 5pm





FINDING HOMES FOR LIFE

How it works

How FBH Reptile Re-homing works

Animals will be posted on the Facebook page from member clubs and societies with details of the animal including a picture, a full description and details such as age and sex [if known] and any outstanding health issues, plus contact details for the club/society offering the animal for potential re-homers to liaise with them.

All animals promoted on the Facebook page will fall into one of three categories A, B or C. Category A animals are available to anyone to adopt free of charge with the requirement that they join a participating club or society before receiving the animal, this ensures that new keepers have access to expert advice for at least the 1st year of ownership.

Category B animals are only available to existing members of affiliated clubs and societies & Category C animals are only available to specialist keepers with suitable facilities or recognised institutions.

FBH Reptile Rehoming categorisation schedule

- **Cat A species**

- Lizards: Bearded Dragon, Leopard Gecko, Crested Gecko, Blue-tongue Skink
- Snakes: Corn Snake, King Snakes (*getulus* spp) and Royal Python
- Amphibians: White's Tree Frog, Fire-bellied Toad, Axolotl

- **Cat B species All species not on schedule A or C**

- **Cat C species**

- Constrictors capable of exceeding 4 meters
- Lizards capable of exceeding 1 metre
- All Crocodylians
- All venomous species, including rear-fanged
- All Annex A species (excluding Mediterranean tortoises)

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