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Found on every continent except for Antarctica, nearly 8000 species of reptiles walk, crawl, slither and swim in their own unique ways. Don't miss the opportunity to fall under the spell of these cold-blooded creatures at the second annual North American Reptile Breeders Conference and Trade Show (NARBC) at the Arlington Convention



Center the weekend of February 23, 2008, in Arlington, Texas. Experience your own reptile adventure while finding an extraordinary pet at NARBC, the world's largest reptile show that brings together experienced dealers offering exotic frogs, turtles, geckos, iguanas, tortoises and snakes.

Nigel Marven, star of Animal Planet's hit series "Prehistoric Park" and "Micro Safari: Journey to the Bugs," will appear at the Arlington Convention Center to deliver a talk on "Penguins to Polar Bears - Filming Wildlife at Both Poles" at 3 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. The producer, author, and filmmaker will also be available to meet fans and sign autographs. Marven's lecture is based upon a series he filmed in the kingdom of the polar bear, walrus, bowhead whale and moose and will appear



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on *Animal Planet* this winter. He will discuss traveling to remote locations to capture amazing footage of various animals in their wilderness habitats.

In the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association 2007-2008 pet owners' survey, the total number of reptiles owned in the United States increased 22 percent since the survey





was taken two years ago, from 11 million to 13.4 million. The cold-blooded creatures at this amazing exhibition and sale of pet-friendly "herps" are among the finest in the world. With prices ranging from \$5 to \$75,000 everything from the common gecko to rare breeds of snakes will be represented at the Arlington Convention Center. Open to the public, this high-quality, captive-bred-only reptile show features over 100 dealers from across the country offering more than 10,000 cold-blooded creatures! The event is produced by ECO Wear and Publishing and Chicago Reptile House, Inc. Sponsors include T-Rex, Timberline and Gourmet Rodent. All of the animals at the North American Reptile Breeders Conference & Trade Show are audited to ensure compliance with all federal and state laws as well as the guidelines of the Herpetological Society and the Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council (PIJAC). Neither the reptile connoisseur nor the reptile-curious should miss this exciting and educational opportunity to encounter alternative pets along with all of the supplies needed to support a herp hobby.

The North American Reptile Breeders Conference & Trade Show hosts a fundraiser for the Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council on Saturday, February 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Arlington Convention Center. Admission is free to this event and includes a live auction. PIJAC promotes the interests of the pet industry and develops aids to enhance humane and responsible care within the industry.

Reptiles are appealing pets for a multitude of reasons including aesthetics, simplicity, and overall intrigue. Some of the world's foremost herpetologists and other experts in the reptile industry will be leading lectures throughout the weekend at NARBC. Lecture topics range from "Color Mutations of the Western Diamondback Rattlesnake," to "Herping in Mauritius and Round Island," and "Crotalus lepidus" to talks on corn snakes, spotted turtles, Asian turtles, and the amazing Trans-Pecos rat snake.

The North American Reptile Breeders Conference and Trade Show is open to the public Saturday, February 23, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, February 24 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Arlington Convention Center, 1200 Ballpark Way in Arlington, Texas. Weekend passes to the Show are \$15 for general admission; children under 13 get in for \$8, while children ages 5 and under are admitted free. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts with proof of membership will be admitted for \$5. A special VIP badge, costing \$50, allows show-goers entrance to the Show Preview on Friday, February 22, at 5 p.m. along with complimentary snacks and beverages, sponsored by Reptile Magazine. The VIP badge also provides advance show entrance at 9 a.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. For more information on the Conference or to order tickets, e-mail info@narbc.com or visit the web sites at www.narbc.com or www.reptileconference.com, or call 708-932-8044.







