



Seattle Turtle & Tortoise Club



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June 26, speaker Tracy Bennett, DVM
Don't miss it
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Monthly Meetings:

USUALLY on 3rd Sunday of each month

3:00PM to 4:30PM

Everyone is welcome

Meeting Location: June 26th

Douglas Truth Library meeting room
Corner of 23rd Ave. S & Yesler Way
Seattle.

Our next meeting is:

Sunday, June 26,nd 3-4:30pm

Douglas Truth Library

Dr. Tracey Bennett speaking

about her practice and her new book!

The Seattle Turtle & Tortoise Club show was a huge success this year. It took place at Sky nursery in Shoreline. 649 people attended 25 species represented 56 animals total and we found 13 new members!

Welcome to the new members!

Auction Items cleared \$ 520

Memberships \$ 210

Total Deposited into account yesterday was \$874 plus we had another \$196 deposited into our paypal account for auction items.

STTC has been invited back next year!

“bring your suggestions for next year to the meeting”



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Many thanks to all who helped make the show a great success!



Please join us at the STTC summer picnic in July.

Dates and location to be announced.

It will also be the club's 10th anniversary celebration. We hope you can make it.



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Order your STTC Calendar

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Or call Monica (425) 591-2263,
This Calendar has most of our
upcoming events listed, plus photos of
our meetings and members and, of
course, TURTLES!!! (tortoises too)



For Sale:

CB hatchling R.P.Manni, CA ornate wood turtles.
Julie Lindell 206 890-0554

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Monica
Frazier



REPTILES
Specialty Squamates
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Single Visit or Extended Away
Emergency Vet. on Call

Located in Duwall

For Sale: Assorted hatchling and juvenile
turtles and tortoises

PNWTurtleworks,
Jerry Novak: 425 478-9960

FOR SALE: UVB LIGHTING

Zoo Med Reptile Florescent Light Blubs

- (1) 48" Repti Sun 2.0 Florescent Bulb (.5" dia) 30W
- (2) 36" Repti Sun 2.0 Florescent Bulb (.5" dia) 30W
- (2) 36" Repti Sun 5.0 Florescent Bulb (1.0" dia) 30W
- (1) 36" Iguana Light 5.0 Florescent Bulb (1.0" dia) 30W
- (2) 15" Repti Sun 5.0 Florescent Bulb (.5" dia) 14W
- (1) 15" Repti Sun 2.0 Florescent Bulb (.5" dia) 14W
- (1) 15" Iguana Light 5.0 Florescent Blub (.5 dia) 14W

Surplus Prices, Call for Availability

Monica (425) 591-2263

Adoption Report:

STTC is adopting 10 Red Eared Sliders to a Japanese Garden with a huge Koi pond.

Also, we adopted out 2 sulcatas this month.

The awesome representation at recent shows, and website visibility are likely the cause of the upswing in adoptions.

We have male Russian Tortoises available for adoption and a map turtle as well as some red eared sliders.

Contact Julie Marsall:
E-mail: sttc.adoptions@gmail.com



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Upcoming Shows :

American Family Pet Expo (the invitation Rebecca received at the Renton show)

JULY 8 (10am to 6pm), 9 (10am to 7pm), & 10 (10am to 5pm) Setup is on Wed. & Thurs.

is a three day event in Puyallup so I need volunteers to help on Friday and Saturday maybe even Sunday morning.

I figured I would setup and work on Sunday so I could tear down, Meredith Dall has volunteered to work on Friday not sure if half or full day yet.

Need more volunteers

DUVALL DAYS (late this year)

JULY 16 9am – 5pm (the following weekend)

I can work this alone but we can post it in the newsletter in case someone wants to help out.

Excerpt from Herpdigest Volume # 11 Issue # 26- 6/17/11

A Secret Oasis for the World’s Most Endangered Turtles -Turtle conservation: Tucked discreetly in Ventura County foothills is an oasis for the world’s most endangered turtles –

Reporting from Ventura, Calif. 6/5/11 LATimes by Louis Shagan

When it comes to caring for the world’s rarest cold-blooded animals, few places match the pampering and security provided to hundreds of critically endangered turtles and tortoises at a secret compound in the foothills of Los Padres National Forest.

In paddocks and aquariums protected by surveillance cameras and electric wire, Okinawa leaf turtles feast on silkworms and mulberries in a temperature-controlled greenhouse. Nest-building Burmese black mountain tortoises relax in piles of freshly cut oak, sycamore and bamboo. Forest-dwelling impressed tortoises dine exclusively on organically grown oyster mushrooms. Philippine pond turtles spend the night in snug tunnels made of cork bark.

But Saturday’s VIPs were eight ploughshare tortoises flown in from Hong Kong in padded crates. Among them is a female of breeding age, which Eric Goode and his associates at the nonprofit Turtle Conservancy’s Behler Chelonian Center hope to mate with the only male ploughshare tortoise of breeding age in North America.

“That male, which is en route from a zoo in Texas, hasn’t seen a female ploughshare tortoise of breeding age in more than 25 years,” Goode said as he marveled at the new arrivals in a quarantined pen. “We’re hoping for the best. These creatures have seen nothing but bad luck, corruption and greed in captivity.”

Some would call that an understatement. With fewer than 300 left in the wilds of Madagascar, the ploughshare tortoise holds the dubious distinction of being the rarest tortoise on Earth. They are heavily targeted by global animal traffickers, and the high-domed creatures fetch tens of thousands of dollars on the Asian black market, conservationists say.

Please renew your annual membership fee of \$15.00 to the club using our membership page:

<http://seattleturtleandtortoiseclub.com/Membership.aspx>

Membership can also be paid at monthly meetings, or mailed to the club address
c/o Julie Lindell 1728 29th Ave S Seattle, 98144.

Until recently, attempts to breed the ploughshare tortoise outside of Madagascar failed miserably. In the early 1980s, a male died shortly after zoo workers in Honolulu used an electric device to procure semen from the animal. A female that it was supposed to have mated with had her ovaries removed during a botched operation.

“Given their plight and scarcity, it took more than a decade of hard work by us, the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust, and Hong Kong authorities and conservationists to get these eight tortoises into our compound,” said Paul Gibbons, managing director of the Behler Chelonian Center. “But, then, a lot of the animals in our pens have similar stories to tell.”

Many of the species found on the compound are nearing extinction because of habitat loss, wildfires, hunting and black markets.

“International animal trafficking is a dark and dangerous subculture,” Goode said. “Certain dealers will go to great extents to get their hands on these animals. That is why, although we are certified by the American Zoo and Aquarium Assn., we are not open to the public.”

There is no sign outside the facility, nor is it listed in the phone book. “Theft is a reality,” Goode said. “The only visitors are turtle biologists from around the world.”

The conservancy was established in 2005 with 250 rare turtles transferred from a Bronx Zoo collection that had been housed at Saint Catherines Island off the coast of Georgia. Today, the conservancy mostly manages animals seized from illegal trafficking operations or bred in its rock-and-mortar outdoor pens. The conservancy’s primary mission is to maintain “assurance colonies” of threatened and endangered tortoises and freshwater turtles, such as the four Galapagos tortoises that lumbered across a manicured lawn in a pen shaded by tropical plants and oaks Saturday.

It also lends some of its reptiles to zoos around the world and collaborates with conservationists to protect the rarest species from extinction. For example, the conservancy has been working with biologists in the United States and Mexico to revive bolson tortoise populations in the hot and thorny Chihuahuan Desert south of the Rio Grande Valley.

Once as plentiful as jackrabbits, only an estimated 5,000 bolson tortoises survive today. Cactus fruit is the bolson’s dish of choice, and it’s always on the menu at the conservancy.

“We specialize in creating environments that are peaceful and natural as possible for our turtles,” Goode said.

Below is a listing of turtles available for adoption and for sale.

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<http://www.adoramapix.com/tctriunguis/gallery/juliejerryjune5/GAx6RPOVMMf68wc>

8950 and 8951 are map turtles hatching at PNWTW

8951 is 2 week old map turtles - PNWTW 4sale

8955 and 8957 are female chicken turtle available for long term breeding loan- PNWTW

8960 is long term captive 3 toed male- STTC adoption

8962 and 8963 are a large male Russian with shell deformity - STTC adoption

8969 is female Reeve's Turtle with beak deformity (under bite) - STTC adoption

8971 is male and female Chicken turtle available for long term breeding loan- these are nice turtles that are friendly and get along well with each other.

8973 is a female 3 toed - PNWTW adoption (available)

8978 and 8981 are an immature yellowbelly - STTC adoption

8982 is the same female chicken turtle

8986 is 6 month old CB ornate box turtle - PNWTW 4 sale