

# *SVTTC News*

*California Turtle and Tortoise Club  
April 2009*

## **Next Meeting:**

Next club meeting is **Monday, April 6th** at 7pm. You can show up a little early and have dinner as well. Members start showing around 6pm.

## **Location:**

### **Round Table Pizza**

14940 Camden Avenue (Corner of Union and Camden Ave)  
San Jose, CA 95128  
(408) 371-9550

## • **Speaker of the Month: Robert Shields**

Robert Shields, Vice President of the SVTTC will be doing a presentation on Box Turtles. He will be covering the different species of North American Box Turtles (3-Toed, Gulf Coast, Ornate, Florida, Desert and the Eastern). If you have an interest in Box Turtles, this would be a meeting not to miss. The Presentation will include a Power Point Presentation with lots of photos and some live specimens (Don't tell Round Table). If you have questions on box turtles, bring your questions with you and feel free to ask. Great time to ask about setup and care also.

## • **SVTTC Meeting Agenda: Joseph Alvarado**

- I. Introductions
- II. Treasurer's Report
- III. Adoption Coordinator's Report
- IV. Announcements
  - 🌐 Fundraisers
    - Round Table Pizza
    - Heating Pads, Tortoise Food & Calcium
  - 🌐 Committees to be Established
    - Veterinarian Roster
    - Club Logo
    - Outings & Shows  
(i.e., Turtle BBQ, Vasona Turtle Walk & Reptile Shows)
  - 🌐 Executive Board meeting April 11, 2009

V. Presentation

VI. Adjourn

🌐 The next meeting is Monday, May 4, 2009 at 7:00 pm, same location.

- **CTTC Conservation info:**

Info not Available at this time

- **Upcoming Events:**

**March 29<sup>th</sup>** SVTTC Board Meeting

**April 6<sup>th</sup>** SVTTC Club Meeting

**April 11<sup>th</sup>** Executive CTTC Board Meeting in Southern California

**May 16-17<sup>th</sup>** S.F. Cow Palace Reptile Show

**May/June ?** Day in the Park at Vasona Park in Los Gatos

**August 8<sup>th</sup>** San Jose Reptile Show

- **Having Dinner at Round Table Pizza?**

Attached to this email is a print out for those who will be eating at Round Table Pizza. 15% of all club member sales go back to the club. Please print out the form and bring with you. If you forget, see Kevin in the meeting room before purchasing a meal. If possible, please turn in receipts to Joseph so we can keep track of the money spent as well.

- **Are you a Club Member?**

You **do not** have to be a member to attend the meeting. If you would like to join the SVTTC, membership fee is \$20/yr and you can signup at the meeting or request a membership form by emailing [tortoisehome@yahoo.com](mailto:tortoisehome@yahoo.com) and mailing to the address on the form. Benefits of being a member include an endless source of information, meet new friends with common interest, bi-monthly Tortuga Gazette Newsletter, ability to adopt through the CTTC Adoption program, receive discounts to businesses or shows when offered and have a lot of fun.

- **Committee Members Needed!!!**

The SVTTC Board is looking for a group of individuals to coordinate some projects.

These projects include the following:

Logo Design

Show/Event Coordinator

Veterinarian Listings

The Group in charge of the Veterinarian Research will seek out the best Turtle and Tortoises Veterinarians in Northern California. We would need vets who range from Fresno to Sacramento and the North and South Bay Areas. Individuals would need to contact Veterinarian offices and find out their experience with them. The time and

expenses incurred would be donated on behalf of the group doing the project. It would probably be best to have a series of questions to ask each vet just to assure they are familiar with turtles and tortoises specifically. Once all the research is done, all info will be condensed down to a page on a future website page or handouts to make available to the public. We would also like to work with one or more of these vets to treat animals in our care awaiting adoption. Hopefully we could also arrange for club members to receive discounts.

The Club Logo Committee would be temporary as we are still in the mix of putting a logo together for the club. We have had some ideas drafted up by artist and club members Phil and Sergio. The person(s) in charge of this committee would take the current existing logos the Club officers have and try to come up with some more ideas. Once a base of logos are established, the committee will condense down to the best 4 logos and bring it up to a vote at a meeting as to which logo works best for the club. Once a logo is accepted, this Committee will have completed its task.

The last and final Committee is the Events/Show Coordinator. This group of people or individuals will be responsible for making sure everything is put together and organized when an SVTTC event is held. This will be an ongoing position and the Committee Chairman will be working closely with the Board Members. Such events can be Educational Outreach programs, Weekend Picnics, Reptile Shows or any other special event sponsored by the SVTTC.

- **Adoptions:**

These are the turtles/tortoises that I currently have taken in for adoption.

Red Ear Sliders (3) Hatchlings  
Red Ear Sliders (4) Adults  
Mississippi Map turtle Male (1)  
Florida Red Belly Sliders (2)  
California Desert Tortoises 2 Juveniles ( 2-3yrs of age )  
Sulcata Male 19" in length

*Note: We will probably be picking up several larger adult Desert Tortoises in April. Sexes are unknown and not guaranteed. I have a waiting list currently, but if you would like to be added to the list or double check you are on the list, please email me at [TORTOISEHOME@YAHOO.COM](mailto:TORTOISEHOME@YAHOO.COM). If you have not filled out an adoption form, please fill out an adoption form so I can begin the screening process. These can be emailed to you.*

*Adoptions is looking for donations of Food/Water bowls, Heat Bulbs and Adhesive back heat pads. Local Pet Store Gift Cards welcome.*

- **Adoptions/ Animals taken in and/or placed to date:**

June 2008 to Present

**Tortoises**

Sulcata Tortoise	-(8+)
Leopard Tortoise	- (0)
Red Foot Tortoise	- (3)
Russian Tortoise	- (6+)
Greek Tortoise	- (0)
California Desert Tortoise	-(30+)

**Box Turtles**

3-Toed Box Turtle	- (3+)
Eastern Box Turtle	- (0)
Gulf Coast Box Turtle	- (0)
Ornate Box turtle	- (0)

**Aquatic Turtles**

Red Ear Slider Turtle	- (25+)
Painted Turtle	- (0)
Common Snapper Turtle	- (3)
Wood Turtles	- (1)
Mississippi Map Turtle	- (2)
Florida Red Bellied Slider	- (2)

*Animals received and lost do to Previous Owner Neglect/In-proper Care / or Other (3)*

- **Club Donation Drawing:**

The club will be having a drawing to raise money for adoptions and club events. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each. We have a large assortment of food, filters and misc items donated by several vendors.

**Would you like a free Raffle Ticket?**

We are going to try each month to give you some information on a particular species of Turtle or Tortoise throughout the world and if you can guess what the species is, write down the answer on a blank piece of paper with your name and email info on it. When you come to the club meeting, turn these sheets into Robert or Kevin. If correct, you will get a free raffle ticket towards one of our great drawing of prizes we have.

## **Here is the Trivia Question:**

### **What Species of Turtle / Tortoise Am I?**

Clues:

1. This species of Turtle/Tortoise is in the IndoTestudo Family.
2. The Adult size range from 10-15” in length and can weigh as much as 7-10lbs
3. This species primarily lives in damp forest, but has been seen in dry areas
4. This species is a crepuscular species, meaning it becomes active just before dawn Or just after sun set.
5. This species is an Omnivore. Its diet consist of Fruits, Leafy Greens, Worms and Slugs
6. Is a member of the Cities Appendix II
7. Natural Habitat ranges from India to Borneo (Southern Asia)
8. During Breeding season, both Males and Females develop a bright pink/red tint around the eyes and nostrils giving it a nickname that is commonly used in Asia.
9. It has a head that looks like a Chicken
10. Pet Retail Price average \$150.00-250.00 for hatchling
11. As the common names suggest, they have a somewhat narrow carapaces and yellow heads. The carapaces are a yellowish-brown color, often with black "smudges" on each scute. Males have a plastral concavity and much longer tails than the females.

**What species or Turtle or Tortoise am I? \_\_\_\_\_**

For More Information about meetings or the SVTTC, Please contact:

Kevin Norred, SVTTC Adoption Chairman

(408) 482-5437 or [TORTOISEHOME@YAHOO.COM](mailto:TORTOISEHOME@YAHOO.COM)

# Club Member Classifieds:

- **LEOPARD GECKOS**

(2) Breeding Pairs of High Quality Leopard Geckos \$200.00 each pair  
Contact: Setiva Woodring (408) 679-5672 or email [setiva@sbcglobal.net](mailto:setiva@sbcglobal.net)  
**SVTTC Member discount - \$150 a pair**

- **TORTOISE/TURTLES**

Tortoises and Turtles for Sale  
Tortoises: Leopard \$100, Elongata \$100, Florestein \$100, Star \$450, Egyptian \$500  
Turtles : Eastern Box \$25.00, Gulf Coast Box \$25.00 , European Pond \$100,  
Reeves \$25, Painted \$25  
Contact: Bob or Judy Thomas (805) 481-5222 or email [Thomas-turtles@juno.com](mailto:Thomas-turtles@juno.com)  
Sales to CTTC Members only

- **TORTOISE SUPPLIES – PROCEEDS GO TO SVTTC ADOPTIONS**

Calcium Powder 1lb.	\$ 5.00
Mazuri Tortoise Chow Pellets 2lb	\$10.00
Bigger quantity can be purchased. Call for price	
*Small K & H Heat Pads 12.5" X 18.5"	\$45.00 (Petco Price \$70.00)
*Medium K & H Heat Pads 16.5" X 22.5"	\$50.00 (Petco Price \$80.00)
*Large K & H Heat Pads 22.5" X 28.5"	\$55.00 (Petco Price \$100.00)

**\*For CTTC Members only- Quantities Limited**

**Contact Kevin Norred @ (408) 482-5437 or [tortoisehome@yahoo.com](mailto:tortoisehome@yahoo.com)**

- **WANTED:TORTOISES**

Looking for adult or sub adult Red Foot Tortoises or Cherry Head Tortoises  
- LTC or Domestic Bred preferred.  
Contact Kevin at [T34RACING@YAHOO.COM](mailto:T34RACING@YAHOO.COM)

- **WANTED: GREEK TORTOISES ( FEMALES )**

Looking for adult or sub adult Greek Female Tortoises  
- LTC or Domestic Bred preferred.  
Contact Kevin at [T34RACING@YAHOO.COM](mailto:T34RACING@YAHOO.COM)

- **For Sale : 55 GALLON PREFORMED POND LINERS**

I have (2) preformed black pond liners that were donated to the SVTTC Adoptions and we are looking to sell them for a donation of \$20-25ea. They are in excellent condition. If you would like to have a small pond, this is the way to go.

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## **Special Committee Contacts:**

Show /Event Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_ ( Position(s) Available)

Website Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_ ( Position(s) Available)

Club Logo Committee (temporary) \_\_\_\_\_ (Position(s) Available)

Veterinarian Contact Committee: \_\_\_\_\_ (Position(s) Available)

# **SVTTC SPONSORS**

The Following Retailers offer discounts for SVTTC / CTTC Members:

None at this time ( Stay Tuned )