

Healthy Herp Handling

Healthy reptiles and amphibians may carry *Salmonella* germs, which can make people sick. But there's good news! You can help keep yourself healthy around your pet reptiles and amphibians.

A Most Important Rule

Always wash your hands thoroughly after handling reptiles and amphibians, and anything in the area where they live or roam such as their food or equipment.



There's No Place Like Home

Keep your reptiles and amphibians in a habitat designed especially for them. Don't let them roam around the home.

Outta the Kitchen

Keep your reptiles and amphibians and their equipment out of the kitchen or anywhere food is prepared or served.



No Nuzzling or Kissing

That's a no-no...you can get germs this way.



Protect the Innocent

Reptiles and amphibians are not recommended for children under the age of five.



Follow these safe handling steps and enjoy your pets.



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