

A Review of Rizzo's Reptile Discovery Evening  
By Jack

Mr Rizzo has certainly improved his Reptile Discovery Evening from all those years ago when I first saw it. It was certainly great then, but now he has made it more engaging, interesting and just plain fun than ever before. He started off by explaining a little about why you should not litter (when he asked where you should put garbage, someone yelled "The sea!"; he did a double take and the responded with "In the sea?! You're the enemy, sir.")

Then he pulled out two very cute little turtles. They had a turtle race, and he wore them on his shirt. They were actually baby snappers, but they didn't know that yet! When they do eventually realize that, they'll end up like King, the next reptile he pulled out of the box. King was a big alligator snapper, and he knew it. All the kids wanted to touch him, but Rizzo said "You can't, because of a little thing I call liability!" When he put him away, he got out a box turtle named Hack, which was short for Hackensack. Hack was really cute and funny. He would take two little steps, then stick his ridiculously long neck out and look around at all of us.

After Hack, Rizzo showed us a couple of lizards, one of which was a bearded dragon, and the other which could regrow its tail. Then we saw a boa constrictor, who was really cool and stuck out her forked tongue at everyone. But the cutest animal in the show, in my opinion of course, was a little hedgehog named snort. He was very prickly and had rolled up into a ball, but once he calmed down, he let Rizzo pick him up. He even started licking Rizzo's hand, obviously because of some lizard that Rizzo had handled earlier.

But the biggest animal of all was saved for last. Rizzo pulled out the most enormous snake. It never seemed to end! It turned out to be a Burmese Python, and his name was Butterscotch. We all got to hold part of him. That snake must have weighed a ton! When the program had finished, 7 families received a free copy of Rizzo's animal card game. We got one, and I got it autographed! I can't wait to play it!