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Corbin's Exotic Pets Newsletter

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Dear Jennifer,

Welcome to our first email newsletter!! We are excited to send out our first issue and to keep everyone up to date with what's going on at [Corbin's Exotic Pets](#). Each issue will feature a section of what's new, as well as Featured Products, Tip of the Month, and a question section. The last sections are especially exciting because there's always a new product to share as well helpful tips! Please feel free to [contact us](#) with any questions or suggestions, especially for our question section... if you're wondering something, there's sure to be someone else with the same question!

We are also excited about our Employee of the Month section. This gives us a chance to share with you one of our many EXCELLENT staff members, and what makes them so great. They'll also have the chance to share with you some of their favorite products and animals... although as animal lovers, it's always hard to choose!

If you prefer to be removed from this list, please unsubscribe below... we'll be sad, but it won't hurt our feelings! You can change your email/contact information below as well! Of course, we would love for you to share this newsletter with all of your friends by clicking on the 'forward email' at the bottom. Your friends can also subscribe to receive emails from us by joining our mailing list below.

We'd like to thank you for your continued patronage, and look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

Mark and Jennifer Corbin
[Corbin's Exotic Pets](#)

Corbin's is Under Construction!!

Expansion to 18,000+ square feet!

You may have heard the rumors, or saw the closing of the truck dock... and yes, we are excited to announce that we are under construction. We have taken over another 9,000 square feet, so when it's all said and done, we should be over 18,000 square feet! What in the world



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Employee of the Month

Zach Zollars



Zach has been employed with us since we first opened. He was hired for his enthusiasm for fish genuine personality. He has remained an extremely hard worker and very dedicated to his job. Last month, Zach took on the aquarium maintenance position and has done an outstanding job. Don't worry... he still works in the fish room! Zach is also the first to volunteer to do anything. Last month, he was involved in all of the Settler's Days Events, Halloween events, and stayed late numerous times to help put away new fish. He is a very dedicated employee and receives 'Employee of the Month' for all of his hard work throughout the month of October.

Make sure to congratulate Zach next time you're in, or email him at zach@corbinspets.com.

Zach's Favorite Product Seachem Aquavitro Fuel

are we going to do with all of that space? LOTS!!

We are adding a grooming facility for Lisa's Pet Grooming... she will still be available for mobile grooming. She will now have an early drop-off, late-pick up available, and of course a shop-while-you-groom service. You can schedule an appointment with her today at 815-568-8300 x1.

We are excited to include a classroom in the new side... we will now be able to host birthday parties, continuing education seminars, tours, etc in a centralized, private area! We are still continuing our [educational shows](#) during this time, please call for information!

Another addition is a larger reptile display area. We have a few surprises to add into this area, so stay tuned...!!

All other departments will be expanding as well. Please stay updated by checking our [website!](#)

Who's on your Christmas List?

Don't forget anyone with Corbin's help!

Is it ever too early to start thinking about Christmas? With our help, you can make everyone on your list happy!

We have a huge selection of dog treats, as well as the infamous 36" rawhide...

and mammoth bone for our non-rawhide lovers!

We have lots of in-stock aquariums, as well as the option to custom order your perfect tank in time for Christmas.

We are also fully stocked with reptile and small animal cages. While we don't recommend

boxing up that little critter over night, we can help you make the perfect set-up with a coupon to pick up a new pet... we have no problem holding animals for Christmas! Let the staff at Corbin's help you complete everyone's list, and don't forget, gift cards are always available!



Featured Product

brake-fast dog food bowls

Is your dog one of those that just can't wait for dinner, and swallows it as soon as you put that bowl down? Are you worried about [Gastric Dilatation-Volvulus 'Bloat'?](#) Then you need to stop in and check out our latest food bowl - [brake-fast](#). brake-fast was designed to slow down your dogs food consumption with its' unique design. The bowls come in three sizes, small, medium, and large, and a metal bowl is also available through special order.



Question of the Month

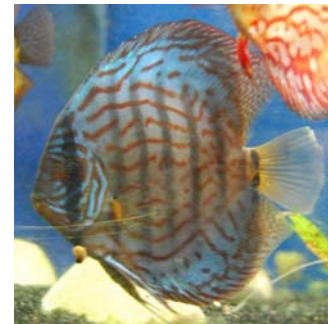
Q. My ball python hasn't eaten in three weeks... is it hibernating?

A. It's that time of year when we get this question a lot from ball python owners. Ball pythons actually do not hibernate. Ball pythons (usually adults) can sense the season change and go into a phase called 'off feed'.



Zach's latest favorite product is 'fuel' from SeaChem's new 'aquavitro' line. He recommends 'fuel' for any saltwater tank with corals because it is an excellent food source for hard, soft, and even fine filter feeders. "It's my top choice when feeding corals, and you will notice the growth within the first week of use," Zach says. He uses an inner capful for every 30 gallons, every three days. "Plus, it doesn't hurt water quality and will not get sucked up in your filter or skimmer... give it a try!" Visit www.aquavitro.com to learn more about the SeaChem 'aquavitro' line.

Zach's Favorite Pet Brilliant Turquoise Discus



Being the fish guru he is, it's not surprising that his choice for favorite pet is the Brilliant Turquoise Discus. Why does this fish bring a smile to Zach's face? "It took years of breeding to achieve the coloration and pattern of the Brilliant Turquoise. They're not a fish you see everywhere; they're an advanced freshwater fish, so it's an accomplishment when you can keep a successful Discus tank," he says. Not to mention they can live 10-15 years and they defend their babies until they're ready to live on their own. Discus are a peaceful fish that can live safely with others given the correct conditions. Zach's favorite fish to accompany Discus... a school of Neon Tetras. Luckily for Zach, we just got a brand new delivery of Discus from [Discus Hans USA](#) including a beautiful Brilliant Turquoise.

Did You Know??

During this time, they just choose not to eat. It's amazing... you could change absolutely nothing in your home, and they still know the seasons are changing! For breeders, it's in preparation for breeding, but if you're not breeding your snake, it's just a normal phase they go through every year. It usually lasts 2-4 months. Some snakes will not go off feed, some will go off feed for over 5 months! If you're not breeding, no cage changes need to be made during the off feed season. Keep running your lights, heat, and it's still ok to handle your snake. If you notice your snake is dropping weight, than there may be a problem... snakes should not lose a dramatic amount of weight when they are off feed, so you should seek your veterinarian's advice immediately. We recommend the [Algonquin Animal Clinic](#). After you've determined your snake is off feed, it is still ok to offer it food every few weeks until it finally decides to eat again... usually in the spring.



Corbin's Exotic Pets does educational shows! Let us teach your group about the amazing animal world and conservation with our hands on show! Shows are customizable to meet your groups' needs. Call today to schedule your show!

Tip of the Month

Use pet-friendly ice melt!

Lately, November is never too early to begin discussing... yes... sleet, snow, and ice. Did you know that the ice you use to melt your sidewalks and driveway may not be safe for your pets? Dogs will lick that dried salt off their paws, so it is important to use a 'pet-safe' salt to prevent any unannounced trips to your veterinarian. Corbin's sells 'Pet Friendly Ice Melt' that will not burn your pets paws and won't harm your grass or flowers. It's an essential purchase for this coming winter. We also carry a wide selection of clothing for pets that aren't too fond of Mr. Jack Frost. Boots of all sizes of all sizes are also available to protect paws from the ice and snow. Remember to remove the ice and snow from your pet's paws after their trips outside!



Upcoming Events

11/5/08 - WNTA 1330AM Radio
Appearance 5pm

11/27/08 - Closed Thanksgiving Day

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any item in
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