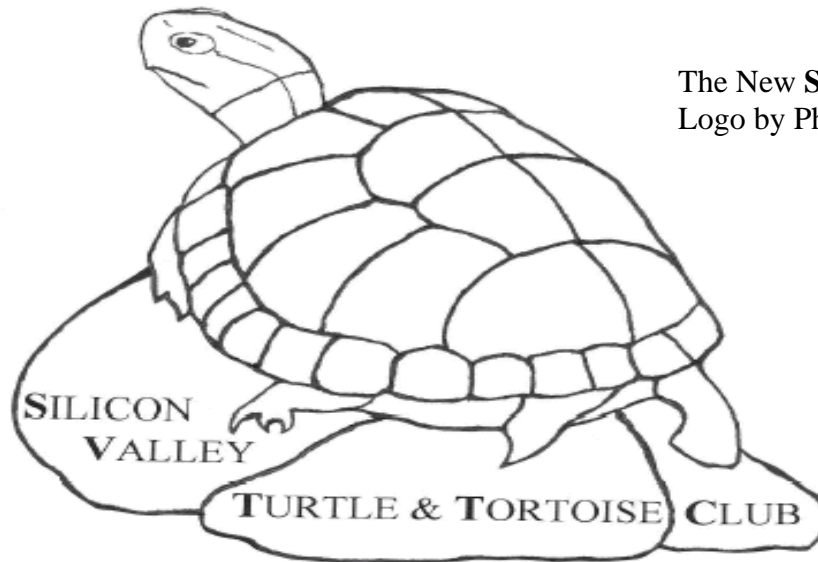


# SVTTC News

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*California Turtle and Tortoise Club*

*December 2009*



The New SVTTC  
Logo by Phil Krotz

**Next Meeting:**

Next club meeting is **Monday, December 7th** at 7pm. Banquet room is open at 5pm

**Topic of Interest:**

There will be no presentation this month due to the Holiday Party on the following Saturday. The Holiday Potluck is scheduled for the following **Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>** and we will be working out the details at the meeting. Tickets are \$5.00 per person or \$15.00 per family. You don't want to miss this!!! Please contact Jessica Gopp at [foxee\\_77 @ yahoo.com](mailto:foxee_77@yahoo.com) or call (408) 607-2953 to reserve tickets.

**Location:**

**Round Table Pizza**

14940 Camden Avenue (Corner of Union and Camden Ave)  
San Jose, CA 95124  
(408) 371-9550

# From the Editor

By Kevin Norred

Hi Everyone,

Happy Holidays!!!

I hope everyone is having a wonderful holiday season so far. With Thanksgiving over, Christmas and Hanukah, and New Year's all coming up in the next month, we have a lot to focus on. Please have a safe and wonderful time. Don't forget that with the winter season coming up; keep an eye on those temperatures for your reptiles. Too cold of temperatures for non-hibernating reptiles can be lethal. Please reference a care sheet or consult an expert on safe temperatures for your species.

In October we were officially granted Chapter Status by the California Turtle and Tortoise Club at the October 17<sup>th</sup> Executive Board meeting. Dorothy and Gilbert Castro were on hand to represent the club. This is a huge step in the success of the club. Next is to be the biggest club in the CTTC. We can do it. As some of you may have heard, the Merced area is trying to establish a CTTC chapter. If you are from the Central Valley and interested in becoming part of this, please contact me and I will forward you the contact info.

At the November 2<sup>nd</sup> club meeting, all new elected officers took office and new Board of Directors appointed. I would like to congratulate everyone elected or appointed to a position and look forward to seeing the new ideas that will be brought to the table. Also, we had several people volunteer this year to head committees and take a load off some of those who have been doing most of the work. I can't wait to see what is in store for 2010.

Coming up in December, we will be having a standard club meeting on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, but we will have no presentation to keep the meeting to a minimal amount of time. The meeting will allow us to go over any club matters and prepare for the Holiday Potluck party. If you have any questions concerning anything about turtles and tortoises, bring your questions and we will see if we can help you out as well. The following Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup> we will be having the Holiday Potluck Party that will be a blast. Members of the SVTTC & CTTC and Future members are welcome. We have also invited BAARS members as well. Tickets must be purchased and /or reserved. We will have tickets available for purchase at the general club meeting. If you can't make it, contact Jessica Gopp and reserve your tickets. Her email is [foxee\\_77@yahoo.com](mailto:foxee_77@yahoo.com) and she will have the tickets for you at the door. There are more details in this newsletter about what the party will include with entertainment and all that good stuff. You don't want to miss this. This is also our first fundraiser for the club and our first gathering where we will have an opportunity to bring in our personal Turtles and Tortoises and show them off. Be prepared to give us a little info on them. Please make sure that you have a suitable setup to keep them warm and clean. If you have a tortoise that is near hibernation or in hibernation, best to leave them alone and not stress them out. We will have another get together in the spring or summer.

I would like to thank San Francisco Bay Brands and Zoo Med for their product donations for Raffles and events. Without their support, we would not be able to share the great prizes held at the raffles.

I am going to keep it short this month as to the length of the newsletter. I will publish the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the Hibernation article in January's newsletter. Hope to see everyone at the Potluck.

Thanks,  
Kevin

# **2010 Club Officers & Committees**

## **2010 SVTTC Officers**

President	Joseph Alvarado	<a href="mailto:info@reptilecompany.com">info@reptilecompany.com</a>
Vice President	Jessica Gopp	<a href="mailto:foxee_77@yahoo.com">foxee_77@yahoo.com</a>
Secretary	Philip Edholm	<a href="mailto:philipbmi@aol.com">philipbmi@aol.com</a>
Treasurer	Gilbert & Dorothy Castro	<a href="mailto:DotBoop@earthlink.net">DotBoop@earthlink.net</a>

## **2010 SVTTC Board Of Directors**

Board of Director	Setiva Woodring	<a href="mailto:gobaars@yahoo.com">gobaars@yahoo.com</a>
Board of Director	Paul Woodring	<a href="mailto:woodringpaul@yahoo.com">woodringpaul@yahoo.com</a>
Board of Director	Yvonne "Corky" Mariani	<a href="mailto:cmari2235@aol.com">cmari2235@aol.com</a>

## **2010 SVTTC Committee Chairman's & Assistants**

Librarian	Martha Pugno	<a href="mailto:kayaklady56@yahoo.com">kayaklady56@yahoo.com</a>
Show/Event Chairman	Jennette Petrak	<a href="mailto:jen0139@gmail.com">jen0139@gmail.com</a>
Fundraiser Chairman	Lisa Montoya	<a href="mailto:Doublemm_lesa@sbcglobal.net">Doublemm_lesa@sbcglobal.net</a>
Adoption Chairman	Kevin Norred	<a href="mailto:tortoisehome@yahoo.com">tortoisehome@yahoo.com</a>
Newsletter	Kevin Norred	<a href="mailto:tortoisehome@yahoo.com">tortoisehome@yahoo.com</a>
Membership	Dorothy Castro	<a href="mailto:Dotboop@earthlink.net">Dotboop@earthlink.net</a>
Website Coordinator	Open	

# Adoptions

Adoption Chairman: Kevin Norred

Hi Everyone,

Hope everyone is having a wonderful holiday season.

Adoptions for October and November were very slow and those animals that we did have were distributed to great homes. I forecast that December thru March will be very slow. The only thing I currently keep getting are Red Ear Sliders and I am trying to push all the surrenders out till March so we can take them in and adopt them out to people with ponds immediately. Currently, the weather is just too cold for them to be outside and my inside tanks are full. If anyone knows or has space for Red Ear sliders of all sizes, let me know. We are always looking for homes.

I did take in just before Thanksgiving an Alligator Snapper with a 16" carapace that has a severe attitude to everything around it. For those people that have Snappers in captivity please be aware these guys along with common Snappers are very dangerous and also illegal in California. The SVTTC and CTTC can take them in at any time and no questions will be asked. The Department of Fish & Game allows certain individuals to take them in and ship them to new homes out of state. This is a policy that we have with them to assist in placement of these turtles outside the state lines. If you know of someone that has one or know of people who are selling them in the state of California, please let us know so we can advise them of the legal policies concerning these turtles.

As for applications for adoptions, I am currently sitting on about 300+ applications for adoptions. If you have filled out a form and sent one in, I most likely have it. Unfortunately we don't have a huge amount of turtles and tortoises looking for new homes. We have always Red Ear

-Sliders and if we don't have any at my house, we have several foster homes that do. Also, during the spring and summer, we see lots of Male Sulcata's come in. We do see a handful of Russians from time to time as well. Other than that, if you are looking for Red Foots, Radiated, Stars, Leopards or anything exotic, we rarely see these, as people tend to put a value on them and sell them to get some money back. With this economy, people are selling just about everything to make a few bucks.

If you are in the market for a turtle and tortoise and do not want to wait to be approved and wait your turn on the adoption list, you can always fall back to local breeders within the area. I suggest you do your homework on the breeder and the species that you are looking at. There are several of us who do breed exotic tortoises and turtles so if you are looking for a specific breed or type, let me know and I can point you in the right direction. I know of people who are currently breeding Leopards, Sulcata's, Red Foots, Elongated, Yellow foots, Russians, Herman's, Marginated and Greeks. I will see what we can do. I know there are a few people breeding box turtles such as Gulf Coast, 3-toed and Eastern. I think Bob Thomas of the TooSlo chapter has a lot as well, but it is all seasonal.

Until next Month, have a safe holiday season.

Kevin

## SVTTC Sponsors

The Silicon Valley Turtle and Tortoise Club is seeking out commercial sponsors from retail establishments and manufacturer's that would be interested in supporting the club with raffle donations, promotional items and discounts to the SVTTC membership. In return the sponsoring businesses would receive a business card ad in the SVTTC news and mentioned at promotional events. The SVTTC is circulated to members and non-members of the SVTTC.

**I would like to thank SF Bay Brands and Zoo Med for their support this year. Both companies have donated product for raffle and events. Thanks Again.**

The Following Retailers offer discounts for SVTTC / CTTC Members:

**None at this time (Stay Tuned)**

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)

## YAHOO Groups

Turtle and Tortoise related Yahoo Groups:

SVTTC Chapter:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SVCTTC>

## Reptile Vets

SVTTC members and non-members have recommended the following names and Veterinarian offices. This listing is for reference only.

### **VCA Orchard Plaza Animal Hospital**

Dr. Jennifer Star Seward, DVM

Dr. Ian Stone, DVM

San Jose, CA

(408) 227-9110

### **Felton Veterinary Hospital**

Dr. Cathy Calvert, DVM

Felton, CA

(831) 335-3466

### **Sunnyvale Veterinary Clinic**

Dr. Raj Singh, DVM

Sunnyvale, CA

(408) 736-8929

### **Avian & Exotic Clinic of Monterey**

Dr. Shannon Thomas, DVM

Dr. Amy Wells, DVM

Monterey, CA

(831) 647-1147

### **Valley Animal Hospital**

Dr. Christine McFadden

Merced, CA

(209) 384-7387

### **Wildwood Animal Hospital**

Dr. Chris Sanders, DVM

Dr. Tina Peak, DVM

Portola Valley, CA

(650) 851-9453

### **Wildwood Animal Hospital**

Dr. Diana Welsh, DVM

San Jose, CA

(408) 265-8811

### **Berkeley Dog and Cat Hospital**

Dr. Kenneth Harkewicz, DVM

Berkeley, CA

(510) 848-5041

### **Canyon Veterinary Hospital**

Dr. R. Barrett, DVM

Castro Valley, CA

(510) 582-6704

# SVTTC Memberships

## Renewals

It is that time of the month and year when many of our memberships are running out. It is very important that if you are already a member to make sure that you renew or you will stop getting the formal newsletter of the CTTC, "The Tortuga". Also, you will not be able to benefit from some of the activities and events that the CTTC and SVTTC will host and sponsor. Memberships start at \$20 a year. Out of the \$20 membership, \$15 dollars goes to the CTTC for the Tortuga and the remaining \$5 dollars stay with the SVTTC to help support Adoptions and other activities the club does. If you would like to make a donation as well, just note that on your application.

If you find yourself in need to renew or sign up as a new member, you just fill out a club application and mail it in or bring to a club function such as a meeting and we will get your signed up. If you are renewing, just put **RENEWEL** on top of your application. The following names listed to the right will be up for renewing soon.

name		expires
SIDNEY	MONDSCHNEIN	08-01-2009
JAVIER	TORRES	08-09-2009
TERRY NADIA	BURTZ	09-01-2009
PHILIP	EDHOLM	09-01-2009
NANCY C.	FERGUSON	09-01-2009
STIEG	KLEIN	09-01-2009
YVONNE (CORKY)	MARIANI, RVT	09-01-2009
ERLINE	MELLO	09-01-2009
JIM, PIERCY & PAMALA	MILLIGEN	09-01-2009
KEVIN	NORRED	09-01-2009
JOHUNA	PUENTES	09-01-2009
ROBI	ROBERTSON	09-01-2009
ROBERT	SHIELDS	09-01-2009
SCOTT	ALEXANDER	10-09-2009
CAROL	ANAYA	10-09-2009
STEVAN & CHRISTIE	CURTISS	10-09-2009
DEBBIE	FITZGERALD	10-09-2009
COLEN & DIANE	FLAGG	10-09-2009
JEFF	GOODALL	10-09-2009
ROBERT	PEEL	10-09-2009
MICHAEL	TRAPP	10-09-2009
GILBERT & DOROTHY	CASTRO	11-01-2009
JERRY	GACH	11-01-2009
JOSEPH	LODOLCE	11-01-2009
CARA & ROBERT	MADDEN-WATSON	11-01-2009
JENNIFER	MOORE	11-01-2009
STEVAN & NINA	DUQUETTE	11-09-2009
LISA	STAROBIN	11-09-2009
KATHERINE	VIDOVIC	11-09-2009
SETIVA	WOODRING	11-09-2009
CLIFFORD & CATHERINE	ESCOBAR	12-01-2009
MEG	HILLMAN	12-01-2009
TERRI LYN	MURPHY	12-01-2009
HANK AND JUDY	WOROPAY	12-09-2009
John	Dicus	01-01-2010
MARIA	ESCOBAR	01-01-2010
Lindy	Patania	01-01-2010
PAUL & LAURENE	SKINNER	01-01-2010

# **Holiday Potluck Party**

By Jessica Gopp

Hi Everyone,

On December 12<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our first SVTTC get-together in the form of a Potluck Holiday Party. We will be opening the doors at 4pm for everyone who would like to attend. The party will come to conclusion around 7pm with maybe some run over time.

To start out, a group of volunteers will be setting up around noon decorating, getting everything in place and shopping for supplies. If anyone would like to help setup please give me a call or email. After the event, we will be looking for lots of helpers to clean and pickup trash afterwards. We need to leave the place spotless.

The party is going to be a blast. This is an informal event but allows us all to get together and share our turtle and tortoise stories. There will be all types of dishes on hand from fellow members and non-members of the club. We do ask that you contact Jennette or I so we can sign you up for a dish. If you have something that you would like to do, let us know. We can't have everyone showing up with the same dish. Please make sure you label everything with your name and phone number so if left behind, we can make sure you get your dish back. The SVTTC will be supplying paper plates, plastic utensils and beverages (Water and Soda), and desserts.

At the party, we will have some fun games, still being worked out and for those that have non-hibernating species or turtles and tortoises; you can bring them to show and tell. We will have some leopard Tortoises, Red foots and Radiated Tortoises on hand. Also, this will allow those interested in more exotic species to ask questions by those who are familiar with them. Other activities will include dancing for those interested and a White Elephant Gift Exchange.

For those who are not familiar with the White Elephant Gift Exchange, you must bring a gift to participate. All gifts can be new or old in new condition that is turtle and tortoise related. These gifts if valued should be no less than \$5.00 or more than \$10.00. If you would like to bundle a couple items together, go for it. The white elephant can be fun stuff, jokes or anything that can be related to our shelled friends. Please keep it clean. There will be children present. Bottles of wine for the turtle/tortoise owner are allowed. When you enter the front door and have a gift, you will be given a number. We will randomly pick numbers to pick your gift. You can pick from the table of gifts or if you are fortunate to be one of the lucky ones from the middle or end, you can steal someone else's gift or pick a new one. For those who have their gift stolen, they can steal from someone else or pick another gift. Once a gift has exchanged hands twice, it cannot be moved anymore. This is actually a fun thing to do and can become quite comical.

I would like to thank everyone for putting in the time and effort to help put this together. I also would like to thank Paul Woodring for getting us the Almaden Horseman's Association for little cost. It's always nice to know someone with connections.

For more info, please see the flyer attached. If you have any questions, please contact me. Please reserve your tickets ASAP as we have a limited number of tickets. First come first served.

Thanks,  
Jessica

[foxee\\_77@yahoo.com](mailto:foxee_77@yahoo.com) or 408-607-2953



## **SVTTC Notes**

### **Are you a Club Member?**

You **do not** have to be a member to attend the meetings. If you would like to join the SVTTC, membership fee is \$20/yr and you can sign up 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. There is also an attached copy at the back of the newsletter.

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. Also, we will be having special events for SVTTC members.

Join Today!!!

### **Having Dinner at Round Table Pizza at the Meeting?**

Attached to this newsletter is a print out for those who will be eating at Round Table Pizza the evening of the meeting. 15% of all club member pizza 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 so we can estimate the money coming back to the club.

### **Club Meeting Donation Drawing:**

By Kevin Norred

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. Please support the various programs. If you have "NEW" items that are still sealed and unused and would like to donate them, please see Kevin at the meetings.

## **Current Events**

### **Upcoming Events:**

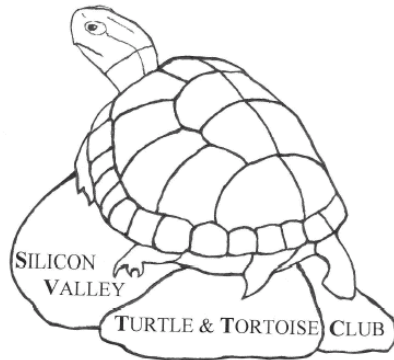
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| December 12 <sup>th</sup>                      | SVTTC Holiday Party       |
| January 4 <sup>th</sup>                        | SVTTC Club meeting        |
| January 9-10 <sup>th</sup>                     | Pomona Reptile Show       |
| February 1 <sup>st</sup>                       | SVTTC Club Meeting        |
| March 1 <sup>st</sup>                          | SVTTC Club Meeting        |
| April 10-11 <sup>th</sup>                      | San Mateo Herp World Expo |
| July 31 <sup>st</sup> – August 1 <sup>st</sup> | San Jose Herp World Expo  |
| September 11-12 <sup>th</sup>                  | Anaheim Reptile Show      |
| September 18-19 <sup>th</sup>                  | Sacramento Reptile Show   |

### **Future Newsletters:**

If you have an article that you would like to contribute to the SVTTC or maybe write something that you may have experienced or an exciting tip, we are looking to add some fun stuff to the monthly newsletter. Please no copyrighted info.



## The SVTTC Logo



The new club logo is above. Designed and drawn by Phil Krotz, a member of the SVTTC. We will be editing this logo to get it digitized so we can get T-shirts and caps going for the 2010 season. As soon as things progress, we will be advertising Shirts for pre-orders and prices soon as we can.

Thanks Phil for your hard work and determination.

## Meeting Agenda:

- I. Membership Introductions
- II. Officer Introductions
- III. Officer's Reports
  - President
  - Vice President
  - Secretary
  - Membership (Renewals)
- IV. Adoption Chairman's Report
- V. Librarian Report
- VI. Event/Show Chairman Report
  - Holiday Potluck Party
- VII. Raffle Report
- VIII. Fundraiser Chairman Report
  - I-Give
  - S.H.A.R.E.
  - Round Table Pizza
- IX. Announcements
  - CTTC
  - SVTTC
    1. Local Events
  - Non Club Events
    1. B.A.A.R.S
  - Open Floor for anyone to announce events or activities
- VI. Newsletter
  - Articles
  - Highlights and Info in newsletter
  - \*\*\*Stretch Break \*\*\*
- VIII. No Presentation
- IX. Open Floor
- X. Adjourn

The next meeting is Monday, January 4th, 2010 at 7:00 pm, same location.

# Tortoises for Adoption

The Turtles and Tortoises listed and/or available through the SVTTC are for the prospective benefit of the SVTTC members and potential new owners. No guarantees as to the health, suitability, or legality of the adopted turtles and tortoises as pets is neither expressed nor implied. The SVTTC does its best to examine all turtles and tortoises to deem healthy prior to release. No hidden illnesses that can be detected at the time of physical examination will be held against the SVTTC. When adopting a new turtle or tortoise, it is recommended that each animal be quarantined for at least 90 days from any other existing turtles/tortoises.

## Club Member Classifieds / Wanted:

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

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

For CTTC Members only- Quantities Limited

Calcium Powder 1lb.	\$ 5.00
Mazuri Tortoise Chow Pellets 2lb	\$10.00
5lb	\$20.00
<i>Bigger quantity can be purchased. Call for price</i>	
*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)

- **WANTED: SPOTTED TURTLES & WOOD TURTLES**

Contact: John Nichols (650) 858-2682 or email [ljnichols@comcast.net](mailto:ljnichols@comcast.net)

## Commercial Vendors / Retailers

Are you interested in advertising in one of the leading Turtle and Tortoise Newsletters in California? If you would like your logo or business card inserted in one of the below squares, please contact Kevin @ [Tortoisehome@yahoo.com](mailto:Tortoisehome@yahoo.com) Sponsoring Vendors are waived any fees. Non Sponsoring Vendors, \$20 donation a month.

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# **Silicon Valley Turtle and Tortoise Club Fundraiser**

Please join us to help raise funds for the Silicon Valley Turtle and Tortoise Club while we have a great time. Come help us out, and help you to the freshest, best-tasting pizza in town.

**Just bring this flyer with you on the date below and give it to the order taker before you order. We'll give 15% of your order (excluding sales tax) to the Silicon Valley Turtle and Tortoise Club.**

**Date: Monday December 7th**  
**(Call in your order early to avoid delay)**

**Time: 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**  
**Meeting starts at 7pm**

**Location: 14940 Camden Avenue**  
**San Jose, CA 95124**  
**(408) 371-9550**

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*HOLIDAY POTLUCK PARTY!*

**Tickets:** \$5 an individual & \$15 a family  
**Date:** Saturday, December 12  
**Time:** 4 PM till 7 PM  
**Place:** SCC Horsemen's Association  
20350 McKean Rd, San Jose, CA



Potluck Details:

*SVTTC will supply Sodas, Water, Cider and Dessert. No Alcohol will be supplied. Please signup for a dish.*

- ❖ Reptile Show & Tell
- ❖ Music & Socializing
- ❖ Raffle & Games
- ❖ Gift Exchange

*Don't forget to bring a gift for the "White Elephant Gift Exchange." Gifts should be in the \$5.00 to \$10.00 range and turtle/tortoise related.  
Also, bring your favorite shelled friend for the Reptile "Show & Tell"*

Potluck signups & Tickets available at our next meeting, Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. If unable to attend meeting, please email Jessica Gopp at [foxee\\_77@yahoo.com](mailto:foxee_77@yahoo.com) or call 408-607-2953.