



Invitation to Cover

FRESNO CHAFFEE ZOO, CALIFORNIA POISON CONTROL TEAM UP TO EDUCATE RESIDENTS AND VISITORS ABOUT RATTLESNAKE DANGERS

What: Rattlesnake Awareness Media Briefing

Who: Dr. Rais Vohra, Associate Medical Director, California Poison Control
Lyn Myers, Interim General Curator, Fresno Chaffee Zoo
Mark Halvorsen, Curator of Birds and Reptiles, Fresno Chaffee Zoo

Where: Fresno Chaffee Zoo Reptile Building
894 W. Belmont Avenue
Fresno, CA 93728

When: Thursday, March 24, 2016; 9:00 a.m.

The **Fresno Chaffee Zoo** (www.fresnochaffeezoo.org) and **California Poison Control System** (<http://www.calpoison.org>) would like to remind all California residents to be aware of rattlesnakes that are waking up early from hibernation because of the warm weather. Experts say that 2016 has the potential of an abundance of snake populations as a result of heavy rains in Northern California. Female snakes are giving birth to a bumper crop of babies, and California residents should be aware and cautious; even newborn rattlesnakes possess dangerous venom.

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