

City of Dubuque Health Services Department
Animal Control
City Hall Annex
1300 Main Street
Dubuque, IA 52001

To Whom it may concern:

As the owner of one of Wisconsin's largest and oldest reptile breeders, SW Reptiles, I have concerns when reptiles are not being properly or legally kept. Specifically I am concerned about L & B Reptiles, 1958 Grace Street in Dubuque, Iowa. The owners, who are listed on the internet as breeders of reptiles, including boa constrictor and python snakes, are William Shaffer and Linda Merfeld.

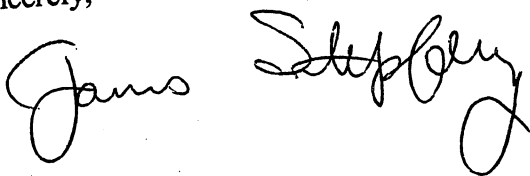
At a reptile show in Des Moines, Iowa on September 24, 2006 held at the Ramada Inn on Merle Hay Road, I observed the owners of L & B reptiles selling ball pythons, rainbow boa constrictors and red tail boa constrictors.

At a reptile show at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Chicago, Illinois on November 26, 2006 I observed the owners of L & B Reptiles selling rainbow boa constrictors, red tail boa constrictors and dumeril boa constrictors.

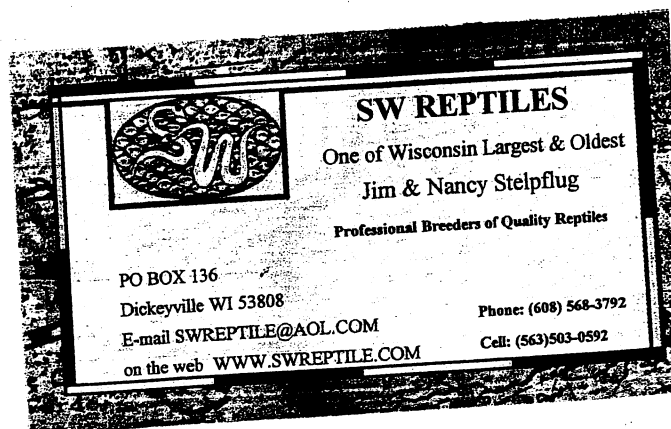
Approximately 2- 2 ½ years ago, I visited the L & B Reptile site at 1958 Grace Street. At that time, I observed the entire upstairs filled with reptiles, including pythons and boa constrictors. I also observed a lot of mice and rats being raised to feed the snakes.

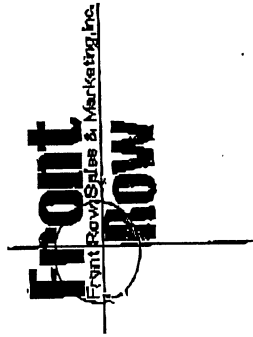
I have also learned that the owners of L & B Reptiles purchase about 100 pounds of rodent feed weekly.

Sincerely,



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