



## **Media Advisory**

### **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  
Mark Halvorsen, Curator of Herpetology, Fresno Chaffee Zoo

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

**When:** Wednesday, May 3, 2017; 11:00 a.m.

The **Fresno Chaffee Zoo** ([www.fresnochaffeezoo.org](http://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 2017 has the potential of a large snake infestation 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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