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) 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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