

## Animal Planet Expo Comes to San Francisco

**The free event, held July 14-15 at the Bishop Ranch Civic Center Area, will feature live animal shows and pet-care displays.**

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The Animal Planet television network and the makers of Fresh Step cat litter invite San Francisco area residents to attend Animal Planet Expo July 14-15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Bishop Ranch Civic Center Area. The free event will feature events for the entire family, from live animal presentations to pet adoptions.

A new component of the expo this year is the Reach Out, Act and Respond display, which encourages people to help make the world a better place for animals. Event visitors can make a promise to do something positive for animals, from taking the family pet for a daily walk to supporting a favorite wildlife foundation.

Another popular feature of the expo is the Discovery Kids' Endurance Experience. This hands-on exhibit allows kids to compete in activities similar to those on the Discovery Kids Channel show "Endurance: High Sierras." Children can participate in a timed "hanging" challenge and a large climbing wall.

Potential pet owners can visit the Pet Den, sponsored by the makers of Fresh Step cat litter. Working with local animal shelter East Bay SPCA, Fresh Step will provide pet adoption opportunities and provide information on adopting cats and dogs. As part of the expo, the makers of Fresh Step and the ASPCA will donate \$5,000 to the East Bay SPCA to support the group's animal adoption efforts.

Other expo activities and events include:

Animal House, where animal experts introduce visitors to exotic species from around the world

Bug House, where attendees can discover the world of bugs and butterflies

Heroes of Animal Planet, where visitors can create their own personalized pet tags

Kid's Zone, where children can have their faces painted, play on an obstacle course and play other fun games

For more information on Animal Planet Expo, visit Animal Planet's website and click on "Animal Planet Events."