

General Terms Glossary: Reptiles

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There is a wealth of jargon used throughout the reptile world. Learning this vocabulary allows you to better understand articles and what veterinarians, reptile hobbyists and other reptile owners are saying. The following list of terms, while in no way comprehensive, contains some of the general terms used to discuss reptiles.

Herpetoculture

The practice of keeping and breeding captive reptiles and amphibians.

Herpetofauna

A term that refers to both reptiles and amphibians.

Herpetology

The study of amphibians and reptiles.

Herptile/Herp

Slang terms for herpetofauna; includes both reptiles and amphibians.

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