

# AMONG FRIENDS

It's a long journey from a steaming South American jungle to a green garbage bag deposited in a Surrey parking lot. That's how some exotic animals ultimately find their way to the Rainforest Reptile Refuge Society in Surrey, BC.

The society was founded by Christine and Clarence Schramm as a place of refuge for exotic animals abandoned by their owners after the novelty wears off. Some are dropped in parking lots, others found roaming unfamiliar city lanes. The refuge center survives on donations and offers public tours, welcoming some 4,000 school children a year.

*Getting an earful about abandoned animals.*

*A caiman called Chainsaw.*