

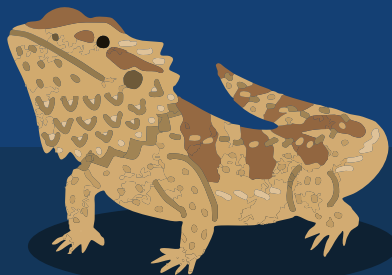
SALMONELLA ARE BACTERIA!

Snakes, lizards, turtles, and other reptiles can carry germs like *Salmonella*.

These germs can spread to any object or surface.

You can get sick after touching reptiles or after touching anything in the areas where they live and roam and then touching your mouth, eating food, or drinking liquids.

Fun Fact:
Bearded dragons have been around since the time of dinosaurs!



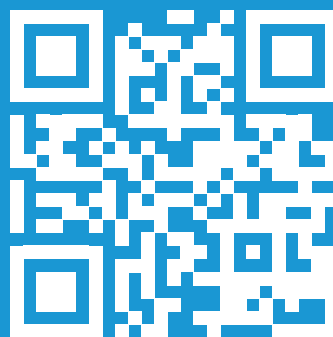
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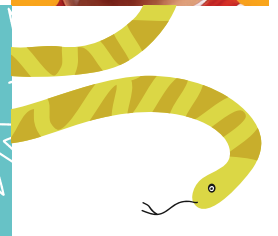
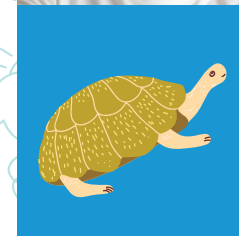
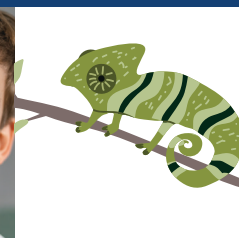
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Salmonella, Pet Reptiles, and ME

Let's wash my hands!



SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS

You can start to feel sick quickly (as short as six hours) or up to six days after swallowing the *Salmonella* germs.

Most people get better with no medicine after four to seven days.

Talk to your doctor if you have these symptoms:

- Fever.
- Diarrhea.
- Stomach cramps.

PET REPTILES AND ME

If you are younger than five years old, you should not touch pet reptiles. You are more likely to get sick from germs like *Salmonella*.

If you are older than five years, you need to wash your hands after touching or feeding a pet reptile.



HOW TO STAY HEALTHY

1

Wash your hands with soap and water AFTER:

- Touching or feeding a reptile.
- Cleaning or touching the area where they live and roam.

2

Keep your pets out of the kitchen and areas where you eat food.

3

Do NOT eat or drink near reptiles!

4

Clean reptile supplies outside of the house.



REPTILES: A FAMILY PET?

Pet reptiles are turtles, snakes, bearded dragons, lizards, geckos, and chameleons.

These pets are NOT safe for your family if there are kids under five, people over 65, or people who get sick easily.

