

# IGUANA RESCUE GROUP

An iguana rescue group has been organized by some members of the International Iguana Society. Janet Truse and Deborah Neufeld discovered that there were many poorly kept iguanas needing rescue and rehabilitation in central Florida. There are also perfectly healthy iguanas, who's owners could no longer continue to keep them.

Their first rescue, called "Lucky," was salvaged from a pet shop and at two years of age weighed only three ounces. He had several broken bones and partially paralyzed rear legs. Lucky was hand fed 7 weeks before he walked and fed on his own. He is currently 37 inches long and weighs 2 lbs. and except for a hunchback, he looks healthy and normal. Placement of rehabilitated iguanas into good homes is the primary goal of this project. At this time, 10 *Iguana iguana* and 1 *Ctenosaura similis* have had their quality of life substantially improved. Contact is maintained with both new and sometimes old owners.

The Iguana Rescue Group has been fortunate to have concerned and caring members. Lori Sandlin has provided rehabilitation support. Veterinarian, Mark Wilson has provided medical

care. Special thanks to Wayne Hill, president of the Central Florida Herpetological Society for allowing an IIS table at CFHS meetings.

## The Iguana Rescue Group

### Florida (Central-north-gulf coast)


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Caring and devoted people are needed to assist. Rescued animals are available for placement to IIS members. Please contact the above for further information. We hope this will lead to the establishment of regional groups as the demand exists. 

## The International Herpetological Symposium, Inc.

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to be held in Miami Beach, Florida

June 17th through June 20th.

### Call for papers

The IHS presents papers on herpetoculture, natural history, veterinary medicine and other topics related to herpetology. Individuals interested in presenting a paper at this meeting should write to Richard Ross, MD, Institute for Herpetological Research, P.O. Box 2227, Stanford, CA 94309.