

Beyond the Plastic Box

Five ways to rekindle your enthusiasm for reptiles and amphibians.

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The following tale is approximately what a seasoned pal, one who has been herping since the 1970s, recently related to me:

“I put the first thawed pinky in the clear styrene shoebox. I also picked out the feces from the substrate and refilled the plastic cup with water. Then I slid the container back into its slot alongside a thousand similar ‘apartments.’ I glanced at the clock. Total time spent: 13 seconds. If my math was correct, doing the same to all of that season’s offspring would take about 3½ hours. I mused that mentally computing how long the weekly ‘chore’ would take was more interesting than what I was actually doing.”

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