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## **FUN FACTS ABOUT BUTTERFLIES, HERMIT CRABS, ALLIGATORS, TORTOISES AND DACHUNDS FEATURED AT SUPER PET EXPO AT THE NEW JERSEY CONVENTION CENTER, EDISON, JANUARY 21-23, 2022**

Did you know that:

- Hermit crabs can live 30 years, thrive in temperatures ranging from 65 to 95 degrees, prefer to have a roommate or two and are easy-care, requiring only the right bedding and food to be happy. They are disease free--not known to carry human diseases--and are hypoallergenic: a great pet for a child with allergies. You can see them at the [Mister Crabs Show](#).
- Among the **500 butterflies** pollinating colorful nectar-producing plants at [Super Pet Expo](#) you might see monarch, zebra long wing, swallowtail varieties and more. You can safely hold them without harming them with a feed stick.
- Alligators can get up to 16 feet long and weigh over 1,000 pounds. They are strong creatures, exhibiting 2,100 pounds per square inch of force, more than a Bengal tiger or a polar bear exhibiting sufficient Powerflow to break human bone, said Jim DeBerry of Cool Zoo. "It's one of the many reasons American alligators are called an apex predator, critical to the biodiversity of their habitat. They are no longer on the endangered species list after decades of conservation efforts," he said. Alligators mostly eat aquatic wildlife such as fish but have been known to eat birds and deer. "Only approach alligators with a trained professional," he admonished. At Super Pet Expo there will be trained zoological professionals onsite to answer questions and perform educational demonstrations as visitors observe Swampy, Mr. Wiggles and Smoke in the **Aisle of Alligators**.
- Tortoises can grow as long as 36 inches and weigh up to 150 lbs. These lovable vegetarians graze mostly on grass but also enjoy collard greens, bananas and tomatoes. Most of the tortoises in the Cool Zoo, said DeBerry, are around 50 years old and live up to 70 years. You'll see one of the largest inland species at the **Tortoise Encounter**.

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- Dachshunds love the company of other dachshunds," said Mary Zahn who directs the [Dachshund Races aka Wiener Dog Races](#) at Super Pet Expo. "When dachshunds get together most are friendly and sociable as they run the 40-foot track from releasers to catchers. Some even stop to mingle along the way." The word dachshund means badger dog as they were originally bred to hunt badgers underground. Dachshunds come in two sizes, miniature and standard, three varieties of coats: smooth, longhaired and wire and an array of colors and patterns.

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**Website:** Visit <https://www.superpetexpo.com/>  
**Where:** New Jersey Convention Center, 97 Sunfield Avenue, Edison, NJ 08837  
**Hours:** Friday Jan. 21, 3 p.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday Jan. 22, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sunday, Jan. 23, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.  
**Tickets:** One Day Adult (12+) \$15.00. One Day Child (4-11) \$10.00. Weekend Pass (Adult) \$20.00. (Child) \$10.00. Kids 3 & Under Free (one per adult). Some events require additional fees.  
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