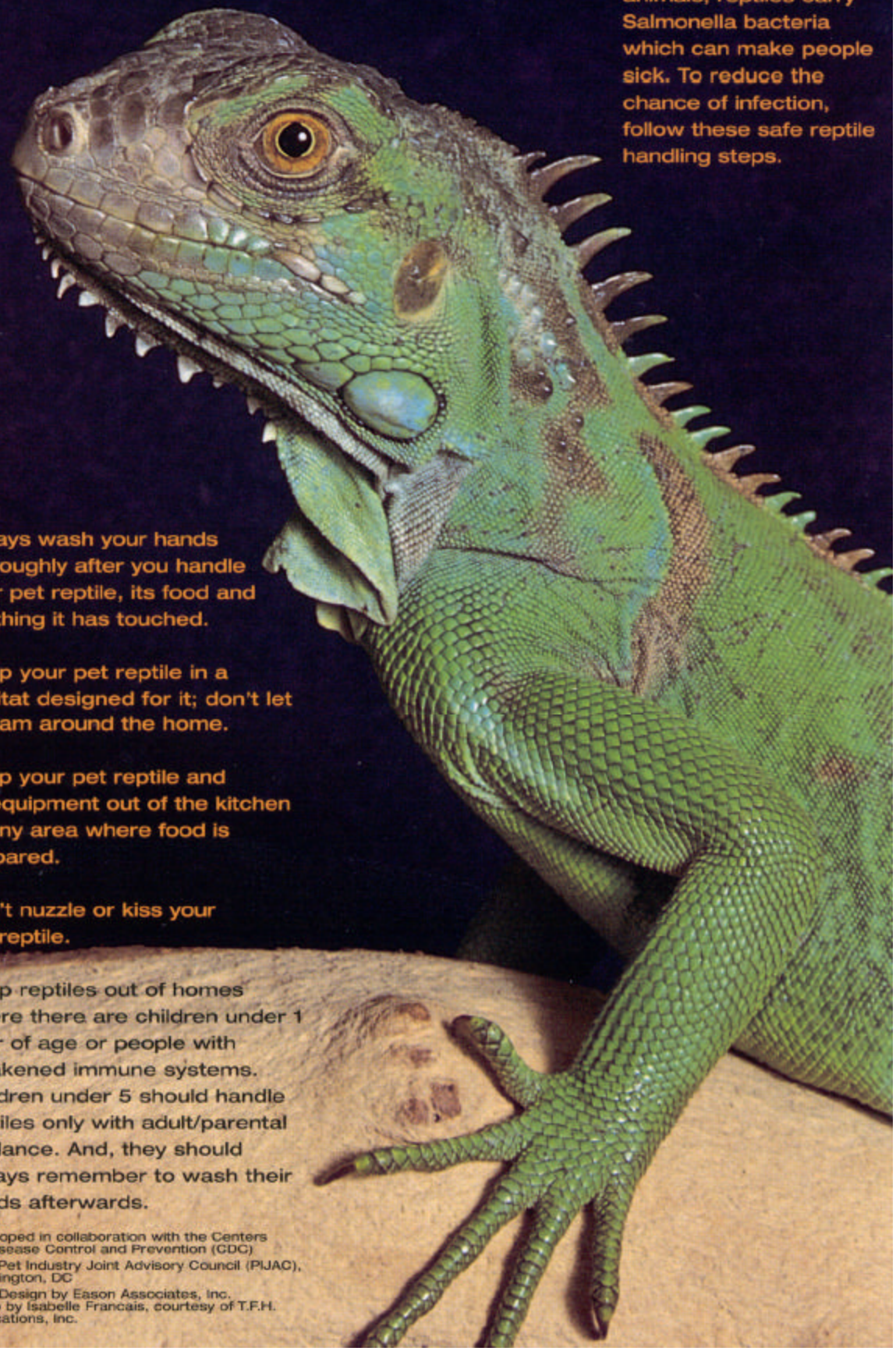
IMPORTANT!

Reptile Handling Steps

Follow these safe reptile handling steps... and enjoy your pets!

As with many other animals, reptiles carry Salmonella bacteria which can make people sick. To reduce the chance of infection, follow these safe reptile handling steps.



- Always wash your hands thoroughly after you handle your pet reptile, its food and anything it has touched.
- Keep your pet reptile in a habitat designed for it; don't let it roam around the home.
- Keep your pet reptile and its equipment out of the kitchen or any area where food is prepared.
- Don't nuzzle or kiss your pet reptile.
- Keep reptiles out of homes where there are children under 1 year of age or people with weakened immune systems. Children under 5 should handle reptiles only with adult/parental guidance. And, they should always remember to wash their hands afterwards.

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