



Statement by Chris Newman - Chairman of the Federation of British Herpetologists



Kempton Park Breeders' Meeting



The Reptile Breeders' Meeting, which has been held at Kempton Park Racecourse in Sunbury-on-Thames for the past five years, will not take place this year after senior management of the racecourse, which is owned by the Jockey Club, declined to host the event due to take place on the 16th of August 2015.

The venue had been provisionally booked in 2014 but not confirmed due to the ongoing judicial review, which is taking significantly longer than expected due to interference from a third party. The judicial review is now set to take place on 4th June at the High Court in London.

The reason given by the senior management at Kempton Park for refusing the booking on 9th of February 2015 was:

“This decision has been taken after careful consideration and advice from the Environmental Health Organisation”

At the moment it is unclear which organisation the management at Kempton Park are referring to as there is no such entity as the “Environmental Health Organisation”. The matter is now in the hands of the Federation of British Herpetologists' solicitors.