Healthy Handling: Amphibians

Amphibians may have bacteria, such as *Salmonella*, that can cause disease in humans. Fortunately, taking a few simple precautions will help keep you healthy when handling amphibians. Make sure that everyone handling amphibians, including children, follows these precautions:

- Always wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water after handling amphibians or material that had contact with amphibians.
- Never use food-preparation areas to clean amphibian habitats or anything in their habitats. If you clean the habitat in the bathroom, disinfect the area completely afterwards.

Children under 5, pregnant women, senior citizens, and people with weakened immune systems run a greater risk of infection; contact your health care provider for more information.