

# Surprises down on the farm



**BIRD ON A WING:** Ebony Cox meets Rags, a green-winged macaw, held by Stephen Rowlands  
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**CRAWLY:** George Rands holds a tarantula  
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**ALL A SLIVER:** Anne Philpotts and Stephen Rowlands, from Tropical Inc, with 'Baby' the python  
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**SMELLY** skunks, friendly meerkats and scaly pythons brought a touch of the exotic to Lee Valley Park Farms in Waltham Abbey.

The tropical visitors joined permanent residents such as pigs, goats and chickens for the

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Fun at the Farms event on Saturday, which was attended by 200 people.

Youngsters were able to touch the touring creatures

and find out about the critters - some of which make perfect pets.

The next event at the farms takes place on Saturday June 13, when sheep will be sheared and children can make items using the harvested wool.