“Everyone in the herp lab is really excited about it,” Meierhoff said. “We’d be proud to let him see our animals.”

Meierhoff said she really enjoys Corwin’s show and his different approach. “He appreciates animals that aren’t that cute,” Meierhoff said.

It certainly is true that regular viewers of “The Jeff Corwin Experience” get to see a wide variety of exotic animals, cute or not. Corwin’s show does not just focus on one species, as is the case with another Animal Planet Network hit, “The Crocodile Hunter.”

Andersen said Corwin is a lot more diverse than Steve Irwin, the crocodile hunter. “He deals with different ecosystems and different animals,” Andersen said.

Corwin’s show has been to six different continents. He has shown viewers giant manatees taking their daily vitamins, a cheetah taking down prey for her cubs and thousands of sea turtles coming ashore to lay their eggs.

The show deals with one other exotic animal on a regular basis: humans. Corwin makes it a point to interact with the local inhabitants on every experience. He once spoke Spanish with a 6-year-old girl in Costa Rica. In his most recent episode, Corwin rode in a packed Jeep with many members of the Maldhari community of India. He makes sure to inform viewers about the culture of the people in these foreign lands, not only about the animals.

Of course, food is an important aspect of these cultures. On the episode titled, “Brazil: The Amazon Goin’ Bananas,” Corwin decided to go on a banana-only diet for the entire experience. By the end of the trip, he had consumed 348 bananas, prompting Corwin to say, “I’ll kill for a hot dog right now.”

“The Jeff Corwin Experience” airs locally at 8 p.m. every Wednesday and at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sundays on the Animal Planet Network.

Tickets for Jeff Corwin’s performance went on sale Monday and will be available through the day of the show, pending availability. Admission is free to students, general admission is $2.