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**From a small home based business to the bright lights of Hollywood – Dave Shelvey of Westman Reptile Gardens proves anything is possible.**

What started out as a small rodent breeding / wholesale home based business has flourished to a full time tourism attraction and working with 8 Hollywood movies.

Dave Shelvey's interest in what many consider odd pets has always existed. Dave started a small home-based business breeding rodents to sell wholesale to pet shops across Canada fifteen years ago. As his reputation and stock grew, so did his desire to branch out into extreme pets including alligators, cobras, tarantulas and giant snakes. Dave's unique pet stock quickly outgrew available space and the dream of opening Canada's largest reptile garden took seed. After several years of planning, Westman Reptile Gardens and gift shop opened its doors in February 2005 and has welcomed thousands of visitors from all over the world. Building on the success of Westman Reptile Gardens, Dave and wife Candi have also taken their unique exhibits on the road to Manitoba stampedes, fairs and community events.

Dave's reputation as an owner of unique reptiles that possesses an uncanny ability to work well with the reptiles has earned him a listing in the coveted movie database as a reptile provider, stunt man and animal wrangler. Since August 2005, Dave has supplied and wrangled snakes, spiders, bugs, frogs, ants and crabs in 8 Hollywood movies, supplied a boxed turtle for a new Barbie commercial airing during the Christmas 2007 season, now available on U-tube, and supplied snakes for an Alice Cooper concert held in Winnipeg. The list of movies and actors Dave has been involved with is impressive.

Date	Movie	Star(s)	Dave's role
Aug 2005	Who Loves the Sun	Adam Scott, Lucas Haas, Molly Parker, Wendy Crewson	Supplied and wrangled a Mexican black king snake
Sept 2005	Category 7 – The End of the World	Gina Gershon, Robert Wagner, Ken Welsh, Randy Quaid	Supplied and wrangled 150 various frogs
Mid 2006	Addicted	Sarah M Gellar	Supplied cockroaches
Sept 2006	Stone Angel	Cole Hauser	Supplied and wrangled ants
May 2007	The Heaven Project	Paul Walker, Piper Perabo, Linda Cardellini	Supplied and wrangled various snakes and stunt dubbed for Paul Walker in the snake bite scene
July 2007	The Box Collector	Margot Kidder, Micahel Bowen, Noah Segan	Supplied and wrangled various rattlesnakes and other snakes. Did snake related stunt doubling for Michael Bowen

Aug 2007	A Tale of Two Sisters	David Strathairn	Supplied various snakes
Sept 2007	A Haunting in Connecticut	Virginia Madsen, Martin Donovan, Kyle Gallner, Elias Koteas,	Supplied spiders, bugs and crabs.
Oct 2007	Discovery Channel Canada		Westman Reptile Gardens will be part of a show airing in 2008
Jan 2008	Animal Planet		Finalizing plans to supply reptiles for a show airing in 2008

“We are looking forward to working a lot more in the movie industry. It’s so much fun and really interesting to see all the behind the scenes work that goes into a movie, especially the special effects. When we opened up Westman Reptile Gardens we never thought we’d end up in the movies” shared Candi Shelvey.

Westman Reptile Gardens with their unique gift shop operates year round. This amazing tourism attraction is located a short drive east of Brandon and just west of CFB Shilo on Thompson Road. Hours of operation, directions, entrance fees and a glimpse of some of the exhibits can be found at [www.reptilegardens.ca](http://www.reptilegardens.ca)

Westman Reptile Gardens....Where the Experience is Everything!

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