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**Night duty with Singapore's wildlife rescuers**

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Petite duo Charlene Tan, 31, and Anbarasi Boopal (Anbu), 28, average just 1.6 metres in height, but that has not deterred either of them from wrestling with animals like pythons and wild boars. The girls are live-in residents at Acres (Animal Concerns Research & Education Society), which has a 24-hour emergency hotline for members of the public to call and report wildlife rescue or crime cases.

They work from 9.30am to 5pm daily, but sometimes pull a 36-hour day when they cover the night shift as well - sometimes up to 3 times a week. But the night duty shifts can invariably be rather dramatic.

"Pythons especially, sometimes regurgitate as a defense mechanism," says Anbu almost apologetically, in defense of the animal she once rescued. The 28-year-old who holds dual posts in Acres as the Director of Acres Wildlife Rescue Centre (AWRC) as well as the Director of the Acres Wildlife Crime Unit, once had a reticulated python regurgitate all over her, a rescue mission she recalls as her most memorable to date.

But, it is all worth it, claim the girls. RazorTV spent a night on duty with the girls, who shared their tales of some of the weird and wonderful creatures they have rescued.

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