



A Retirement Home for Snakes

501c3 non-profit rescue

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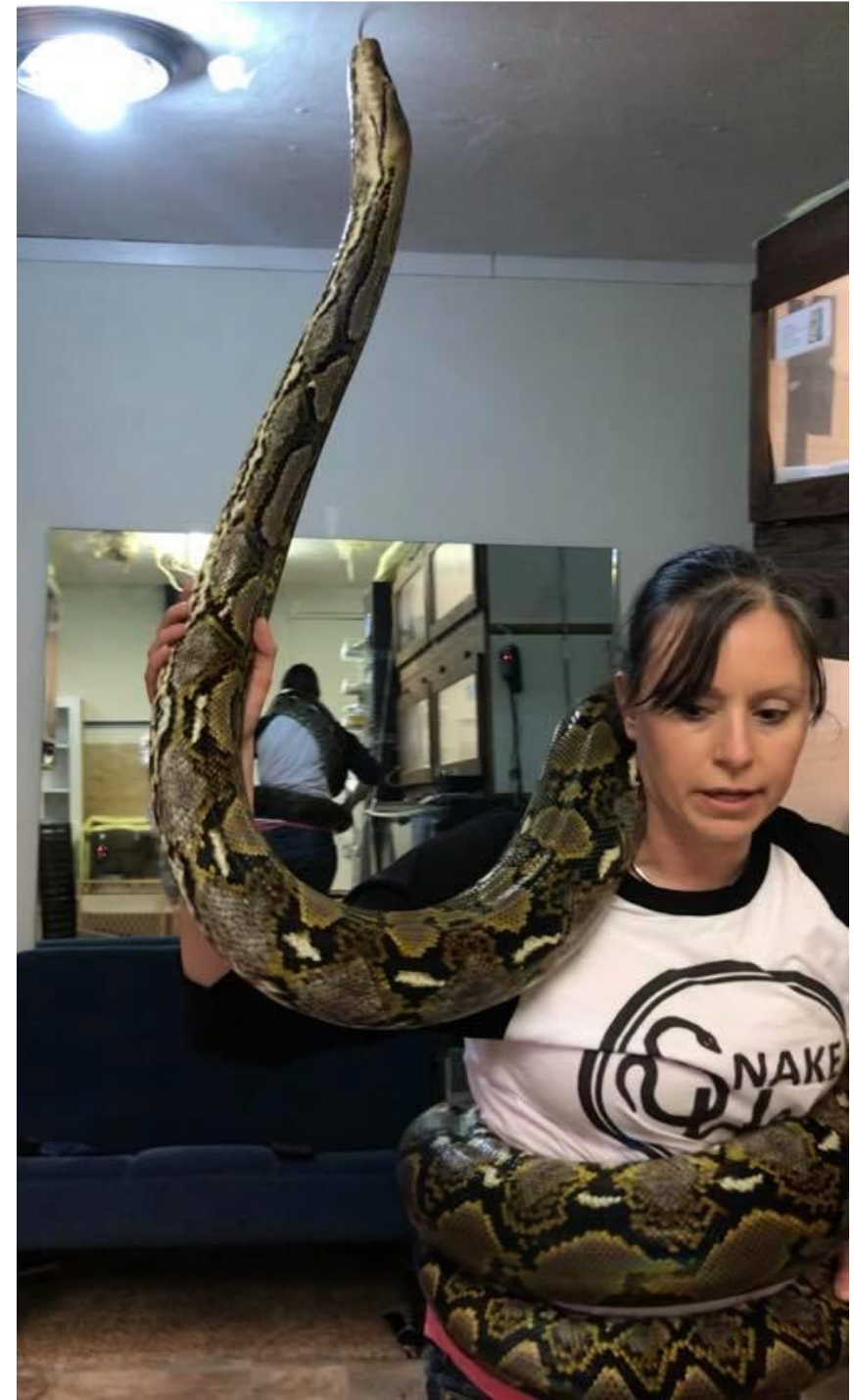
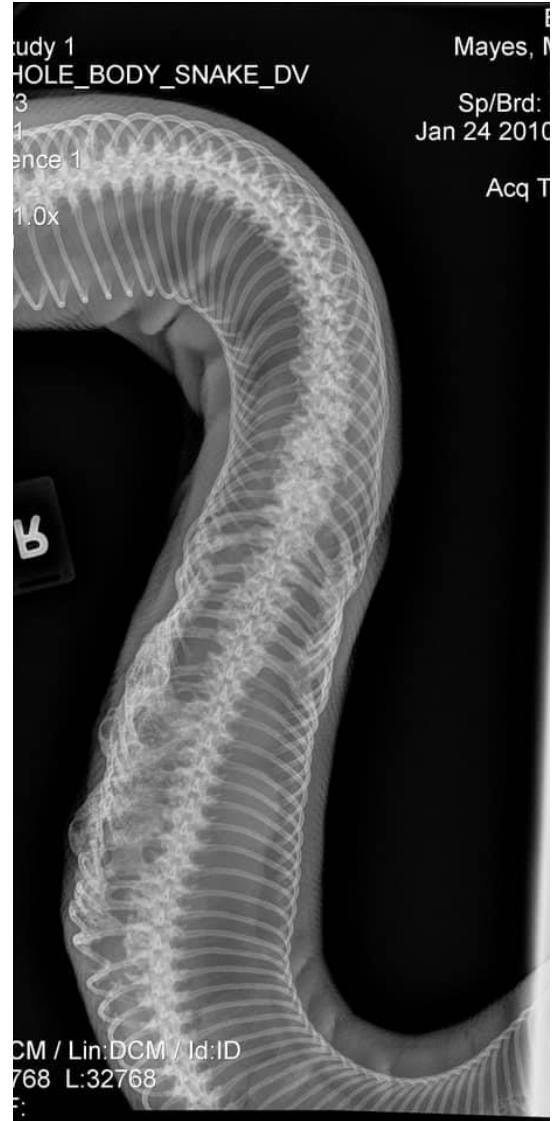
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What do we do?





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Boa Room

Lizard Tower

Large Python Room

- Reticulated Pythons
- Burmese Pythons
- Boas
- Anacondas

Snake Haus West: Giants

Smaller species

- Ball pythons
- Corn snakes
- King snakes
- Blood pythons



**Snake Haus
EAST**

Animal Control – what do you need to know?

- Basic identification
- Animal advocate – How to identify NEGLECT & When to intervene
- Safe capture and handling
- Transportation & Housing
- Meet the Animals



Basic Identification

- **Colubrids:** Corns, Kings, Rats, Milk



Pythons: Balls, Burms, Retics,
Blood. Carpets

Boas: Red tails, Brazilian Rainbows,
Anacondas



Colubrids – small and fast



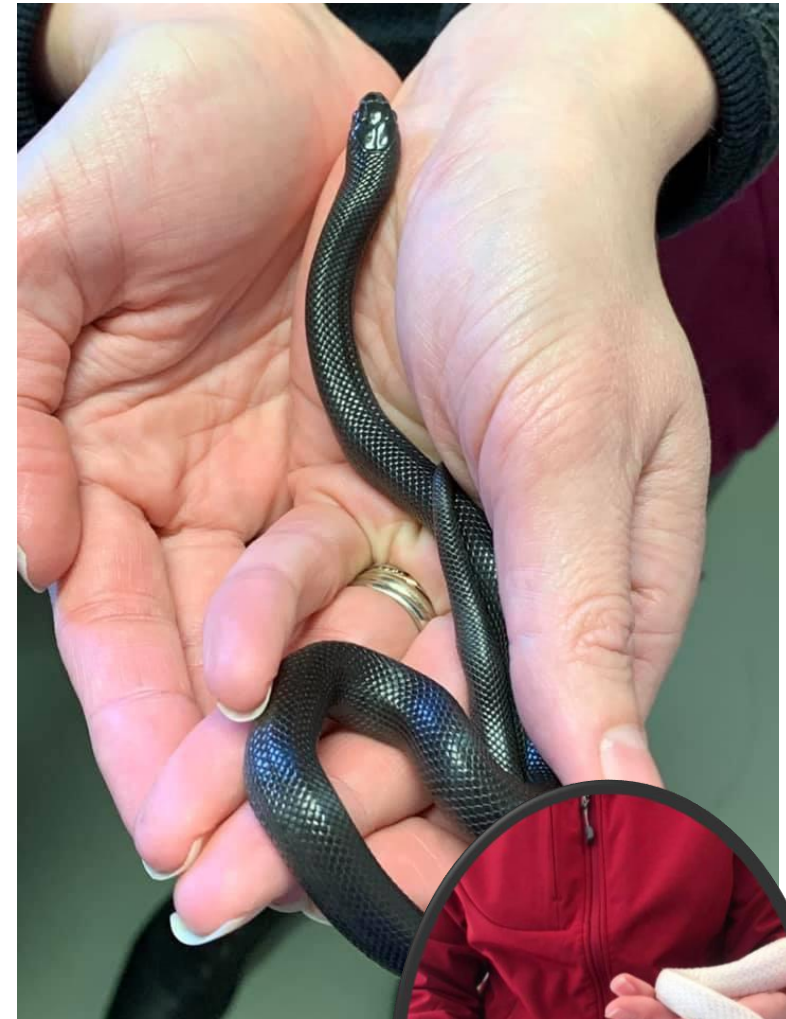
Milk Snake

Colubrids – small and fast



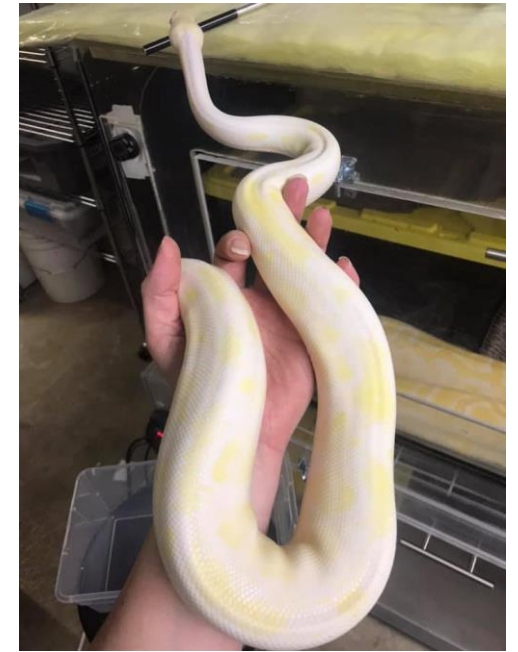
Corn Snake

Colubrids – small and fast



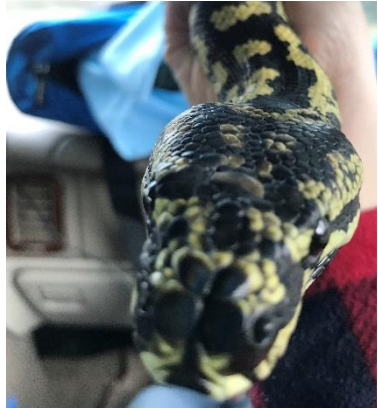
King Snake

Pythons – tremendous variation



Ball Python

Pythons – tremendous variation



Carpet Python

Pythons – tremendous variation



Reticulated Python



Burmese Python

Boas – Red tails and Common boas



Boas – other boas



Basic Care

- **Heat:** cold blooded - can not survive long without heat (80-95 degrees)
- **Water:** need clean water for bathing and for drinking
- **Contained:** can not survive out of their enclosure
- **Clean:** they do not have the ability to get away from their own excrement
- **Hides:** positive thigmotaxis; sensitive and need to feel safe
- **Substrate:** must be present and clean
- **Food:** mice, rats, rabbits, chickens, guinea pigs – prekilled or frozen/thawed

When to intervene

- Neglect
 - Too cold
 - No water
 - Extremely dirty
 - Live food should NEVER be left inside enclosure
- Injured
 - Wounds: bites, burns, or rubs
- Other illness
 - Skin dz
 - Mites
 - Respiratory dz
 - Mouth rot
 - Eyes
 - Spinal deformities



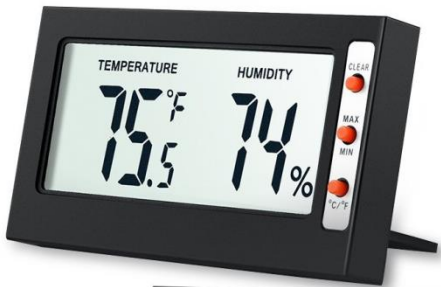
Neglect– basic husbandry

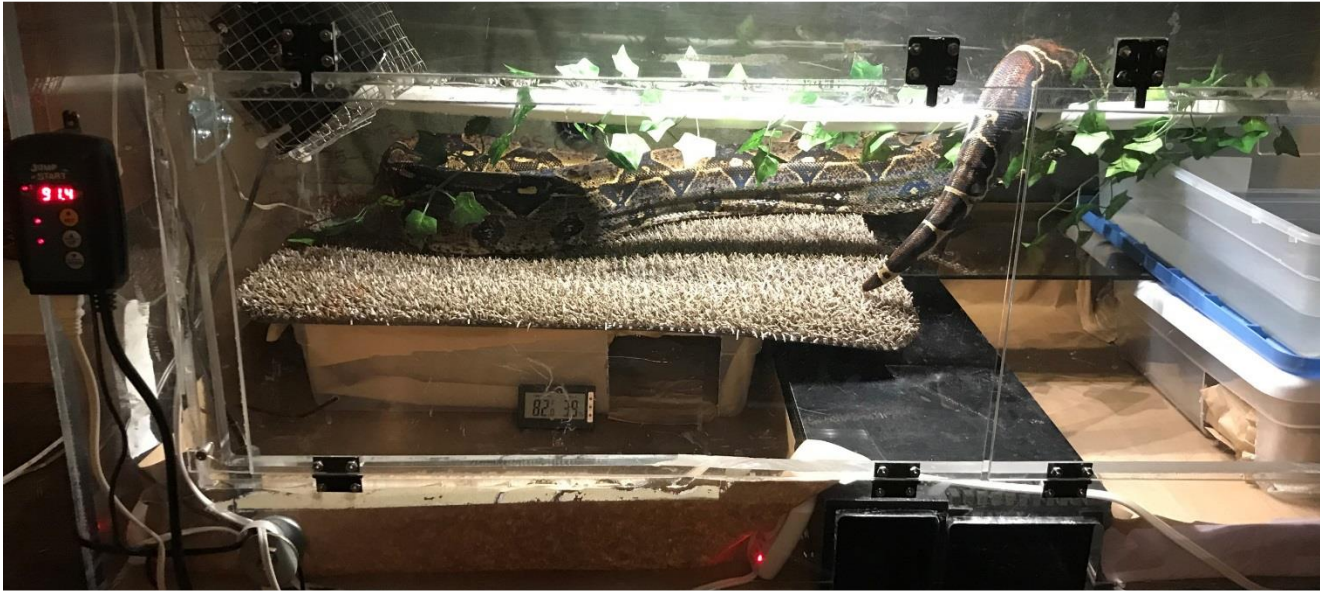
- Old poop
- Shed skin
- Dirty water
- Broken items
- Heat



Heat? **Water?** **Contained?** **Clean?** **Hides?** **Substrate?** **Food?**

When to intervene: NO heat

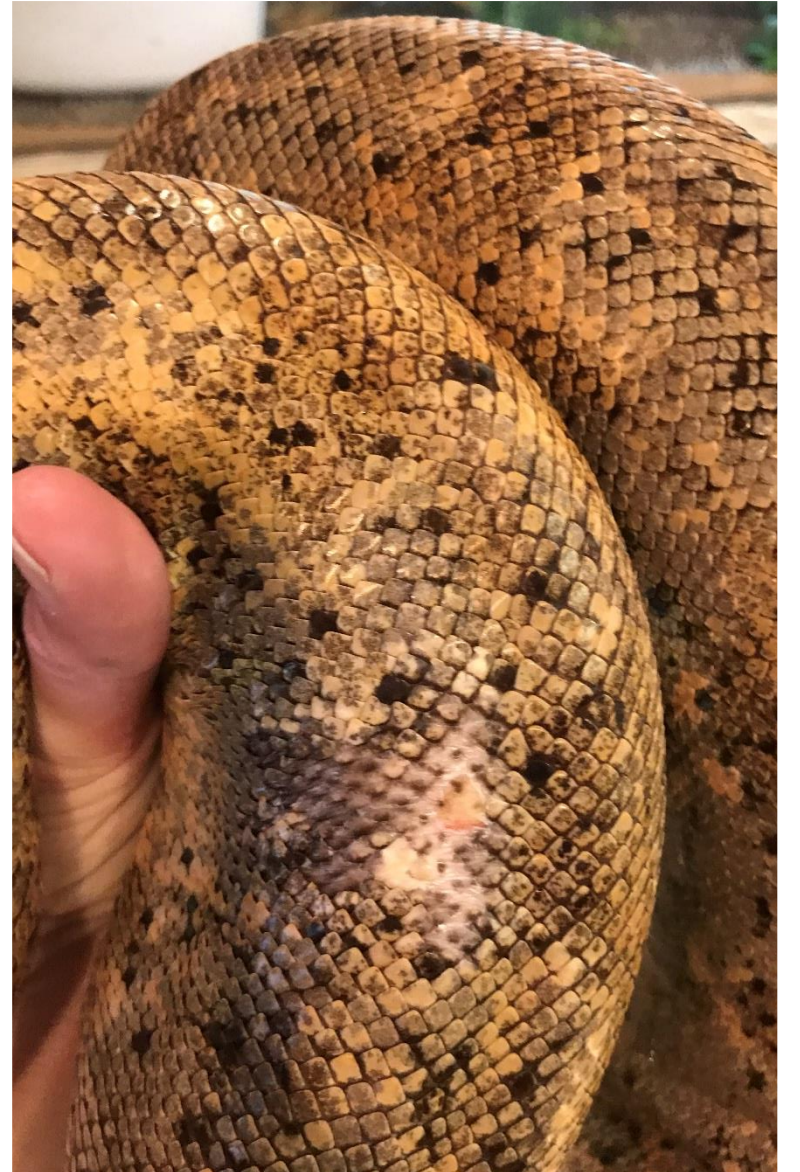




When to intervene: poor BCS or dehydration



When to intervene: injuries



SCARS - healed



When to intervene: eye infections



When to intervene: mouth injury or infection



When to intervene: lumps and bumps



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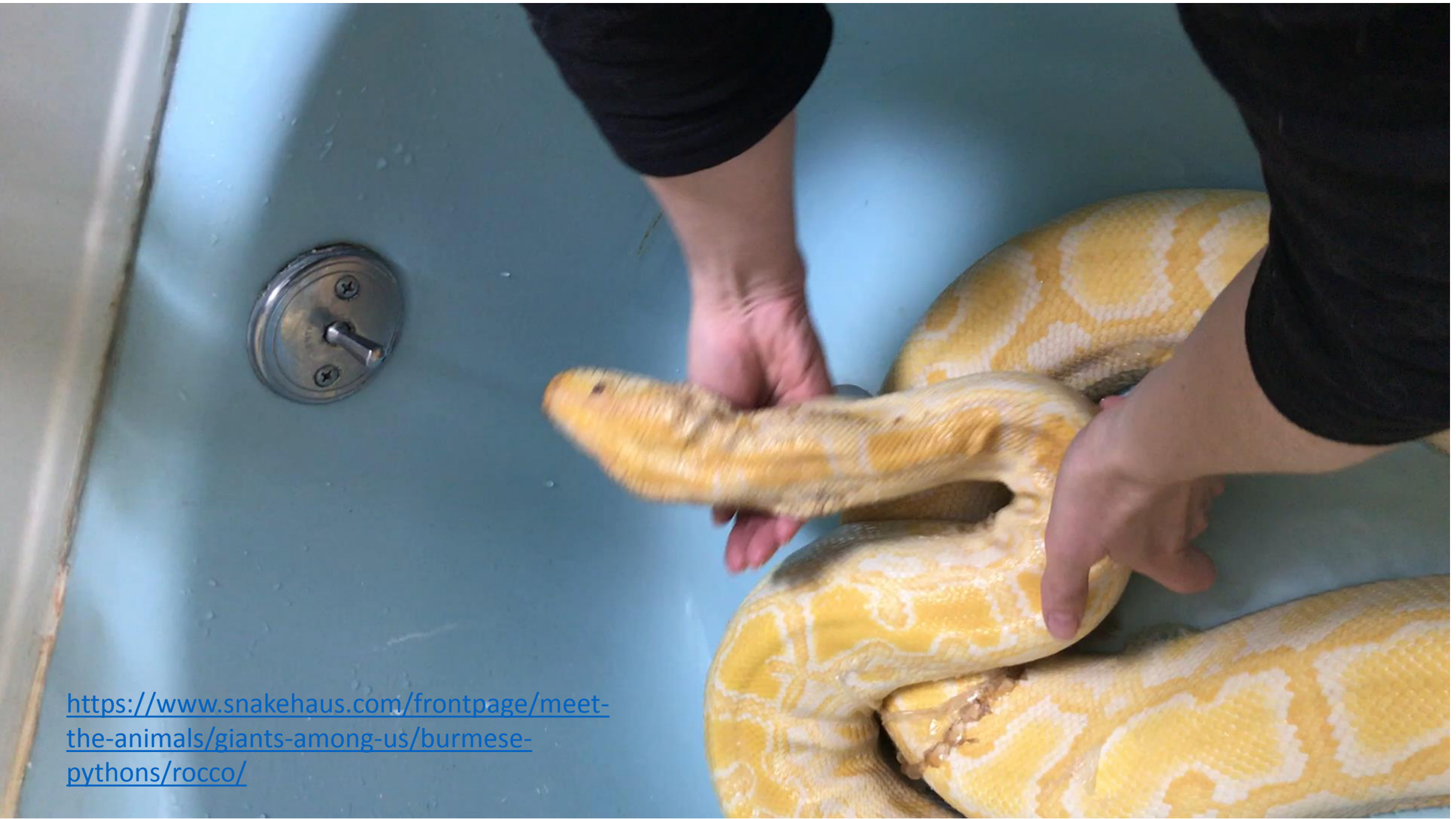
When to intervene: LIVE FOOD



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<https://www.snakehaus.com/frontpage/meet-the-animals/giants-among-us/burmese-pythons/rocco/>

Signs of good health:

- Shiny bright skin
- Clear open nostrils
- Bright clean eyes
- No wrinkles
- No lumps, bumps, or asymmetry



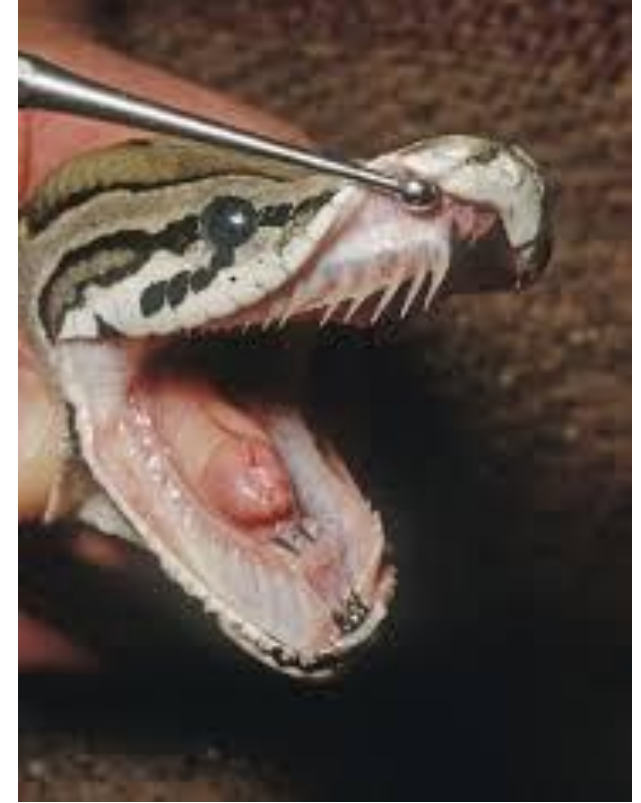
Safe Capture and Handling

- **Hook training:** use something to touch the snake before reaching in.
- **Hides:** snakes prefer to hide. Simply offer a hide and most will use it.
- **Restraint:** Support the head with your tool and then pick up by the tail. You can restrain a snake by holding behind the head if you must but know that doing so will cause the animal to lose trust in you.



Safe Capture and Handling

- **Snake Bites:** no big deal!



Transportation and Housing

- **Heat:** heating pad (pet or human) that stays on – place under half the enclosure
- **Water:** a small Tupperware is good enough to drink out of
- **Contained:** simple plastic storage tub with duct tape to secure lids
- **Clean:** large enough enclosure that they can move away from excrement
- **Hides:** a cereal box, cracker box, or small Tupperware lined with paper - dark
- **Substrate:** news paper, craft paper, puppy pad, paper towel – absorbent
- **Food:** do NOT feed unless the above needs are met first for 48 hours – can go weeks without food

Meet the Animals

- Ball Python
- Burmese Python
- Boa Constrictor





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