



Captive Wild Animal Report: Large Constrictor Snakes

December 2009

This report represents a sample from **31** known incidents involving constrictor snakes in the United States between June 1, 2003 and July 30, 2007. An incident is defined as a human injury caused by a constrictor snake, the escape of a constrictor snake, or the confiscation or displacement of a constrictor snake (for example, an animal confiscated for reasons of neglect, or transferred to a facility following an attack or escape). This report also includes **4** human deaths caused by pet constrictor snakes between 2006 and the present.

Human Deaths:

- Female, age 2 years. Strangled to death in sleep by family's 8-foot long, pet Burmese python. Oxford, FL. July, 2009. Private Owner.
- Female, age 25 years. Strangled to death by 10-foot long, pet reticulated python. Virginia Beach, VA. October, 2008. Private Owner.
- Male, age 48 years. Strangled to death by pet python. Cincinnati, OH. December, 2006. Private Owner.
- Male, age 23 years. Attacked and crushed to death by 14-foot, pet reticulated python. Lanesville, IN. September, 2006. Private Owner.

Human Injuries:

- Female, age 18 years. Handler mauled by 14-foot python. Tarpon Springs, FL. December, 2006. Exhibitor.
- Male, age 47 years. Attacked and bitten by his 8-foot long, pet, Burmese python. Uniontown, PA. December, 2006. Private Owner.
- Male, age 20 years. Bitten by tiger python he stole from pet store and concealed in pants. Franklin Township, NJ. January, 2004. Private Owner.

Animals Escaped/Missing:

- 15-foot, reticulated python. Escaped from home and found in neighbor's back yard. Holly Hill, FL. July, 2007. Private Owner.
- 9-foot long, Burmese python. Abandoned by owner. Tallahassee, FL. August, 2006. Private Owner.
- 19-foot python. Found dead in suburban neighborhood. Noblesville, IN. August, 2006.
- 2-foot long python. Found in rental car, left or abandoned by owner. Paducah, KY. May, 2006.
- 8 ½ -foot long, Burmese python. Escaped from cage into wall of apartment building. Rexburg, ID. February, 2006. Private Owner.
- 1 Argentine boa constrictor. Stolen from a school ecology classroom. Gainesville, FL. January, 2006.
- 7-foot long boa constrictor. Escaped from home. Shelby Township, MI. August, 2006.
- 9-foot albino Burmese python. Was discovered in UPS truck. O'Fallon, MO. August, 2005.



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- 15-foot long, Burmese python. Discovered in warehouse. Sacramento, CA. July, 2005.
- 1 8-foot long python and 1 13-foot long python. Escaped from home. Jacksonville, FL. July, 2005.
- 13-foot python. Found in middle of road. Englewood, FL. February, 2005.
- 15-foot python. Escaped from home. New Haven, CT. November, 2004.
- 5-foot long ball python. Captured on golf course. Kahului, HI. October, 2004.
- 17 foot Burmese python. Escaped from home. Bay St. Luis, MS. September, 2004.
- 16-foot long Burmese python. Found on a city street. Vero Beach, FL. July, 2004.
- 14-foot long, albino python. Escaped from home. Glocester, RI. July, 2003.
- 16 pythons. Escaped from wholesale pet dealer. Silver Spring, MD. June, 2003.

Animals Confiscated:

- 20 lb Red-tailed boa constrictor. Abandoned in apartment. Sugar House, UT. July, 2006.
- 7-foot long python. Captured by police. Glenwood Springs, CO. March, 2006.
- Two 5-foot long boa constrictors. Illegally owned by a street performer. San Francisco, CA. November, 2005.
- One 8-foot long Argentine boa constrictor, Four 6-foot long boa constrictors and one 5-foot long boa constrictor. Seized by SPCA. New Castle, DE. September, 2005.
- 6-foot long Burmese python. Seized from a man also walking a Caiman in Central park. New York, NY. March, 2004.
- One red-tailed boa constrictor. Seized from animal hoarder. San Mateo, CA. May, 2003.