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Snake Found on Public Bus is Available for Adoption

Burlingame, CA—An unlikely reptile passenger was found on a Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) bus traveling through Palo Alto on September 27. The snake, a young Ball Python, was found on a seat of the bus by passengers. The bus pulled over at the Encina and El Camino Real bus stop in Palo Alto, was cleared of passengers and the snake was escorted off the bus and taken to the Palo Alto Animal Services by an Animal Control Officer. After waiting nine days at Palo Alto Animal Services, no one came forward to claim the snake and he was transferred to the Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA (PHS/SPCA) and is now available for adoption.

“No one is quite certain how the snake ended up on the bus, but we are grateful someone spotted him and he was safely removed from the bus,” said Buffy Martin Tarbox, PHS/SPCA’s Communications Manager. “We’ve named him Rumplesnakeskin and he’s available for adoption at our Center for Compassion in Burlingame.”

For those interested and willing to provide the specialized care reptiles need, Ball Pythons make ideal pets since they are friendly and tend to be smaller in size, on average about two to three feet once fully grown. PHS/SPCA staff will help potential adopters understand the equipment and husbandry required in order for this animal to thrive. Ball Pythons can live to be thirty years with proper care.

“Rumplesnakeskin is a very friendly snake and likes to be held,” according to Tarbox. “It is clear he was someone’s pet, but no one came forward to claim him so he’s now looking for a new permanent home.”

Adopters interested in meeting Rumplesnakeskin can visit PHS/SPCA’s Center for Compassion at 1450 Rollins Road in Burlingame. The Center for Compassion is open seven days a week Monday through Friday, 11 am to 7 pm and 11 am to 6 pm on the weekends.

Photos of Rumplesnakeskin are attached and are courtesy of PHS/SPCA.

About Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA

Peninsula Humane Society is a private, open-door, not-for-profit animal welfare organization. Primary programs include animal adoptions; animal rescue and sheltering, including specialty care for domestic animals with medical and/or behavioral challenges; wildlife rehabilitation; animal cruelty investigation; community outreach and education; low-cost spay/neuter; and obedience classes. This vital work is made possible by volunteers and donations. PHS receives no funding from national animal welfare organizations. Visit www.phs-sPCA.org to learn about all PHS’ programs and services, ways to help the animals and special events.

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