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## Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA Experiences Spike in Ball Pythons at Their Shelter

Shelter seeking experienced snake owners to adopt

Burlingame, CA—The Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA (PHS/SPCA) has received more Ball Pythons through their shelter in the last twelve months than in any other previous year over the last decade. The shelter is seeking experienced snake owners to adopt the Ball Pythons.

"In the last twelve months, we received 10 Ball Pythons snakes in our shelter, which is more than we've received in any other year over the last decade," said PHS/SPCA Communications Manager Buffy Martin Tarbox. "Many of the snakes have been surrendered to us through no fault of their own, and are ready to placed in new homes."

Ball Pythons make ideal pets since they are friendly and tend to be smaller in size, on average about two to three feet long 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 old with proper care. PHS/SPCA strongly encourages the feeding of frozen, defrosted mice or rats which are available at most pet supply stores. Feeding live rodents is considered unnecessary and inhumane for both the prey and the predator.

"We currently have five Ball Pythons available for adoption," according to Tarbox. "Potential adopters interested in meeting the snakes can visit us at our Center for Compassion located at 1450 Rollins Road in Burlingame."





## **Tom and Annette Lantos Center for Compassion**

1450 Rollins Road, Burlingame, CA 94010-2307

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PHS/SPCA is open Monday through Friday 11 am to 7 pm and 11 am to 6 pm on the weekends. The adoption fees for the Ball Pythons vary, but for more information please call 650-340-7022.

About the Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA

The Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA (PHS/SPCA) is a local, private, non-profit charitable organization dedicated to animal welfare. Among our major programs, PHS/SPCA adopts fully 100% of the healthy dogs and cats in our care and also, through our charitably funded Hope Program, makes well and finds homes for thousands of animals who come to us sick, injured, or too young to survive without supportive care. PHS/SPCA is truly an open admission shelter, not only accepting many pet animals who might be refused at other shelters, but also taking care of injured and orphaned native wildlife from San Francisco through San Mateo and the northern half of Santa Clara County. Our work means 6,300 lives saved each year. Please visit www.phsspca.org to learn about all our programs and services, ways to help our animals and special events.