

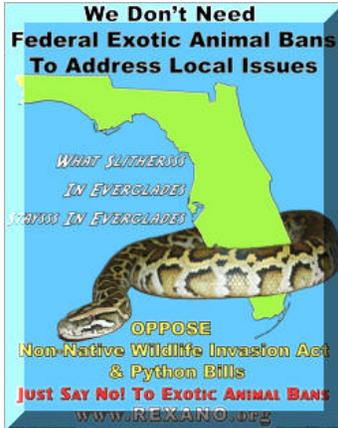


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CAPTIVE CONSTRICTOR SNAKES: PYTHONS AND BOAS IN THE USA

Separating Facts from Fiction



In the last two decades, boas and pythons have become an increasingly popular exotic pet snakes across the USA. With the increased knowledge in their captive husbandry, there is now a bigger and better selection of captive bred snakes than ever before. By supplying the pet market with high quality healthy reptiles, the private breeders are greatly reducing the demand on the wild populations.

Unfortunately, special interest animal rights, AR, lobby groups are trying to increase their income by creating a public hysteria that the constrictors will invade the USA, and wipe out the human and native wildlife populations. This is simply not true, as the table below proves. The constrictor issue is limited to the southern tip of Florida, and should be dealt with on the local, not federal level.

YEARS: 1990-2008	SOUTH FLORIDA	NORTH FLORIDA	REST OF THE USA
CONSTRICTOR SNAKES KEPT AS PETS IN	YES	YES	YES
REPORTS OF STRAY CATS, DOGS & EXOTIC SNAKES AT LARGE IN	YES	YES	YES
EXOTIC CONSTRICTORS SURVIVING IN THE WILD	YES, in the south tip of Florida Everglades	NO	NO
FERAL CATS & STRAY DOGS SURVIVING IN	YES	YES	YES
HUMAN FATALITIES CAUSED BY CONSTRICTORS AT LARGE	0	0	0
*HUMAN FATALITIES CAUSED BY CAPTIVE CONSTRICTORS: YEARLY AND LIFETIME ODDS OF DYING BY CAPTIVE CONSTRICTOR IN THE USA	0	0	8 Total 0.44 person per year One year odds: 1 in 691,590,909 Lifetime odds: 1 in 8,981,700

* REXANO statistics only go thru 2008. Furthermore, the 2009 Florida Burmese python supposedly killing a toddler case is still under investigation.

http://www.rexano.org/Statistics/Constrictor_Captive_Snake_Fatality.pdf

CONCLUSION: There is no public safety issue due to the captive or at large constrictor snakes. The extremely rare fatalities are to the owners and family members, NOT the general public, aka, voluntarily accepted hobby hazard. There is NO real need to address an isolated state issue thru the federal ban on exotic snakes, which will not only reduce the freedoms of Americans to choose what kind of pet to keep, but will also waste tax payers' money and kill animal industry and jobs.

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