

“Monty” Ball Python

Hi !!! My name is “Monty” and I’m an 18 month old male Ball Python. Life started out pretty bad for me. I was abandoned in a basement suite and was discovered when the owner of the property was doing a clean up. My owners had moved to another province and abandoned me. I was left in a small Rubbermaid container, cold, hungry, mite infested and with a large open wound on my underside. I also had some wounds that may have been inflicted with a cigarette. If anyone tried to touch me I would bite them. Why would I trust anyone after such abuse from a human person?

The kind property owner took me to the CRD Animal Shelter where I was treated for all my wounds and the mites removed. I rewarded them by biting at every opportunity. However, life was so much better living in a large glass tank with places to hide, a heat lamp, under floor heating and fed every week. Soon I was feeling much better and stopped biting the hands that fed me. These were very different humans to the ones that I had known before. The future looked good.

I am now 30 inches long and weigh 710.00 grams. I have lived at the shelter for 15 months. The staff people provide all the things that I need to stay healthy and I get handled most days. The place that I live in is very spacious and I can move around when I feel the need to stretch. I even have a large water bowl for soaking. Life is good.

Sadly, thousands of reptiles like Monty are abandoned by owners who cannot, or will not; provide the special needs to keep reptiles healthy and happy throughout their lifetime. Please research these needs before you introduce a reptile into your life. Information is available out there. Questions? Call Monty’s guardian, Mike, at the CRD Pound, (250) 658-5745