

Black Pine Animal Park

Animal Facts

Breed: BLACK RAT SNAKE

Names / Sex / Age:

Cujo Male 15

Previous Home: A private home.

Native to: New England, south through Florida; west through eastern Texas and Nebraska; north to southern Wisconsin.

Size: 4 to 6 feet at adulthood.

Life Expectancy: Unknown

Diet: Rodents, small lizards, frogs, chipmunks, moles, birds and bird eggs. At Black Pine, large (frozen) feeder rats.

Facts:

- Completely black except for a white chin
- If threatened may quiver their tails to simulate a rattlesnake; they will strike
- If picked up, or encountered by prey, the snake can emit a foul smell
- Rat snakes are excellent swimmers
- Can live from sea level to mountains, rocky hillsides to flat farmlands
- When a rat snake kills, it so quickly wraps itself around its prey to choke it that the prey has no time to react

Personal History:

Cujo was displaced from his long-time private home when his owner moved and was unable to take him along. Though not considered aggressive, he is considered temperamental. He does strike sometimes, but rarely connects. His original owner was from Fort Wayne. Cujo came to Black Pine in late 2008.