

Black Pine Animal Sanctuary

Animal Facts

Breed: ALBINO CORN SNAKE

Names / Sex / Age:

Mozzarella M At least 4 years

Previous Home: A private home.

Native to: Eastern United States

Size: 2 to 6 feet long

Life Expectancy: Up to 23 years in captivity, about 10 to 15 in the wild.

Diet: Lizards, mice, rats, birds, bats. At Black Pine, one small mouse once each week.

Facts:

- Corn snakes are so named because of the similarity of their skin color and pattern to maize, or Indian corn
- They are sometimes called a "red rat" snake and are often mistaken for venomous copperheads.
- They are diurnal, meaning they are active during the day.
- These small constrictors are usually orange or brownish-yellow, with large, black-edged red blotches down the middle of the back
- "Mozzarella" is an albino corn snake, sometimes referred to as a "snow corn snake". He lacks pigmentation. His color is the result of having inherited a recessive gene.

Personal History:

Mozzarella was named after arriving at Black Pine by a popular vote. He was previously a house pet. This snake suffered a partial tail amputation at some point prior to coming to Black Pine, his tail is noticeably blunt at the end, which is not normal.