

# Black Pine Animal Sanctuary

## Animal Facts

Breed: HONDURAN MILK SNAKE

Names / Sex / Age:

Ringo            Male            15

Previous Home: A private home.

Native to: Portions of Honduras, Nicaragua and Costa Rica.

Size: 3 to 4 feet at adulthood

Life Expectancy: Up to 20 years

Diet: Rodents, small lizards, nestling snakes, birds and bird eggs.

Facts:

- Considered one of the largest of the milk snakes
- Named for the myth that they would drink milk from the udders of cows, probably because they were prevalent in barns where many rodents lived
- Known for their imitation of the markings of the venomous coral snake
- They move in quick, jerky movements so their colorful bands will startle predators
- Milk snakes eat other snakes
- Can occur in a number of color combinations, but typically tri-colored version of black/red-orange/yellow-white
- Found in medium elevations of tropical areas of their range
- Can be prone to being nervous and biting

Personal History:

Ringo was displaced from his long-time private home when his owner moved and was unable to take him along. His original owner was from Fort Wayne. Ringo came to Black Pine in late 2008.