

Snake saved, ready to adopt

A snake that was rescued from a borough park last year has been rehabilitated and is ready to be adopted into a loving home.

On Nov. 21, police officers from the 105th Precinct found a 16-pound Colombian red-tailed boa constrictor that was abandoned in Springfield Park in Rosedale. It was emaciated, had open infected wounds along its back and a severe case of pneumonia.

“He had a lot of battle scars from other animals trying to eat him,” said Dr. John Charos, above, director of avian and exotic medicine at Central Veterinary Associates of nearby Valley Stream, LI, which also has several clinics in Queens. “Plus this snake is used to 85-degree weather and he was outside in the middle of winter.”

Charos helped the snake, which the hospital workers have named Slink, get healthy again. It was placed in an intensive care unit to increase its body temperature; given injections of antibiotics and vitamins; administered intravenous fluids; and tube-fed a nutritious diet.

Anyone interested in adopting the boa, can call 1 (888) 4CVA-PET (428-2738), for more information.
— AnnMarie Costella



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