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Snake Finds a New Home

The Children's Museum takes in Burmese Python found on the loose in New Britain

July 24, 2008 (West Hartford, CT)...On Monday July 14th the UTC Wildlife Sanctuary received a call from Wildlife Control Services of West Hartford. Nuisance Wildlife Control Officer Richard Daniotti had just removed a large snake out of a New Britain home and needed to place the animal. The family living in the house did not own the snake and had no idea where it came from. Daniotti delivered the snake Monday afternoon with visitors of the Museum getting a sneak peek at the Wildlife Sanctuary's newest resident.

The 9 foot long, 30 pound python is currently in quarantine at The Children's Museum. New Britain Animal Control has been notified in case the owners of the snake call to report it missing. "Unfortunately this animal was probably released purposely by irresponsible owners. Many people have no idea what they are getting into when they acquire an exotic pet. Releasing these animals into the wild is cruel and dangerous for our ecosystem." Said Cindy King, Wildlife Sanctuary Director.

The UTC Wildlife Sanctuary is one of many institutions across the country that provides safe homes to animals. The sanctuary staff works with the Avon Veterinary Clinic, Advanced Veterinary Care in Farmington and state and federal agencies to ensure that the needs of all of the animals are met. All of the animals receive proper food and housing and appropriate exercise. Many of the animals are comfortable being handled and are used for educational programs.

To learn more go to www.thechildrensmuseumct.org and click on United Technologies Wildlife Sanctuary.

The Children's Museum has a long history of providing hands-on learning focused on science based education for younger children and families. One of the state's major attractions, each year it serves nearly 200,000 children and their families. The Children's Museum is also home to the new Travelers Science Dome at the Gengras Planetarium, wildlife and interactive science exhibits, as well as science based outreach programs in the elementary school system statewide. The Children's Museum offers one of the longest running early childhood education centers in the nation at The Children's Museum Preschool. Additionally, the Museum's Roaring Brook Nature Center in nearby Canton offers natural science and history exhibits and programs, a wildlife sanctuary, nature trails and outdoor gardens. With the recent recommitment of support from the State of Connecticut and the Town of West Hartford, The Children's Museum is poised to begin an exciting new chapter in its 80-year history with plans to relocate and expand at a new facility over the next few years.

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