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10 Ball Pythons, 2 Deceased Removed After Neglected on Apartment Balcony for Months

Extremely Emaciated Snakes Were Kept Outside, Leads to Animal Cruelty Report and Rescue

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(HOUSTON) November 21, 2024 – Houston SPCA and Harris County Constable Precinct 1 rescued 10 Ball pythons and removed two dead pythons from the balcony of an apartment near the 4000 block of Watonga Blvd. Officials at the scene said they discovered the emaciated snakes had been living outside for months without adequate food, water or living conditions.



The recent cold front is what drew the initial concern for the snakes. Reptiles are cold-blood and must rely on their environment to regulate their body temperature. The nonvenomous constrictors were quickly transported to the Houston SPCA and are being monitored closely. The teams are working diligently to increase their body temperature so they can start to eat and drink water. Ball pythons need humidity to stay hydrated, support their respiratory systems and have healthy shed cycles.

The investigation remains ongoing and will be forwarded by the Constable's office to the Harris County District Attorney's office for review.



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