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GOLF BALL EATING SNAKE GOES GLOBAL GOLF BALLS REMOVED FROM SNAKE IN WORLD FIRST SURGERY FOR SALE ON EBAY!

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THE carpet python who became a slithery celebrity after devouring four golf balls has found international fame again on Ebay.

The snake – dubbed Augusta – mistook four golf balls for eggs in a northern NSW henhouse, after the owner placed golf balls in the nest to encourage a stubborn hen to lay.

The golf balls were removed from the snake's lumpy stomach in what is believed to be world first surgery at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, the resulting publicity making Augusta quite the international star.

The golf balls are now on sale on Ebay with all proceeds from the sale going towards Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary's new Community Wildlife Hospital which receives no Government funding and relies solely on community and corporate donations.

The winning Ebay bidder will take home the four golf balls removed from the snake's stomach during the surgery, veterinary photographs and original x-ray's of the snake before and after surgery.

This bizarre story produced upwards of 400 national and international news articles, received countless television news coverage and interest from major media organisations such as The Times in London, Chicago Herald Tribune, CBS, UK Daily Mail, Fox News and Forbes New York just to name a few.

It received coverage in such far flung places as Malaysia, Germany, France, South Africa, Pakistan, The United States, Canada, New Zealand and Mexico.

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary is hopeful the Ebay item will attract high bids from local and international buyers and raise as much funding as possible for the new Wildlife Hospital.

The Sanctuary's Community Wildlife Hospital helps more than 4000 wild native animals brought in by members of the public each year.

People can visit the site at www.ebay.com.au and type in the item number 320203408706.

Or go to Ebay and type in code words "snake" and "golf ball" to check out Augusta's progress.

Bidding begins at \$200.00 and will run for the next five days.

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