BREEDING RESULTS

Have you bred snakes? If so, please ask the Secretary or one of the English Editors to send you a form on which you can fill in the data of your breeding results. Unsuccessful attempts are also important.
The result of your efforts will be printed in one of the future publications, to help other members with their breeding attempts.

Corallus enydris enydris.

The terrarium measures 1.70x1.70x1.50 m (lxwxh). The day temperature varies between 24 and 32°C, with the night temperature varying between 18 and 20°C. The terrarium is housed in a tropical greenhouse where the animals are subject to the day night rhythm of the Dutch year. The male is 3 or 4 years old and the female about 6.
Copulation had not been observed, but in the course of the spring the female was found to be increasing in girth even though she had been refusing food. On november 2nd ten young were born. The young weighed about 30 grams and averaged about 50 cm in length. About november 17th the first sloughing took place. One snake ate a hairy littermouse freely, while the others had to be force fed. These young were second generation. The colour of the young varied between dark-red and orange with brown-blackish spots.

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Elaphe obsoleta obsoleta.

The snakes are kept in a terrarium measuring 100x60x120 cm (lxwxh) which is kept in an unheated

greenhouse, where the temperature is dependent on the weather. After hibernation the animals started to copulate i.c. in may 1982. The female continued to eat during gestation, and on june 30th 1982 ten eggs were laid. Breeding temperature was about 28°C. On the 28th and 29th of august six eggs hatched. The young weighed about 10 grams and measured 15-20 cm in length. One of the young started to feed on his own accord, the others having to be force fed to start them off. The male had been in my possession 12 years, the female 11 years.

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Thamnophis sirtalis.

The snakes are kept in a terrarium measuring 120x50x100 cm (lxwxh). The daytime temperature varies between 24 and 27°C, with the night temperature dropping to 18°C. As a stimulant a hibernation of two months is used. The age of the parents is unknown. Copulation was observed mid-january 1982. On april 19th (the female having refused food three weeks before), 23 young were born each weighing 1-2 grams. They were 15-17 cm in length. The first sloughing occurred at about two weeks. All the young started to feed freely at an age of two days.

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Bothrops nasutus.

The terrarium measures 45x30x30 cm (lxwxh). The daytime temperature varies between 29 and 31°C, with the night temperature dropping to 22°C. The male is 5 years old, the female 6. No specific stimulus was used to induce copulation, which probably took place in april. During gestation the

female ate three small mice. On september 28th, 1982, twelve young were born, one of which was dead. The young measured about 15 cm in length. All had to be forcefed once a week with the heads of one day old mice.

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Vipera ammodytes montandoni.

The animals are housed in a terrarium measuring 50x40x50 cm (lxwxh). The day temperature varies between 28-30°C, and the night temperature between 18-22°C. The male is seven years old and the female four.
Copulation took place in the month of may, with no specific stimulus being used to induce it. During gestation and for three weeks after the birth the female refused to feed. On september 2nd 1982 nine young were born, six males and three females. All the young started to feed freely between the fourth and ninth day after the birth.

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