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.

Thamnophis radix haydeni.

The terrarium measures 90x53x40 cm (lxwxh). The temperature during the day is 20-30^{0}C, 15-20^{0}C at night.
The parents are two years old and are 6th captive-bred generation. In my care they are the first generation. Copulation was in January 1983, without any stimulus. The female didn't refuse food. In March 1983 six young, measuring about 6 cm, were born. All started to eat earthworms freely after about a week (forcefeeding not needed).
On an earlier occasion I had a bad breeding experience with the same species (not the same animals). The babies were born dead as a result of wide temperature fluctuations. As it happened during my absence for some months, the exact circumstances are not known.

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Epicrates cenchria maurus.

In a terrarium measuring 150x50x45 cm (lxwxh) with a day temperature of 20-30^{0}C (depending on spot and season) and a night temperature of 15-20^{0}C, live a male (more than seven years old) and a fe-

male (five years old). After a period of separation, copulation took place on 24 April 1983. From that day the female refused to eat.
On 14 September 1983 ten young snakes (F1) were born, each measuring about 20 cm. They shed for the first time between 28 September and 2 October and one day later they ate littermice.
The same animals have bred before. Copulation was in June, eight baby's were born in February.

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Pituophis melanoleucus catenifer.

The animals (female 120 cm, male 130 cm) are housed in a terrarium measuring 60x120 cm. The day temperature is 20-28°C in the summer, 20-22°C in the winter. Night temperature is 22-24°C in the summer, 16-18°C in the winter. The rise of temperature and duration of light were stimuli for copulation, which was not seen.
From 2nd of May the female refused to eat and on 4 June five eggs were laid. One was brown and shrivelled on 23 July. After incubation at 25-28°C the other four eggs hatched on 2 and 3 August. The babies measured 35-40 cm and sloughed for the first time on 16 August. One had to be forcefed, the others ate newborn mice freely.
The same individuals have bred before, under the same circumstances.

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Boa constrictor

The snakes live in a terrarium measuring 200x80x 150 cm, and maintained at a temperature of 26°C at day and 22°C at night.

The male is wildcaught and about 5 years old, the female was born in captivity and is about 3 years old.
Copulations took place early February. From early February the female refused all food. She sloughed three times: 7 April, 19 May, 22 June.
The female became restless on 10 July 1984. The day before delivery she had a kind of diarhoea.
On 28 July 1984 23 young snakes were born (F3), 12 males and 11 females, 72-84 g in weight and about 55 cm of length.
The babies left the sacs immediately and were very lively. They shed their skins for the first time on 7 August 1984 and started to feed on adult mice that very same day.
No unfertilized eggs were found.
The weight of the mother at the time of mating was about 9 kg, after delivery it was only 5 kg. She was obviously very hungry as she ate a fullgrown rat and a rabbit of 1 kg.

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Epicrates striatus striatus

The snakes (age unknown) are housed in a terrarium measuring 110x60x60 cm (lxwxh). The temperature is 29°C at day and 20°C at night.
From the end of February until the 15th of May copulations were seen. The female continued to eat during the pregnancy.
On November 23rd and 25th 1983 the youngsters were born. Two of them died immediately, six others died shortly after. They showed signs of life in the shell, but were unable to get out, even when a slit was made in two of the six to help them.
The babies weighed 5 g and measured 32-34 cm.
There were 12 unfertilized eggs, which were dark coloured and smelled awful. Probably this had

caused an early birth.
This was the third litter from this mother, but this time it was a very bad one.
In the period March-May 1983 another female has been kept in the same enclosure. Copulations have been seen, with no result.

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Thamnophis sirtalis similis

The snakes are kept in a terrarium measuring 80x 35x45 cm (lxwxh). Day temperature is 20-30°C, night temperature is 15-25°C.
The snakes were born in 1982. From early December 1983 until the middle of March 1984 they were kept at a temperature of 5-15°C.
Shortly after this mating took place.
About two weeks before giving birth, the female refused to eat but she still increased in size.
On 29 June 1984 22 living and one dead young were born, 9 unfertilized eggs were also found.
The babies (F2) were about 22 cm of length. They shed for the first time between 22 and 31 July and started to feed freely 30 June - 10 July, on rainworms and dead or alive fish.

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Thamnophis sirtalis parietalis

The snakes are kept in a terrarium measuring 90x 60x70 cm (lxwxh) with a day temperature of 29°C in summer and 20°C in winter and a night temperature of 24°C in summer and 17°C in winter.
The following animals are kept: female, about 7 years old; male, about 7 years old; male about 2 years old; male, about 3 years old.
They had been through a winter rest before I got

them. Immediately after that, copulations took place (date unknown).
The female ate as usual during pregnancy.
On 20 June 1983 20 babies (F2) were born, with a length of about 16 cm. They shed immediately after birth and have fed on rainworms freely since 29 June 1983
The former owner informed me that in 1982 the female laid 21 eggs, without going through winter rest and only three youngsters survived.
This year the snakes did have winter rest and all 20 babies have survived.

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