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.

Epicrates cenchria maurus

The animals are kept in a terrarium measuring 150x80x60 cm (lxwxh). The day temperature of the air is 28-32^{0}C, of the substrate 26-34^{0}C. At night the temperature of the air and the substrate is 26^{0}C.
Both animals (male, about 4 years old, in my possession since 28 November 1982; female, about 5 years old, in my possession since 3 October 1980) live in the same terrarium all the year. In the autumn more water is sprayed into the terrarium, resulting in a higher humidity to help stimulate copulations.
First copulations were observed on 4 November 1983. Until 28 January 1984 the female ate two young mice every three weeks, from 20 March 1984 she refused all food.
On 10 April 1984 16 young were born, measuring 35-40 cm and an average weight of 22.5 g.
First shedding occurred on 22 April 1984 and since 16 April the babies have started to eat 2-3 days old nestmice.

NB: The male has not eaten freely since coming into my possession. He is forcefed every 2-4 weeks with 3 half grown mice.

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