

LITERATURE

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Ungewöhnliches Beutetier von *Vipera berus* (Linnaeus, 1758); R. Kreutz. Salamandra (1984), Vol. 20 (2/3): 179-180.

The author housed a small Elaphe longissima of 23 cm in a terrarium that was already inhabited by five young Vipera berus. After about fifteen minutes the Elaphe lay dead in the terrarium. One of the adders, which was only 15 cm long, had probably killed the Elaphe and now tried to swallow it. This took about 95 minutes. Having swallowed the Elaphe, the Vipera berus was strongly swollen and died four days later.