

# 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.*

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## Boa constrictor constrictor (2x).

A pair of Boas are kept in a terrarium measuring 230x80x130 cm (lxwxh) where temperatures are in the day 27-30°C (dropping to 23-27°C in winter) and 23-25°C at night (dropping to 20-23°C in winter),

The female is 270 cm in length and 20 years old, the male is 220 cm in length and 10 years old.

Both animals are wild-caught. In both 1987 and 1988 the female produced young, totalling 101.

In September and October every year the spotlight and undercage heating are both turned off to help stimulate copulation. In 1986 copulation occurred during the last two weeks of November, and in 1987 copulation occurred in December. During both pregnancies the female refused food for the last two months.

On 29 April 1987 53 young (including 6 dead) were born. On 31 May 1988 48 young (none dead) were born. The young of both litters varied in weight between 65-80 g, and in length 45-53 cm. The majority of the young shed within 9 days, and of the two litters only a total of 7 young had to be force-fed.

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