
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 age of the (wild caught) parent snakes is not known. The female is about 155 cm of length, the male about 140 cm. They are housed in a terrarium of 60x55x100 cm (lxwxh). The temperature by day varies in Summer between 27°C and 35°C and in Winter between 24°C and 29°C. The temperature at night in Summer is 18-24°C and in Winter 14-20°C.

In March and April the terrarium was often sprayed with water and the terrarium contained a tank with water and an aquarium heater in it. The result was a humidity of 70-90%. Observed copulations: 27 March 1986, 5 April 1986, 10 April 1986, 26 April 1986, 10 May 1986, 23 May 1986, 28 May 1986, 7 June 1986, 23 June 1986. From 15 August 1986 the female refused food. On 9 February 1987 six young snakes were born. Also there was a still-born baby. It was fully developed but did not totally use the yolk sac. The weight of the babies was 17,20,20,20,21,20 g and they measured between 45 and 50 cm. They sloughed for the first time at 22 February 1987 (2x), 23 February 1987 (2x), 24 February 1987 and 28 Febru-

ary 1987. Five of them were force-fed on mice tails, one fed freely. I had never bred with these snakes before.

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The 4-year old parents measure 220 cm (female) and 190 cm (male). They are kept in a terrarium measuring 90x90x125 cm (lxwxh). The temperature is the same in Summer and Winter: by day 28- 30°C, at night 25°C. To stimulate the animals to copulate they were kept cool (20°C) and dark during December and January. In January 1986 copulations were noticed.

Only 20 days before delivery did the female refused food. On 29 September 1986 eight snakes were born with a length of about 45 cm. They sloughed for the first time between 13 and 15 September 1986. Five of them had to be force-fed. The others fed freely on litter mice. I have never bred with these snakes before. In 1985 they copulated but I think they were too young then.

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Eryx conicus (1)

The age of the animals is unknown. The female measures 75 cm, the male 45 cm. The animals are kept in a terrarium measuring 150x40x35 cm (lxwxh). The temperature by day is 32°C in Summer and 24°C in Winter, dropping at night to 20°C in Summer and 18°C in Winter. To make the animals copulate they were hibernated from mid November until early

January at 7°C. Between 2 January 1986 and 15 April 1986 copulations were observed. On 29 June 1986 ten young snakes were born (first generation captive bred). They weighed 13 g and measured 20 cm. They sloughed for the first time on 4 July 1986. Force-feeding was not necessary. On 4 July 1986 the first baby fed freely on one week old mice, on 18 July 1986 the last one did the same. Twice before I had infertile eggs of the same male but other females: in 1984 four eggs from one female, in 1985 four eggs from one female and two eggs from another. At that time there were other temperature conditions and another way of heating. I think that providing floor heating is not the correct way to maintain this species.

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