
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.

Agkistrodon contortrix mukeson

In the terrarium measuring 35x35x40 cm in summer the daytime temperature varies between 25-28°C, dropping at night until 20-24°C. In winter the temperature is 10--15°C during night and day. Usually the parental snakes are kept seperately. After a winterrest period (November 1986 - March 1987) they were brought together. They were 3.5 years old then. The female had a length of 85 cm, the male was 81 cm of length. 23 April 1987 copulations were noticed, after this date the female refused all food.

30 July 1987 4 baby snakes were born, also 1 unfertilized egg was found. The young snakes weighed 18-22 gram and had a length of 18-25 cm. Two weeks after birth they sloughed for the first time. In the beginning they were forceded on littermice but within two months they fed freely on this prey.

I had never bred with this species before.

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Agkistrodon contortox laticinctue

The animals are kept in a terrarium measuring 49x100x40 cm (lxwxh). In summer the daytime temperature is 28-30 °C, the nighttime temperature is 20-22°C. In winter the temperature varies between 2.5 and 11°C. The snakes were hibernated from 20 November 1986 until 18 (male) or 20 (female) Januari 1987. The age of the (wildcaught) animals is unknown. They are about 70 cm of length and from 18 October 1986 in my possession. Except for some approaches, no copulations were observed. The female stopped feeding for some time, but short time before delivery she ate a mouse again. 10 July 1987 2 healthy, 2 dead young and 2 unfertilized eggs were born. The babysnakes weighed 10 gram and measured 25.5 cm. They sloughed within a week and were forced on litter-mice. I have never bred with this species before.

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