



BREEDING RESULTS

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■ THAMNOPHIS SIRTALIS SIRTALIS BLACK

Size of the terrarium: 150x50x50 cm (lxwxh). **Day and night temperature:** in summer 25-50°C (day) and 20- 25°C (night); in winter 20-23°C (day) and 17-20°C (night). **Copulation stimulus:** in summer 10 hours and in winter 7.5 hours of light per day. In- and decreasing in two steps within a period of one month. **Age of parent snakes:** male born on 2 August 1990; female born on 4 May 1988. **Length of parent snakes:** male 80 cm; female 110 cm. **Date of copulation:** unknown. **Refusal of food by female:** not total refusing, but less eating and sometimes not eating for one or two weeks. **Date of hatching:** 3 July 1994. **Number of young:** 18 live, 6 dead and 8 unfertilized eggs. **First slough:** within two weeks after hatching. **First feeding of young:** within two weeks after hatching (prey: worms, fish). **Remarks:** the breeder has bred with the same snakes before. The circumstances were different: there was two hours of light less per day, and between noon and two pm there was extra-heating by a 20 Watt halogenlamp.

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■ THAMNOPHIS MARCIANUS MARCIANUS

Size of the terrarium: 110x50x40 cm (lxwxh). **Day and night temperature:** in summer 25-35°C (day) and 20- 25°C (night); in winter 20-23°C (day) and 17-20°C (night). **Copulation stimulus:** decreasing the amount of lighthours from 10 to 7.5 hours per day. In- and decreasing happened in two steps within the period of one month. **Age of parent snakes:** male and female are both born on 5 July 1990. **Length of parent snakes:** male 60 cm and female 86 cm. **Date of copulation:** unknown. **Refusal of food by female:** no. **Date of hatching:** 21, 24 and 27 September 1994. **Number of young:** 9 live, 2 dead and 3 unfertilized eggs. The two hatchings that followed gave respectively 9 and 4 young, all dead. **Generation of young:** F2. **First slough:** mostly within two weeks after hatching. **First feeding of young:** within 20 days after hatching (prey: fish/worms). **Remarks:** the breeder has bred with the same snakes before. The circumstances were not the same. There was 2 hours of light less per day and between noon and 2pm there was extra-heating by a 15 Watt spotlight. The breeder has perceived cannibalism.

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■ THAMNOPHIS SIRTALIS SIMILIS

Size of the terrarium: 130x50x40 cm (lxwxh). **Day and night temperature:** in summer 25-50°C (day) and 20-25°C (night); in winter 20-23°C (day) and 17-20°C (night). **Copulation stimulus:** in summer 10 and in winter 7.5 hours of light per day. In- and decreasing happened in two steps within the period of one month. **Age of parent snakes:** male born on 3 June 1987; female born on 30 October 1991. **Length of parent snakes:** male 90 cm and female 97 cm. **Refusal of food by female:** approx. 4 weeks before hatching. **Date of hatching:** 3 July 1994. **Number of young:** 12 live, 2 dead and 13 unfertilized eggs. **Generation of young:** F3. **First slough:** mostly within two weeks after hatching. **First feeding of young:** within two weeks after hatching (prey: fish/worms). **Remarks:** The breeder has bred with the same snakes before. The circumstances were different. There was two hours of light less and there was extra-heating by a 20 Watt spotlight. The breeder has perceived cannibalism.

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■ ELAPHE GUTTATA EMORYI

Size of the terrarium: 80x50x50 cm (lxwxh). **Day and night temperature:** in summer 25-30°C (day) and 19-21°C (night); in winter hibernation. **Copulation stimulus:** hibernation during 8 weeks; parent snakes separated. **Age of parent snakes:** male and female both 4 years old. **Length of parent snakes:** male 130 cm; female 110 cm. **Date of copulation:** between 22 and 26 February 1991. **Date of egg-laying:** 12 April

1991. **Number of eggs:** 15. **Incubation temperature:** 28°C. **Date of hatching:** 9 June 1991. **Number of young:** 14 alive and 1 dead. **Generation of young:** F3. **First slough:** from 16 to 24 June 1991. **First feeding of young:** on 25 June 1991 (prey: pink mice). **Remarks:** the breeder has bred with the same species before, but not with the same snakes.

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■ ELAPHE GUTTATA (SNOWCORN).

Size of the terrarium: 80x40x40 cm (lxwxh). **Day and night temperature:** in summer 25-30°C (day) and 19-21°C (night); in winter hibernation. **Copulation stimulus:** hibernation during 8 weeks; parent snakes separated. **Age of parent snakes:** male and female both 3 years old. **Length of parent snakes:** male and female both ±100 cm. **Date of copulation:** 12, 13 and 16 February 1991. **Refusal of food by female:** from 10 March 1991. **Date of egg-laying:** 29 March 1991. **Number of eggs:** 23. **Incubation temperature:** 28°C. **Date of hatching:** 3 June 1991. **Number of young:** 23 (all alive). **First slough:** between 8 and 14 June 1991. **Force-feeding needed:** one animal (prey: mousetail). **First feeding of young:** from 16 June 1991 (prey: pink mice). **Remarks:** the breeder has bred with the same snakes before. The circumstances were the same.

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■ **ELAPHE GUTTATA (ALBINO REDPHASE).**

Size of the terrarium: 80x50x50 cm (lxwxh). **Day and night temperature:** in summer 25-30°C (day) and 19-21°C (night); in winter hibernation. **Copulation stimulus:** hibernation during 8 weeks; parent snakes separated. **Age of parent snakes:** male and female both 3 years old. **Length of parent snakes:** male 110 cm; female 90 cm. **Date of copulation:** 7, 11, 14 and 16 February 1990. **Refusal of food by female:** from ±15 days after copulation. **Date of egg-laying:** 26 March 1990. **Number of eggs:** 19. **Incubation temperature:** 28°C. **Date of hatching:** 4 June 1990. **Number of young:** 19 (all alive). **First slough:** between 11 and 20 June 1990. **First feeding of young:** from 22 June 1990 (prey: pink mice). **Remarks:** the breeder has bred with the same snakes before. The circumstances were the same.

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■ **ELAPHE GUTTATA**

Size of the terrarium: 80x50x50 cm (lxwxh). **Day and night temperature:** in summer 25-30°C (day) and 19- 21°C (night); in winter hibernation. **Copulation stimulus:** hibernation during 8 weeks; parent snakes separated. **Age of parent snakes:** male and female both 3 years old. **Length of parent snakes:** male 110 cm; female 100 cm. **Date of copulation:** 7, 9 and 14 February 1990. **Refusal of food by female:** from the beginning of March. **Date of egg-laying:** 28 March 1990. **Number of eggs:** 23. **Incubation temperature:** 28°C. **Date of hatching:** 7 June 1990.

Number of young: 23 (all alive). **Generation of young:** F3. **First slough:** between 10 and 19 June 1990. **First feeding of young:** from 22 June 1990 (prey: pink mice). **Remarks:** the breeder has bred with the same snakes before. The circumstances were the same.

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■ **LAMPROPELTIS GETULUS CALIFORNIAE (ALBINO BANDED).**

Size of the terrarium: 80x50x50 cm (lxwxh). **Day and night temperature:** in summer 24-30°C (day) and 19- 21°C (night); in winter hibernation. **Copulation stimulus:** hibernation during 8 weeks; parent snakes separated. **Age of parent snakes:** male 3 and female 4 years old. **Length of parent snakes:** male 130 cm; female 120 cm. **Date of copulation:** between 22 and 28 February 1990. **Refusal of food by female:** from 22 March 1990. **Date of egg-laying:** 14 April 1990. **Number of eggs:** 21. **Incubation temperature:** 28°C. **Date of hatching:** 13 June 1990. **Number of young:** 21 (all alive). **First slough:** between 18 and 25 June 1990. **First feeding of young:** from 25 June 1990 (prey: pink mice). **Remarks:** the breeder hasn't bred with the same species before.

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