

B REEDING RESULTS



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Latin name: *Chondropython (Morelia) viridis*
(Sorong type)

English name: Green Tree Python

Size of terrarium: 90x45x45 cm

Summer daytime temperature: 28°C

Winter daytime temperature: 26°C

Summer night time temperature: room temperature

Winter night time temperature: room temperature

Breeding stimulus: In January the lights were turned off for one week. After that week the lights were turned on during normal daylight hours. After the second week the animals were placed together. Normally they are housed separately.

Age of parents: both 5 years old
Length: 150 cm

Date of copulation: January 3 until January 28 1999, sometimes several times within twenty-four hours.

Refusal of food by the female: yes, as of January 20, 1999

Date of egg-laying: May 19, 1999

Number of eggs: 14

Incubation temperature: 29°C constant, no temperature fluctuations

Date of hatching: July 1 - 5 1999

Number of young: 7

Generation: F1

Weight: unknown

Length: 25 cm

Date of first slough: July 23, 1999

Force feeding needed: with two young

Prey: rat tails

Independent feeding: 5 young from July 24 1999 on

Prey: new-born mice

Bred previously with these individuals: No

Details: Female did not stay on the eggs. Therefore, the eggs were incubated on moist vermiculite. A few days later the female lay on her branch jerking as if brooding the eggs. Approx. two weeks after laying, seven eggs discoloured and collapsed. They appeared to have been fertile.

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