

# VITAMINS AND MEDICINS



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Two years ago I bought two Boa constrictor. From the beginning I fed them with dead rats. At first it was no problem to supplement the prey with vitamins: the snakes made short work of them. But the older the snakes grew, the more unwilling they became.

I tried everything to supply them with the essentials. Finally I bought some capsules at a phar-

macy which I filled with vitamins. I put those capsules in the rectum of a rat. In this way the snakes get the food and the vitamins. You can also follow this procedure to supply medicines.

## **NOTE OF THE EDITOR:**

There is no need to supplement snake food with vitamins unless there are specific reasons to do so (e.g. if the correct prey is not available, as in the case of garter snakes). But of course other substances, such as anti-biotics and anti-parasite drugs can be given in the same way.

