

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.

Vipera aspis aspis (4x)

The animals (all of them more than 5 years old) live in an outside terrarium of 400x100 cm, in which grasses are planted and where there are several shelters under stones and pieces of wood. The hibernation spot is 40 cm deep and it contains stones and wood. The hibernation spot temperature varies depending on external day- and night temperature; there is no extra heating. The normal seasonal changes were the stimulus for copulation in April and May 1984.

In early September 1984 25 baby snakes were born, coming from 4 females. All females are first generation captivebred. Some of the young snakes sloughed within 4 days, others after 1 or 2 weeks. 80-90% Of the hatchlings were force fed with litter mice, some of them have fed freely since October 1984.

In 1982 I have bred with the same females under the same circumstances.

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Dasypeltis scabra

The animals live in a terrarium of 90x45x50 cm

(1xwxh). The daytime temperature is 26-27°C, at night 24°C. No special stimulus is used to induce copulations. The age of the parent animals is unknown. Copulation was noticed on 8 May 1984. The female kept eating during pregnancy.

On 18 May 1984 four eggs were laid. Two of them were not fully formed; their shells were clear. The two other eggs were incubated in a box with vermiculite and water at 27-28°C.

On 2 August one egg hatched, the young weighed 5 g and measured 20 cm. The first slough was on 18 August 1984. Force feeding was not needed, because on 7 and 18 August the little snake fed freely on two canary eggs.

The author bred with these animals before, but he did not use vermiculite for incubation then.

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