
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.

Malpolon monspessulanus monspessulanus
(Montpellier snake).

The parents have respectively been in my collection since 1982 (the male) and 1983 (the female). The male measured about 150 cm, the female about 100 cm. The male weighs 690 g, the female 340 g (which is approximately the weight she was when mated).

Between 1 and 25 January 1987 the animals were kept at temperatures between 8 and 14°C, depending on the external temperature. During this period the lamp burned only for a few hours a day; the rest of the day it was cold (about 12°C). The male started eating again on 3 February, the female on 11 February. They ate more than the other pair which shared the same terrarium. Because the one male was dominated, I separated the snakes into pairs. I did not see the snakes mate, though I saw the male making advances. The female sloughed at 30 May for the first time that year and laid nine eggs during the night of 14 and 15 June. The eggs measured $\pm 47,7 \times 24,1$ cm and weighed 21 g. On 23 June five eggs were showing signs of mould; but three appeared good. On 30 July four young were born, weighing 10,11,11 and 12 g. I think that three of them are males (because they

are rather poorly marked on the head and body; the "female" shows more markings on the body and is well marked on the head and also on the under-side of the head). I have not measured the young after their birth. At the moment, after having force-fed them a few times, they are about 35 cm and weigh 11 g.

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Boa constrictor constrictor (2x)

The parent snakes *Boa constrictor constrictor* are kept in a terrarium measuring 230x80x130 (wxdxh). The temperatures fluctuate as follows: at day 27-30°C (in winter 23-27°C); during the night 23-25°C (in winter 20-23°C).

The female is 270 cm long and is aged twenty years; the male measures 220 cm and is aged 10 years. Both animals are wild-caught.

In 1987 as well as in 1988 the female has had 101 young.

Each year in September and October I put out the lights and the floorheating in order to stimulate the copulations.

In 1986 the copulations took place during the last two weeks of November and in 1987 the copulations took place in December. Both times, the female refused to eat during her pregnancy.

April 29th 1987 53 young were born, of which 6 were dead. May 31 1988 48 young were born, all in good health.

The young weighed both times between 65 and 80 g and had a length of 45 to 53 cm. The largest part of the young had their first slough within 9 days, and only 7 young had to be force-fed.

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