



BREEDING RESULTS

Ask Marcel Schellekens, Lange Voren 11, 5133 TM Riel, The Netherlands, for special forms to report your breeding results.

■ *ELAPHE OBSELETA QUADRIVITTATA*

Size of the terrarium: 125x50x80 cm (lxwxh). **Day and night temperature:** in summer 25-28°C (day) and 20°C (night); in winter 15-20°C (day) and 15°C (night). **Copulation stimulus:** a 3 month hibernation by temperature mentioned above. In winter there is no artificial light. **Age of parent snakes:** unknown. **Length of parent snakes:** male 160 cm and female 140 cm. **Date of copulation:** from 16 January 1995. **Refusal of food by female:** from 10 days before sloughing (22 days before egg-laying). **Date of egg-laying:** 21 February 1995. **Number of eggs:** 14. **Incubation temperature:** 28-30°C. **Date of hatching:** from 10 to 15 April 1995. **Number of young:** 14 (all alive). **Generation of young:** F1. **Length of young:** 25-30 cm. **First slough:** from 20 to 24 April 1995. **Force-feeding needed:** with one snake (prey: pink mice). **First feeding of young:** from 26 April 1995 (prey: pink mice). **Remarks:** The breeder has never bred with this species before.

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■ *THAMNOPHIS SAURITUS PROXIMUS*

Size of the terrarium: 125x40x40 cm (lxwxh). **Day and night temperature:** in summer 26°C (day) and 20°C (night); in winter 26°C (day) and 17°C (night). **Copulation stimulus:** in summer 16 hours of light; in winter 12 hours. **Age of parent snakes:** male and female both 3 years old. **Length of parent snakes:** male 70 cm; female 100 cm. **Date of copulation:** unknown. **Refusal of food by female:** no. **Date of hatching:** 14 April 1994. **Number of young:** 17. **Generation of young:** F4. **Length of young:** ±23 cm. **First slough:** on date of birth. **Force-feeding needed:** no. **First feeding of young:** approx. 3 months after birth (prey: trout). **Remarks:** the breeder hasn't bred with the same species before.

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■ *THAMNOPHIS SIRTALIS PARIETALIS*

Size of the terrarium: 125x40x40 cm (lxwxh). **Day and night temperature:** in summer 26°C (day) and 20°C (night); in winter 26°C (day) and 17°C (night). **Copulation stimulus:** in summer 16 hours of light; in winter 12 hours. **Age of parent snakes:** male 3 years; female 7 years. **Length of parent snakes:** male 80 cm;

female 100 cm. **Date of copulation:** 20 September 1994. **Refusal of food by female:** from 3 weeks before hatching. **Date of hatching:** 4 February 1995. **Number of young:** 69 (all alive). **Generation of young:** F3. **Length of young:** ± 16 cm. **First slough:** on date of birth. **Force-feeding needed:** no. **First feeding of young:** from the second day after birth (prey: worm, fish, catfood). **Remarks:** the breeder has bred with the same species before. The breeder remarks that when the male parent snake is not so big, the number of young will also be less, but the risk that the female will eat the male will be too great.

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■ *THAMNOPHIS SIRTALIS SIRTALIS* BLACK

Size of the terrarium: 100x60x60 cm (lxwxh). **Day and night temperature:** in summer 26°C (day) and 20°C (night); in winter 26°C (day) and 17°C (night). **Copulation stimulus:** in summer 16 hours of light; in winter 12 hours. **Age of parent snakes:** male 4 years old; female 2 years old. **Length of parent snakes:** male 70 cm; female 90 cm. **Date of copulation:** unknown. **Refusal of food by female:** no. **Date of hatching:** 8 March 1994. **Number of young:** 22. **Generation of young:** F3. **Length of young:** ± 12 cm. **First slough:** on date of birth. **Force-feeding needed:** no. **First feeding of young:** from third day after birth (prey: worm,

fish, catfood). **Remarks:** the breeder hasn't bred with the same species before.

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■ *ELAPHE BIMACULATA*.

Size of the terrarium: 60x50x50 cm (lxwxh). **Day and night temperature:** in summer 25-28°C (day) and $\pm 20^\circ\text{C}$ (night); in winter hibernation. **Copulation stimulus:** hibernation. **Age of parent snakes:** male 5 years old; female 4 years old. **Date of copulation:** unknown. **Refusal of food by female:** no. **Date of egg-laying:** 27 May 1994. **Number of eggs:** 7. **Incubation temperature:** 29°C. **Date of hatching:** from 31 June to 2 July 1994. **Number of young:** 6. **Generation of young:** F2. **Force-feeding needed:** no. **Remarks:** the breeder has bred with the same snakes before. The snakes are registered with a breeding program.

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