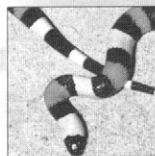




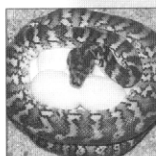
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# **F**ROM THE MEDIA

## **TRANVESTITES DO BETTER WITH WOMEN**

Imagine yourself a male snake having to compete with a whole regiment of other males for the few available females. Small chance you will actually ever inseminate a female - or not??

Garter snakes have found a little trick for that, as scientists from Sydney and Oregon discovered. They fool other males by pretending to be female. The next day they grab their chance to inseminate the less desired females.

The scientists discovered the trick when investigating garter snakes that were just emerging from their hibernation dens. Normally many eager males gather around a female but the scientists also found males that were surrounded by other males. These males proved to produce female hormones that made them as attractive as real females. The next day things had certainly changed: the males pre-

tending to be female had turned into the most fanatic admirers that really did have a better chance to actually mate with a female. The other males just had used up all their energy chasing the little transvestite (New Scientist, 26th February 2000). Taken from Intermediar, 9th March 2000

## **FRENCHMAN SMUGGLES BOA IN HIS UNDERPANTS**

PARIS – A tracker dog from the French customs discovered a boa last Tuesday. The boa was hidden in the underpants of a 30 year old Frenchman. The snake had a length of 40 centimetres and came from Colombia. The man wanted to add this protected animal to his collection. (Reuters / De Volkskrant - March 22 '00)

*Translation from Dutch by René van der Vlugt.  
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To improve the membership administration and to optimise the mailing of our magazine the board of the European Snake Society decided to change procedures:

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