

ANIMAL INFORMATION SHEET

Common Name – Corn snake

Scientific Name –P. guttatus

Order – Squamata Family –Colubridae



Care, feeding and handling guidelines are outlined by the Association of Zoo and Aquariums, US Fish and Wildlife and the United States Department of Agriculture.

General Information:

Size: 4-6 feet

Lifespan: 6 to 8 years (wild); up to 25 years (captivity)

Wild Habitat: Grasslands and forests of the eastern United States

Diet: Carnivorous: mice, small rats, small birds, and lizards, in captivity pre-killed mice

Indigenous Habitat: Over grown fields, forests, anywhere in the eastern USA where food can be found. They are commonly found under logs and in leaf litter.

Home Habitat: adults should be housed in aquarium 20 gallons or larger, hides must be provided, as heat source at can hold a basking temperature of 85 is required and a cooler side is important also. Different things in the cage like branches, rocks, plants, will allow your snake to exhibit more behaviors.

Recommended max time for handling: 60 minutes

Temperature Range: 70-85° F

Transport: Small coolers with snake bags to make sure your corn snake is not stressed. Crate cover at all times.

Restraint: Corn snakes are calm animals, so just support their bodies until they feel comfortable and relax

Handling: Can be a great candidate for handling, tend to be calm and don't mind being handled

Signs of Stress: hissing, striking and biting, attempting to escape

Vocalization: hissing



Interesting Facts: Loved by farmers because they protect crops from rats and mice. The "corn snake" is a holdover from the days when southern farmers stored harvested ears of corn in a wood frame or log building called a crib. Rats and mice came to the corn crib to feed on the corn, and corn snakes came to feed on the rodents. Corn snakes are one of the most commonly kept snakes. They come in hundreds or color mutations and combinations. They are often mistaken for copper heads and killed.

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