

ANIMAL INFORMATION SHEET

Common Name – Honduran Milk Snake

Scientific Name – Lampropeltis triangulum hondurensis

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: 3-6' feet, well cared for animals have reached well over 6 feet.

Lifespan: 20+ years

Wild Habitat: Tropical rainforest

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

Indigenous Habitat: this species lives in tropical rainforest of Honduras, Nicaragua, and Northeastern Costa Rica. This species is primarily ground dwelling but can climb if necessary.

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 80° F 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. Reptile enrichment can be very difficult, all items brought in tank from “wild” should be frozen at least a day to prevent mite contamination.

Recommended max time for handling: 30 minutes

Temperature Range: 68° F – 95° F (Higher temperatures reduce time animal should be available for “touching” or being handled.

Transport: medium coolers with snake bags to make sure your corn snake doesn't escape,

Restraint: Milk 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: Milk snakes get their names because at one time they were thought to drink milk. It then takes a milk snake 4-6 days to digest a meal. Milk snakes are also killed by humans who mistake them for the venomous coral snake, an animal whom they mimic in behavior and markings.

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