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Adult Size/Life Span

Most corn, king and milksnakes are slender snakes averaging 3-5 feet in length. The average lifespan is 10-15 years.

Caging

All snakes are great escape artists, so a tight fitting lid is essential. Young snakes do best in a smaller tank, such as a 10gallon tank. They feel more secure and find food easier in smaller tanks. Once they are about a year old, they can be moved into their adult housing which should be a cage somewhere between 20 to 40 gallons depending on the species.

Heating

Snakes need heat to warm themselves and to be able to digest their food. A hot spot of 85-90 degrees on one side of the cage

works well for most species. A heat light or heat pad is a great option for heating the snake's cage.

Water

Your snake should have a water bowl large enough for them to soak their body. Clean water is important for their health, so change water frequently and whenever it is dirty. Mist the cage when you see the snake is in shed.

Food

Snakes eat mice or rats. The size of the mouse should be the same size as the thickest part of the snake's body. For baby snakes, this would be a pinky or baby mouse. As the snake grows so should the size of the mouse. Most snakes will take thawed frozen mice. If you feed live prey, do not leave it unattended, as the mouse may attack the snake. Feed every 7-10 days.

Cage Setup

Many substrates work well for your snake. Aspen, coconut

fiber, and bark type beddings all work great. All snakes feel more secure if provided with a hiding place. Plants, cork bark, driftwood, and other decorations all can be used to give the cage a natural look.

Handling

Most snakes become quite docile pets with age and gentle handling. Some baby snakes are somewhat nervous and shy, but consistent handling will help make them calm and friendly pets. Don't handle snakes when in shed or for 48 hours after feeding them. Always wash your hands before and after handling the snake or rodent.

Get a good book because there is a lot more to learn about your Colubrid.

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