

## **Corn Snake / Red Rat Snake**

**Native to:** Mid-Atlantic and Southeast USA

**Size:** 2-5 feet

**Lifespan:** 12-15 years

**Enclosure:** 30 gallon breeder

**Temperature:** Thermal Gradient, Daytime 75-85, basking spot of 90, Nighttime 70 degrees,

**Diet:** Rodents

**Feeding:** 2-3 times a week. Feed food items that are no thicker than the thickest part of the snake's body. I prefer to feed all my snakes frozen / thawed. This is much safer for the snake and it is much easier for me to keep a freezer full of rodents. I prefer to feed all my snakes frozen / thawed. This is much safer for the snake and it is much easier for me to keep a freezer full of rodents.

**Maintenance:** Fresh water and spot clean daily

**Caging furniture:** Hide boxes, sticks and vines for climbing, water bowl. Keep in mind that if you take sticks and rocks from the wild, they must be boiled for 5 minutes or baked in the oven at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Make sure you know if any of the materials are toxic to your pet (i.e. cedar), and be certain it is not illegal to collect it from the wild!

\* Overall one of the easiest snakes to keep, perfect for children, educators, and beginners. Breeders have come up with an amazing assortment of color morphs and patterns to choose from. Notice the blocks on the bellies of "normals". The close resemblance to Indian Corn is how this species received its common name.