

D1. Thinking about your snake(s). Do your snakes have names?

Yes.....1 * Int 1
No.....2 # Int 2

INTRO 1

We are now going to ask you questions about one of your pet snakes. Please **pick the snake whose name starts with the letter closest to 'A'**. Please keep this specific snake in mind when answering the following questions.

INTRO 2

We are now going to ask you questions about one of your pet snakes. Please choose one of the snakes of the species that you have most of. Please keep this specific snake in mind when answering the following questions.

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D2. What species is this snake? (*Please write both common name and Latin name, if known*) _____

D3. What sex is this snake? Male1
Female2
Don't know3

D4. How old is this snake? Less than one year..... 1
1-2 years 2
3-10 years 3
11-20 years 4
Over 20 years old 5
Don't know 6

D5. Please write your snake's approximate total length in cm. _____

D6. How old was this snake when you first acquired it? Less than one month.....1
1-4 months2
4-12 months3
Over 12 months.....4
Don't know5

D7. Where did you get this snake? **ROTATE 1-5**
Bred it myself 1
Licensed Breeder 2
Specialist/Herp pet shop 3
Gift..... 4
Regular pet shop 5
Other (*please write*) _____ 6

D8. What was the purchase price of your snake (not including the enclosure and other start-up costs)? Nothing/ free..... 1
Less than \$100..... 2
\$101-\$300 3
\$301-\$500 4
\$501-\$1,000 5
\$1,001-\$3,000 6
Over \$3,000 7
Don't know 8

D9. What was the total purchase price of your snake's enclosure and other start-up costs, not including the snake itself? Nothing/ free..... 1
Less than \$50..... 2
\$51-\$100 3
\$101-\$500 4
\$501-\$1,000 5
More than \$1,000 6
Don't know 7

D10. How much do you expect to spend on caring for this snake over the course of its entire life, including the initial setup of the enclosure? Less than \$500..... 1
\$501-\$1,000 2
\$1,001-\$5,000 3
\$5,001-\$10,000 4
\$10,001-\$20,000 5
More than \$20,000 6
Don't know 7

- D11. When did you set up the enclosure and the required environmental parameters for keeping this snake?
- Long before purchasing the snake..... 1
 Shortly before purchasing the snake..... 2
 At the same time that I purchased the snake... 3
 Shortly after purchasing the snake..... 4
 Long after purchasing the snake..... 5
- D12. How many snakes that are *roughly the same size* as this snake currently share the enclosure?
- None 1
 One 2
 Two 3
 Three 4
 Four 5
 Five 6
 Six..... 7
 Seven..... 8
 More than 7 (*please write*)_____ 9
- D13. How many snakes that are *very different in size* from this snake currently share the enclosure?
- None..... 1
 One 2
 Two 3
 Three..... 4
 Four..... 5
 Five 6
 Six 7
 Seven 8
 More than 7 (*please write*)_____ 9
- D14. My snake is a:
- Please select all that apply
 ROTATE 1-3**
- Tree-dwelling (arboreal) snake 1
 Ground-dwelling (terrestrial) snake 2
 Aquatic/semi-aquatic snake 3
 Other (*please write*)_____ 4
 Don't know 5
- D15. What is the natural climate of this snake?
ROTATE 1-5
- Tropical 1
 Semi-tropical 2
 Arid 3
 Temperate 4
 Cool/montane..... 5
 Other (*please write*)_____ 6
 Don't know 7
- D16. How venomous is this snake?
- Not venomous at all – never harmful to humans..... 1
 Weakly venomous – rarely harmful to humans..... 2
 Moderately venomous – sometimes harmful to humans..... 3
 Quite venomous – usually harmful to humans..... 4
 Extremely venomous – always harmful/deadly to humans 5
 Not 100% sure..... 6
- D17. My snake is most active:
- During the day..... 1
 At night..... 2
 Both during the day and at night..... 3
 At dawn and dusk 4
- D18. Please indicate to what extent you agree or disagree with these statements about this snake? **ROTATE A-E**
- | | STRONGLY
DISAGREE | DISAGREE | NEITHER
AGREE NOR
DISAGREE | AGREE | STRONGLY
AGREE |
|---|----------------------|----------|----------------------------------|-------|-------------------|
| A. I consider my snake to be a member of my family..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| B. My snake is well cared for relative to snakes in other homes..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| C. I am confident in my ability to take good care of my snake..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| D. Taking care of my snake is more difficult than I expected it to be...1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| E. Taking care of my snake is one of my highest priorities..... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
- D19. Do you allow/intend to allow this snake to breed?
- Yes.....1
 No2
 Don't know3

IF D19 CODE 2, ASK D20

- D20. If you do not intend to allow this snake to breed or are unsure of your intentions, what precautions do you take to ensure that there is no accidental mating?
- There is only one snake in the enclosure 1
All snakes in the enclosure are the same sex 2
Other (*please write*) 3
I do not take any precautions 4

ROTATE 1-2

IF D19 CODE 1, ASK D21

- D21. If you do allow this snake to breed now or in the future, what do/will you do with this snake's offspring? **ROTATE 1-4**
- Please select all that apply**
- Sell them to individual buyers 1
Keep them 2
Sell them to a licensed pet shop/dealer 3
Sell them online (e.g herp forums) 4
Other (*please write*) 5
Don't know 6

- D22. If children visit or live in your home, to what extent are they supervised when they interact with this snake?
- Extremely well supervised 1
Very well supervised 2
Moderately supervised 3
Not very well supervised 4
Not supervised at all 5
Not applicable 6

- D23. How often do you handle this snake?
- Once per day or more 1
2 to 6 times per week 2
Once per week 3
A few times per month 4
Once per month 5
Less than once per month 6
Never 7

ASK 24 IF D23 CODE 1-6

- D24. How careful are you to avoid causing your snake stress, discomfort, or accidental injury during handling?
- Extremely careful 1
Somewhat careful 2
Moderately careful 3
Not very careful 4
Not careful at all 5
Not applicable 6

- D25. Since you acquired this snake, has it ever lived in a colony with other snakes?
- Yes 1
No 2

ASK D26 –D28 IF SNAKE HAS LIVED IN COLONY

- D26. When you first acquired your snake, how long did you wait before adding it to the colony?
- I immediately added this snake to the colony 1
Less than 1 week 2
1-2 weeks 3
3-4 weeks 4
5-7 weeks 5
8 weeks to 12 months 6
12 months or more 7
Not applicable/Snake was first in the colony 8

ASK D27 IF D26 CODE 2-7

- D27. How did you quarantine this snake before adding it to the colony?
- ROTATE 1-2**
- I kept it in a separate enclosure in the same room 1
I kept it in a separate enclosure in a different room 2
Other (*please write*) 3

- D28. If your snake became sick, when would you remove it from the colony?
- Immediately 1
After 1 day 2
After 2-6 days 3
After 1 week 4
Only if it died 5
Not applicable/snake currently lives alone 6

D29. To what extent is your snake protected from contact with vermin and other household pets? Extremely well protected 1
Somewhat well protected 2
Moderately protected 3
Not very well protected 4
Not protected at all 5

D30. To what extent is your snake able to retreat from excessive sight or sound intimidation from other animals? Completely 1
Somewhat 2
Moderately 3
Not very much 4
Not at all 5

D31. Please rate the extent to which each item describes your snake's enclosure. My snake's enclosure:

	<i>Completely describes</i>	<i>Somewhat describes</i>	<i>Moderately describes</i>	<i>Does not really describe</i>	<i>Does not describe at all</i>
Is escape-proof	1	2	3	4	5
Is well-ventilated	1	2	3	4	5
Provides access to direct sunlight	1	2	3	4	5
Has smooth walls	1	2	3	4	5
Provides a hiding place for my snake	1	2	3	4	5
Provides continuous, unrestricted access to clean water	1	2	3	4	5
Is protected from airborne contaminants	1	2	3	4	5
Protects my snake from extremes in temperatures	1	2	3	4	5
Is protected from sudden or excessive noise	1	2	3	4	5
Provides shade at all times	1	2	3	4	5
Provides enough space for my snake to move around	1	2	3	4	5
Provides an environment for my snake to explore	1	2	3	4	5
Is easy and safe for me to access and clean	1	2	3	4	5
Is completely solid	1	2	3	4	5
Has a secure lid/door fitted with latches, hooks, or clasps	1	2	3	4	5
Is waterproof	1	2	3	4	5
Regularly has visible condensation on the walls	1	2	3	4	5
Is regularly exposed to vibrations (e.g. from loud music or construction)	1	2	3	4	5
Has a higher temperature at one end than the other	1	2	3	4	5
Is well-drained	1	2	3	4	5
Provides areas that are permanently covered and dry	1	2	3	4	5

D32. Do you have an outdoor enclosure for your snake? Yes 1
No 2

ASK D33 AND D34 IF D32 CODE 1

D33. Is the climate of your snake species' natural habitat similar to the climate where you live? Yes 1
No 2
Don't know 3

D34. My snake's outdoor enclosure:

	<i>Completely Describes</i>	<i>Somewhat describes</i>	<i>Moderately describes</i>	<i>Does not really describe</i>	<i>Does not describe at all</i>
Has walls that are built at least 50cm into the ground or has a cement slab covering the bottom	1	2	3	4	5
Is tall enough to prevent escape or completely enclosed	1	2	3	4	5
Has a tall barrier angled 45 degrees inward at the top of the enclosure	1	2	3	4	5
Is near shrubs	1	2	3	4	5
Is able to be accessed by unsupervised people	1	2	3	4	5
Gives protection from possible predators, including birds and domestic pets	1	2	3	4	5

D35. Please list the dimensions of your snake's enclosure in cm (*please provide approximate dimensions if you are unsure of the exact size*).

Height: _____ Length: _____ Width: _____

D36. How often is your snake exposed to: *Very often Quite often Sometimes Rarely Never*

	1	2	3	4	5
Aerosol sprays	1	2	3	4	5
Smoke	1	2	3	4	5
Vapours	1	2	3	4	5
Chemical fumes from cleaning products	1	2	3	4	5
Deodorants	1	2	3	4	5
Hairsprays	1	2	3	4	5

D37. What type of light is used to light your snake's enclosure?
ROTATE 1-7

A 'reptile' UVB-emitting fluorescent tube	1
A regular fluorescent tube	2
A halogen bulb	3
Lighting in the room provides light for the snake's enclosure	4
An NEC black light	5
Natural sunlight	6
LED lighting	7
Other (<i>please write</i>) _____	8
None	9

D38. How many hours of light per day do you provide for your snake?
If it varies with the seasons, please average across the year.

0-4 hours	1
4-8 hours	2
8-12 hours	3
12-16 hours	4
16-20 hours	5
20-24 hours	6

D39. Do you seasonally change the environmental conditions (e.g. temperature, lighting, and humidity) provided to your snake?

Yes	1
No	2

D40. Is there a thermometer in your snake's enclosure?

Yes	1
No	2

D41. What is the air temperature inside the warmest part of your snake's enclosure?

Less than 5°C	1
6-10°C	2
11-15°C	3
16-20°C	4
21-25°C	5
26-30°C	6
30-35°C	7
36-40°C	8
Over 40°C	9
Don't know	10

D42. What is the air temperature inside the coolest part of your snake's enclosure?

Less than 5°C	1
6-10°C	2
11-15°C	3
16-20°C	4
21-25°C	5
26-30°C	6
30-35°C	7
36-40°C	8
Over 40°C	9
Don't know	10

D43. How do you control the temperature in your snake's enclosure?
ROTATE 1-4

Reptile heating pad under or behind enclosure	1
Radiant heat source spot/heat lamp	2
Infrared spotlight	3
Halogen lighting	4
Other (<i>please write</i>) _____	5
None	6

ASK D44 IF D43 CODE 2

- D44. Is your snake able to touch or access the heat source? Yes..... 1
 No 2
- D45. Is your snake's heat source controlled by a thermostat? Yes..... 1
 No 2

ASK D46 IF D45 CODE 2

- D46. How often do you check the temperature in your snake's enclosure?
 Once per day or more 1
 2 to 6 times per week 2
 Once per week 3
 A few times per month..... 4
 Once per month..... 5
 Less than once per month 6
 Never..... 7
- D47. How often do you monitor the humidity level in your snake's enclosure?
 Once per day or more 1
 2 to 6 times per week 2
 Once per week 3
 A few times per month..... 4
 Once per month..... 5
 Less than once per month 6
 Never..... 7
- D48. How do you measure the humidity level in your snake's enclosure?
ROTATE 1-3
 Hygrometer..... 1
 I check for visible condensation on walls of enclosure 2
 I check for changes in the snake's behaviour..... 3
 Other (*please write*) 4
 I do not measure the humidity in my snake's enclosure 5
- D49. What is the humidity level range in your snake's enclosure?
 Less than 30%..... 1
 30% to 40% 2
 41% to 50% 3
 51% to 60% 4
 61% to 70% 5
 71% to 80% 6
 Over 80% 7
 Don't know..... 8
- D50. Is your snake's water container large enough for it to coil into completely? Yes.....1
 No.....2
- D51. Does your snake's enclosure have a water filter? Yes.....1
 No.....2

ASK D52 IF D51 CODE 1

- D52. How often do you change or clean the water filter?
 Once per month or more 1
 Once every 2 to 3 months 2
 Once every 4 to 6 months 3
 Once every 7 to 12 months 4
 Less than once per year 5
 Never..... 6
- D53. How often do you change your snake's water?
 Once a day or more..... 1
 Every 2 to 3 days..... 2
 Every 4 to 6 days..... 3
 Once per week 4
 Less than once per week..... 5
- D54. How often do you clean your snake's water bowl?
 Once a day or more..... 1
 Every 2 to 3 days..... 2
 Every 4 to 6 days..... 3
 Once per week 4
 Less than once per week..... 5

- D55. Is the water in the enclosure easy for you to find and access? Yes...1
No.....2
- D56. Is the heaviest inhabitant of your snake's enclosure able to tip over the water container? Yes...1
No.....2

ASK D57 IF D15 CODE 1 OR 2

- D57. How often do you mist your snake's enclosure? Twice a day or more 1
Once per day.....2
Every 2 to 3 days.....3
Every 4 to 6 days.....4
Once per week5
Less than once per week6
Never.....7

D58. What material is on the bottom of your snake's enclosure?

ROTATE 1-9

Please select all that apply

- Pit Peat.....1
Gravel.....2
Soil3
Sand.....4
Stone.....5
Bark.....6
Newspaper7
Kritter Krumble/Coconut husk shavings8
Aspen/wood shavings9
Other (*please write*).....10

D59. What do you regularly feed your snake?

Please select all that apply

ROTATE 1-7

- Weaner rats.....1
Quail/birds2
Weaner mice3
Adult rats4
Adult mice.....5
Rabbits6
Pinkies.....7
Other (*please write*).....8

D60. How do you decide how much to feed your snake?

ROTATE 1-10

- Common sense1
Advice from a regular vet2
Advice from a specialist/herp vet.....3
Advice from a specialist/herp pet shop employee4
Advice from a regular pet shop employee5
Friends or family.....6
Books7
The internet8
How hungry the snake appears.....9
I feed my snake whenever it is convenient for me....10
Other (*please write*)11

D61. Do you ever feed *live* vertebrates (e.g. live mice) to your snake? Yes.....1
No.....2

D62. Do you monitor/observe your snake during feeding? Yes...1
No.....2

ASK D63 IF D10 OR D11 CODE 2-9

D63. Do you isolate your snake during feeding? Yes...1
No.....2

D64. How confident are you that you would know if your snake was underweight or overweight? Extremely confident.....1
Somewhat confident.....2
Moderately confident.....3
Not very confident4
Not confident at all.....5

D65. How would you describe your snake's body condition?

- Extremely underweight..... 1
- Somewhat underweight..... 2
- Neither underweight nor overweight..... 3
- Somewhat overweight..... 4
- Extremely overweight..... 5
- Don't know..... 6

D66. If this snake developed symptoms of a potential health problem, when do you think you would first notice them?

- The same day the symptoms started 1
- The day after the symptoms started 2
- 2 to 6 days after the symptoms started 3
- One week after the symptoms started..... 4
- More than one week after the symptoms started..... 5
- I probably would not notice..... 6
- Don't know..... 7

D67. What do you look for when examining your snake for potential health problems?

ROTATE 1-12

Please select all that apply

- Posture and attitude 1
- Activity level 2
- Response to stimuli (including handling) 3
- Withdrawal reflex..... 4
- Ability to 'right' itself..... 5
- Assessment of its body condition 6
- Assessment of its state of hydration..... 7
- Appetite and dietary history 8
- Observing faecal matter for any abnormalities 9
- Skin discolourations 10
- Haemorrhages/skin ulcerations 11
- Unusual behaviour 12
- Other (*please write*)..... 13
- I do not examine my snake for health problems 14

D68. If your snake developed symptoms of potential health problems, how long would you wait before consulting a veterinarian?

- I would consult a veterinarian immediately..... 1
- A few hours 2
- One day..... 3
- 2 to 3 days..... 4
- 3-6 days 5
- One week 6
- More than one week..... 7
- I would not consult a veterinarian 8