

Opal Motley (no aka)

Most Commonly Used Name: Opal Motley

Mode of Genetic Inheritance: Recessive

Morph Type: Triple Mutation Compound – Lavender, Amel, & Motley

Eye Color: Red pupil

Opal corns are the triple recessive compound of the three color mutations, Lavender + Amel = Opal & Motley. Many Opal Motley corns look like ordinary Snow Motley corns, but some are what we call *bi-colors*, showing an orange or coral or pink ground color between dorsal pattern blotches. There is usually no way to determine which neonates will mature to be bi-colors, but most of ours mature to have such colors. Motley usually has a multiplier impact on the appearance of compound mutants, but in the case of light colored mutants like Opals, Motley's impact is slight in some individuals and strong in others.

What to expect:

Hatchling Opals are often confused with Snow Motley corns, and even the ones that will mature to be bi-colored will often look exactly like Snow Motleys. Most of the ones that mature to be bi-colored are actually Hypo Opal Motleys, but without knowing that for certain, we don't charge more for those. If we know they are actually quadruple homozygous individuals (Hypo Opal motleys), we do charge slightly more, but those prices will be published under the compound morph name, Hypo Opal Motleys if/when we have them. Other than making the bi-color-ism more obvious, the extra mutation does not make them overly distinctive from those without the Hypo mutation.

Important Note:

The advertising images on our web site are representations of the average adult example of each morph. These images are not renderings of the actual animals being offered, (except for uniquely offered snakes found in the SURPLUS section of this web site). We do not provide pictures of individual hatchling snakes for sale, nor do we recommend that you ever choose a new pet based on an image of its neonatal form. Corns change so dramatically from hatchling to adult, they will NEVER have the same colors or contrasts throughout maturity. While most of the snakes we produce will mature to resemble the featured adult image(s) on our web site, unlike manufactured products that are respectively clones of each other, the nature of polygenic variation results in each animal being similar but not identical to others of its morph. The snake we select for you may not mature to be identical to the pictured examples, but will be chosen based on our experience of observing which neonates will mature to properly represent their respective morph. We take this responsibility very seriously, and therefore publish the guarantee that we will exchange your SMR snake if it does not mature to be like our

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