

Banded (no aka)

Most Commonly Used Name: Banded

Mode of Genetic Inheritance: Dominant (wild-type) + selective variation

Morph Type: Selective variation of wild-type

This is another example of manipulating the shape and size of a corn snake feature (*markings*, in this case) through selectively breeding only specimens that had a degree of the desired traits. In other words, since progeny of snakes tend to resemble their parents, alteration of pattern features (banding, in this morph) via polygenic trait production was relatively simple to achieve in just a few generations. By pairing two corns with laterally stretched markings, and breeding two better ones together from each generation, in roughly three generations we produced corns with blotches that generation-progressively change to saddles, and then, to bands. Color schemes in our lines aren't that variable, since the first specimens used in breeding projects had the Miami look (brick red markings on gray backgrounds). Don't worry, we outcrossed to novel genes every chance we could, and it would have otherwise been achieved sooner. These are guaranteed to be sufficiently outbred.

What to expect:

In the 10+ years we've been producing these, I've never known one to change markings from hatchling-to-adult, so expect the adults to be essentially larger versions of their neonatal pattern scheme. The main variation we've seen in this line is that of color de-saturation, so if some of them vary from their neonatal coloration, it will be in the direction of the wild-type color scheme.

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 advertised examples.