Charcoal (aka: anery B, Pine Island Anery)
Most Commonly Used Name: Charcoal
Mode of Genetic Inheritance: Recessive
Morph Type: Single Recessive Mutation
Eye Color: Black pupil & *body ground colored* iris

The second anerythristic-type mutation discovered in corn snakes (*Anery A was the first*), Charcoal corns were originally named *Pine Island Aneries* for the origin of the first one to be discovered on Pine Island – off the Florida Coast. Originally mis-perceived to be a variant of the Anery A mutation, the first one was bred to a Snow corn in a presumed effort to discern if the mutation was related to Anery A? Subsequent generational results demonstrated that this was not an allele of the first anerythristic-type corn; Anery A. There, if you breed a single-mutant Anery to a single-mutant Charcoal, you will get all wild-type progeny (presuming there were no other gene mutation copies common to both parents.

Many of the original Charcoal corns lacked facial and lateral yellow. Yellow was not common in the first generations of this morph, since early specimens apparently lacked the dietary carotenoid yellow *trait/mutation* common in most Anery corns. Even toDAY, some Charcoal and Blizzard (Amel Charcoal) corns are devoid of yellow as adults, but in so much as that original specimen was quickly bred to a Snow corn upon discovery, the carotenoid retention gene(s) is annoyingly persistent in most family lines of Charcoals and Blizzards. Breeding trials to identify the mechanics and inheritance of the carotenoid retention gene(s) are on-going.

What to expect:
Possibly one of the most unchanging of all corns in the realm of appearance from hatchling to adult, neonates have an overall gray or bluish appearance. Neonates often have a blush of pink or lavender around the sides of the face and neck, and some of those carry that color to adulthood. Whether the one you get will mature to have yellow (or won't), never expect to see yellow on neonates. One obvious distinction between Anery and Charcoal corns (neonate or adult) is in the realm of eye color. In Anery corns, there is an obvious contrast between the iris and pupil of the eyes (usually black pupil surrounded by gray or silver iris). Most Charcoal corns show little or no such contrast, having the same jet black pupils of Anery corns, but a much darker and sometimes equally black iris. Throughout maturity, the eyes of both Anerys and Charcoals may change slightly, but and adults the distinction between hatchlings remains the same. Most of my corn snakes that are genetically both Anery and Charcoal are phenotypically Charcoal. I've spoken to other breeders that say some of their double mutants more closely resembled Anery types.

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