



42513-092713

Extreme Okeetee

Male

d.o.h. 2011

32" long on Aug. 18, 2013

\$135.00 SHIPPED

Comments: Superior color and markings for his age.

Details of this morph:

EXTREME OKEETEE (no aka)

Most Commonly Used Name: Extreme Okeetee

Mode of Genetic Inheritance: Dominant (wild-type) + Selective Variation

Morph Type: Selective Variation of wild-type

Eye Color: Black pupil & *body ground colored* iris

Arguably the most famous example of a corn snake morph named for its geographic origins, the Okeetee is also considered to be the most beautiful non-mutant corn snake in the species. First popularized by Carl Kauffeld in at least two books describing his field discoveries of this beautiful and robust race of corn snake on or near the Okeetee Hunt Club in South Carolina, Okeetees have since been selectively bred for extremely bright and saturated colors. When we say *locality Okeetee*, we are referring to animals whose genetic origins can be traced to the Jasper County, South Carolina region. There is nothing magic about the Hunt Club that makes only animals in that area outstanding looking. Corns in other states of the Corn Snake's range can be just as beautiful, but proportionally speaking,

the corns from this region are arguably more beautiful than corns found in most other regions. Okeetees that have been selectively bred for appearance and consequently satisfy a visual hobby standard are sometimes called *Okeetee morphs*, but more often are called simply *Okeetee* corns.

Okeetees (in the hobby) are a premier example of the promotion of polygenic traits through selective breeding. By breeding together specimens with desired characteristics, through generational selection of pairing only the ones with superior target features, it doesn't take long to render stunning examples of the morph - without the aid of gene mutations. Please, do not attempt to hunt for Okeetee corns on private property. The Okeetee Hunt Club in South Carolina expressly forbids trespassing, and it is possible to be legally prosecuted, if caught on their land without express written permission.