

Palmetto Het (Heterozygote)

Most Commonly Used Name: Palmetto

Mode of Genetic Inheritance: Dominant to Wild-type

Morph Type: Visual het of a dominant mutation

Eye Color: Black pupil and *dirty* white to tan iris

Price: \$2,000.00 usd includes free Domestic U.S. Overnight Shipping



NOTE: Male heterozygote and homozygote Palmettos will begin selling in 2015, and only 2015 hatchlings will be sold at that time. Our marketing strategy of selling only female Palmettos until 2015 is practiced toward the goal of ensuring everyone that no one person will have the advantage of acquiring a male Palmetto before anyone else. Continuing that logic, 2016, we may sell a few 2015 yearlings, and after 2016, perhaps Adults can be purchased, but until then, everyone who owns a Palmetto is essentially on an even playing field with all other Palmetto owners.

Until 2015, no Het or Homo Palmetto males were sold, traded, gifted, or otherwise left SMR. Pictured is a typical specimen of corn snake that is Het for Palmetto (having one copy of the mutation and therefore do not have the appearance of the Homozygote/visual Palmetto). Virtually 98 out of 100 are relatively tan-colored (compared to classic corns) and below the sides of the markings, colors tend to diffuse. It's amazing how little variance there is between Het Palmettos. Because the Palmetto mutation is believed to be dominant to wild-type, we call these VISUAL HETS, largely because they have a phenotype that is not like that of a wild corn. Some of our Het Palmettos are also het for other color mutations, but because they are the products of Palmettos X Het Palmettos, the only het mutation we guarantee is that of the Palmetto Mutation. Other mutations that could be in the Het Palmettos include; Amel, Anery, Charcoal, and Stripe. Suffice, the Het Palmetto you purchase will look similar to the picture above and will look nothing like the mostly white *visual* Homo Palmetto pic'd elsewhere on our web site.

## Palmetto Corn snake History:

Status of the Palmetto in the marketplace:

The adult male we have that was captured in the wilds of South Carolina in 2008 is the only one known to ever have been collected in the wild, and none have been produced in captivity until now. In 2010 we produced several heterozygotes. In 2012, we bred several of the hets together and back to the wild-caught adult male patriarch.

Ten homozygote (aka: visual) Palmettos were sold in the U.S. and Europe in 2012 and including our stock, no other Palmetto corns exist anywhere in the world.

Important Note:

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.