

Kastanie (no aka)

Most Commonly Used Name: Kastanie (German for Chestnut, it's pronounced *Kuh-stawn-yuh*)

Mode of Genetic Inheritance: Recessive

Morph Type: Single Recessive Mutation

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

First discovered by a German Corn Snake breeder, Frank Schaub, the Kastanie is a color mutation that is recessive to wild-type. We have been breeding them for many years, but they were called Rosy Bloodreds. The Rosy reason for that name turned out to be the Kastanie mutation causing the color namesake of the Rosy Bloodreds. Ours originated from a collector who found a pair of Rosy Rats in the upper keys of Florida. He bred them together and got nothing but more Rosy Rats (Key Corns), but when he bred two of those together, 1/4 of the brood was what we now call Kastanies.

The German line of Kastanies from Frank's German lineage are often slightly less-brightly colored as adults than most U.S. Kastanies, but have more beautiful deep and rich dark reds and the head and neck of the German Kastanies are much redder than the U.S. line. I personally prefer the German Kastanies over the U.S. Kastanies, but both are beautiful.

Like most corn snakes, Kastanie hatchlings begin very differently than they will look at maturity. This picture shows two U.S. Kastanie hatchlings and one German-Line Kastanie hatchling (head on far-right).

*I CANNOT guarantee that any of the German-Line Kastanies will have the red heads seen in the pictured adults.*



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