

MID~JULY, 2013 ANTICIPATED AVAILABILITY

Miami *Phase* (no aka)

Most Commonly Used Name: Miami

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

Morph Type: Selective Variant of wild-type

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

Miami Phase (not to be confused with Locality Miami corns) being a non-mutant morph, it is not inherited recessively, and the polygenetic nature of trait modification normally results in a higher variety of coloration among morph members. While there is some variety among our Miami corns, the color alteration of gray and orange or brick red (from neonate to adult) demonstrated in this genetic line is remarkable.

What to expect:

As with most corn snake neonates, expect young Miamis to be lackluster for at least one year, and considerably darker than their adult parents. Compared to other corn snake morphs, relative to color changing through maturation, this line predictably demonstrates vibrant red or orange markings on a gray or silver background, beginning in their sub adult size. Reproducing wild-caught Miami locality corns can cause great frustration to snake breeders. Babies of the wild locality Miamis often do not want to eat anything other than lizards, but our Miami corns are voracious rodent feeders. We do not entice our babies to eat lizard-scented pinky mice and such prey offerings are never altered (other than being hot water rinsed prior to being offered). Another trait of most locality Miami corns is that of being slightly smaller than most wild corns. In that Miami corns have been selectively bred for so many generations, most of ours reach predictably normal corn snake sizes, even though they hatch slightly smaller than most corn snakes.

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.