

HYBRID

Creamsicle Okeetee (no aka)

Most Commonly Used Name: Creamsicle Okeetee

Mode of Genetic Inheritance: Recessive Amel + Emory's Rat Snake & Selective Variation

Morph Type: Single recessive HYBRID Amel Mutation + Selective Variation

Eye Color: RED pupils

Formerly considered an intergrade of what were formerly two corn snake subspecies (*Elaphe guttatus guttatus* X *Elaphe guttatus emoryi*), Creamsicles are the final product of crossing the Emory's Rat (aka: Great Plains Rat Snake) snake with an Amel corn. Since the new taxonomic classification assigns distinct species status to both, (*Pantherophis emoryi* and *Pantherophis guttatus*), Creamsicles are now officially considered HYBRIDS. ANY progeny from Creamsicles or any corn snake that have any degree of Emory's Rat Snake genetics, is considered a HYBRID. The albinos are called Creamsicles and the non-albinos are called Root Beers.

Beyond the HYBRID product of AMEL corn and EMORY'S RAT SNAKE, Creamsicle Okeetees have distinctively saturated orange colors, separated by broad (and shocking) white blotch margins. Some of the richest color and contrast demonstrated in a Corn Snake Type.

What to expect:

Hatchling Creamsicles are orange HYBRID versions of Amel corns, so they can have any pattern you see in corn snakes. The polygenic variability gambit is seen in all animals, so colors may slightly vary from deep orange to yellowish orange, but virtually all representatives of this morph are the same. Expect to see Hybrid Vigor (robust size and propensities for hardy appetites and rapid growth) from being out-crossed to unrelated snakes.

We all hope that breeders will always reveal the genetic background of all their snakes, but I know people that have purchased obvious Creamsicles in pet stores and reptile expos, but were never advised of their hybrid origins.

Important Note:

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