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This 20″ male 2016 RedCoat Lavender corn snake was produced by Catherine Turley. He is 50% pos-het for Anery, and one of his perents had Strawberry in its family tree. Yes, you see a “zaggy” kinked tail, but it’s relegated to the part of the tail that would not hinder reproduction. Via sight and palpation I could not feel any other kinks or deformities in the spine, but I stop short of guaranteeing there aren’t any. His $335.00 price includes

I know that some of you out there are thinking, “why would someone advertise a lavender with spinal kinking, given that it’s a very common deformity in Lavender mutants, that is surely genetically inherited from one or both parents?”. You may be surprised to hear/read that many of my customers buy snakes that they say they will never breed. Many have told me that they didn’t care if a respective corn snake was male or female since they never planned to breed them. Even if someone would acquire this snake with the intent of breeding him, they should consider that one copy of each parents common genes is passed

to ALL of their progeny. Since we don't know how the kinks are inherited from Lavenders, there's a chance that it's a gene mutation. Another potential is that it could be a mutation that is recessive to wild-type. Such recessive gene mutations are not, therefore, given to all of the progeny, so there's a good chance that breeding a kinked corn snake to one that's not kinked–or related–could result in some of the babies not being deformed and not carrying a copy of the potential mutated gene? Catherine obviously intentionally bred the parents of this snake for the goal of mixing Strawberry and Red Coat (both red-modifiers) to Lavender. If this snake stays here, I intend to raise and breed him to see if he will eventually yield progeny that are free of spinal deformities? Hence, the "*hope you don't buy this*" price. Not a single SMR Lavender breeder has any kinks, but we hatch a few of them each year. If we keep and breed this snake, his progeny will be advertised with the disclaimer that they had some kinked siblings IF INDEED THAT TURNS OUT TO BE THE CASE?? Our goal is to contribute to breeding trials in the hobby specifically geared toward reducing or eliminating spinal kinking in the collective Lavender captive population, but in that process we will surely sprinkle a few other mutations into the genetic salad.