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RootBeer Bloodred

Female

d.o.h. 2010

33" long on October 2, 2012

Possibly Het Amel & Anery

\$165.00 shipped

Comments: Superior color and size maturity

See ROOTBEER CORN for genetic origins.

## INTERSPECIES HYBRID !

RootBeer (no aka)

Most Commonly Used Name: RootBeer or Root Beer

Mode of Genetic Inheritance: *Cornsnake* + Emory's Rat Snake

Morph Type: Single recessive HYBRID Mutation

Eye Color: Dark pupil

Formerly considered an intergrade of what used to be two corn snake subspecies (*Elaphe guttatus guttatus* X *Elaphe guttatus emoryi*), Rootbeers are the final product of crossing an Emory's Rat (aka: Great Plains Rat Snake) with a corn. Since the new taxonomic classification assigns distinct species to each (*Pantherophis emoryi* and *Pantherophis guttatus*), in herpetocultural vernacular, Rootbeers are now officially considered hybrids. ANY progeny from Rootbeers or any corn snake that has any degree of Emory's Rat Snake in it, is considered a HYBRID. Rootbeer hybrids are the non-albino version of the Creamsicle.

What to expect:

Hatchling Rootbeers are orange/brown or sometimes golden hybrid versions of Emory's/Corns, so they can have any pattern you see in corn snakes. Not unlike some hybrid snakes that can be selectively bred to eventually hide all visual traces of their alien ancestor, some Rootbeers are virtually identical to pale wild-type corns. Rootbeers (and their Amel cousins, Creamsicles) usually have what we call 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 Rootbeers in pet stores and reptile expos, but were never advised of their hybrid origins.

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.