

The Snake-of-the-Day headliner of this web site features photographs that we believe will interest our web site visitors. Each daily photograph will be posted at 11:00 am. central (GMT - 5) and replaced in 24 hours. Feel free to make **suggestions** regarding what snake photographs you would like to see in this daily feature. The animals pictured here are not for sale, unless otherwise noted, but you can find available surplus snakes for sale on the **Surplus Page** of this web site. We appreciate your patronage and welcome any **suggestions** you may have.



Pictured is some of the progeny from the pairing of two *Common* corn snakes — both Het for Blizzard (Amel & Charcoal) and Palmetto. The Charcoal Palmetto on the right with lots of freckling is the one featured on SOTD two DAYS ago, but you will notice that there is a second Charcoal Palmetto at the extreme left end of the image. This one demonstrates an arrangement of “freckles” that is rarely seen in Palmettos. I cannot imagine that the destinations of **melanophores** and **chromatophores** have such a simplistic placement mechanism, but it APPEARS that many of the colored scales that were *meant* to be randomly distributed throughout the body (but never on the **ventrum**) are clustered together in two different locations. When we see this in the fully-colored Palmettos, it’s rendered in what Martin and TJ Baker call “splashes” of color; mostly red and orange. I like that term and plan to use it when describing Palmettos with clusters of color.

Also seen in this image are Charcoal, Amel, ?Anery?, Snow, and Sunrise Amel, non-Palmetto siblings. The “black & white” non-Palmetto in the upper-left quadrant of this image could be an Anery, since the grandparent Blizzard of this brood is Het for Anery. I will surely have to rely on the appearance of the eye in Charcoals to distinguish between Anery and Charcoal Palmettos. In certain light theaters, many Charcoal **phenotypes** almost appear not to have a pupil, since there is so little contrast between iris and pupil. This “Anery” mutant has the typical body color contrast of an Anery, but the eye of a typical Charcoal, so it may be an Anery Charcoal. We have produced many like this that indeed did turned out to be **homotygot**es for both color mutations.