

Show & Tell



Two sub-adult Boot Key Corn Snakes produced by John Finsterwald of *Coloradocorns.com*, though toDAY, most of the Boot Key corns are produced by Dr. Orlando Diaz of *Legacy Reptiles* in Florida. There is not one single black scale between these two, even on their bellies. As different as they look-compared to mainland corns from almost anywhere-it's easy to see why early scientific classifications described them as a subspecies of corn snake (though toDAY, they are classified simply as corn snakes, *Pantherophis guttatus*). Yes, captive selective-breeding has reduced the frequency of black on captive examples of these insular corns, but even some of the wild-caught Boot Key specimens I've seen were devoid of black.