

Striped Amber X Buckskin Okeetee (no aka)

Most Commonly Used Name: Buckskin Okeetee

Mode of Genetic Inheritance: Dominant (wild-type) + Selective Variation & Recessive Mutations

Morph Type: Selective Variation of the wild-type, Okeetee

Eye Color: Black pupil & *body ground colored* iris

The Buckskin Okeetee is another example of the promotion of polygenic traits through selective breeding. These project Okeetees are the products of breeding Buckskin Okeetees to a Striped Amber. Since all Okeetees owe their appearance to selectively bred gene traits, the more we breed these to others like them, the better they will look in subsequent generations. These project products have a strong Okeetee appearance and are, of course, heterozygous for the gene mutations Stripe, Caramel, and Hypo A. The target product of this genetic line is the Striped Ambers with a ground color that has hopefully been modified toward the buckskin ground color AND/OR Okeetees with enhanced buckskin ground color zones, but the reason these are listed as PROJECT CORNS is because this is only first base toward the home-run of the finished production. At least one more line-bred generation is necessary before the intended beauty of this product is observed.

What to expect:

In both neonates and adults, the ground color should be obviously pale by comparison to typical Okeetees. Note that neonate Okeetees of any persuasion are initially disappointing, as all their colors are drab through much of their youth. Colors will change with maturity, but always get richer and more saturated through maturity. As it is with most relatively new morphs, we don't yet know what potential variation exists in Buckskin Okeetees, but the obvious target should have clean blotch and ground colors with little or no stippling or speckling that is often seen in the ground color zones of most non-mutant corns, heavy black blotch margins, buckskin-colored ground color zones, and richly saturated red blotches.

Do not expect any hatchling/neonate Okeetee to look anything like the adults. This picture shows an adult female Extreme Okeetee with several of her newly hatched babies (no, she was not present when they hatched in the incubator). This adult looked exactly like the babies shown in this image when she was their size.

Important Note:

The advertising images on our web site are representations of the average adult example of each morph. 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.