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toDAY's SNAKE of the DAY (Mon. April 29, 2013)

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Striped Motley Amel Sunrise

Female

d.o.h. 2011

33" long on April 26, 2013

\$250.00 shipped

Comments: Superior color, and scarcity in the marketplace.

As hatchlings, Sunrise Amels resemble Snow corns with a blush of orange coloration. Within a few weeks, they lose the Snow look, in favor of classic Amel appearance. Then, in months, their reds and oranges deepen to the point of having the deepest color saturation seen in Amels. After 18-24 months, Sunrise Amel mutants that are also pattern mutants transform in another way. In pattern mutants (like these Striped Motleys) through maturity after 18-24 months, random and intermittent scales lose pigment, but usually only on scales that border the pattern. You may only see a few to dozens of scales lose pigment each year, but after a few years the scales that are now pigment-less have lined up to trace the pattern.

When striped pattern is involved the pigment-less configuration looks like scar tissue along the dorsum, like what you'd expect to see on an Amel corn that barely escaped a rack unit by scraping scales off their dorsum. In other words (cuz that even confused me) a mature Striped-type Amel Sunrise mutant looks like it has a long and almost contiguous scar down the dorsum either in the stripe field or bounding it. Scar tissue on Amel corns is some

shade of white, vs. scar tissue on non-Amels usually being black or dark gray. Aside from the pigment-less stripe seen on Adult Amel Striped Motley Sunrise mutants, I believe the most attractive feature is their deeply orange-red coloration (vs. pale orange in most older Amel corns. I do not know what Sunrise non-pattern mutants OR non-Amel Sunrise mutants look like. If anyone out there knows, I'd greatly appreciate seeing known Sunrise mutant pictures that are not Amels or pattern mutants. Tony, if you're reading this, get in touch with me (corn snakes@aol.com). You may well be the only person who can solve this mystery for me.