

Corn Snakes As Pets: A Comprehensive Guide



Corn Snakes as Pets: Corn Snake facts, care, breeding, nutritional information, tips, and more! Caring For Your Corn Snake by Lolly Brown

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Corn snakes are popular pet snakes due to their docile nature and relatively low maintenance requirements. They are also relatively small, making them a good choice for people who live in apartments or other small spaces.

Housing

Corn snakes need a secure enclosure that is large enough for them to move around and explore. The enclosure should also be escape-proof and have a secure lid. A good rule of thumb is to choose an enclosure that is at least 20 gallons in size for an adult corn snake.

The enclosure should be furnished with a variety of hiding places, such as caves, logs, or plants. Corn snakes also need a basking spot where they

can warm themselves. The basking spot should be placed at one end of the enclosure and should be heated to a temperature of 85-90 degrees Fahrenheit.

Feeding

Corn snakes are carnivores and their diet consists primarily of rodents.

Adult corn snakes should be fed one to two mice or rats per week.

Juveniles can be fed more frequently, but should not be fed more than one rodent per day.

It is important to feed your corn snake in a separate enclosure from its main enclosure. This will help to prevent the snake from associating its food with its home and becoming aggressive when it is handled.

Handling

Corn snakes are generally docile snakes, but they can still bite if they feel threatened. It is important to handle your corn snake with care and to avoid sudden movements that could startle it.

When handling your corn snake, always support its body with one hand and gently lift it from its enclosure. Avoid grabbing the snake by the tail, as this can injure it.

Health Care

Corn snakes are relatively healthy snakes, but they can still develop health problems, such as respiratory infections, mites, and skin infections. It is important to take your corn snake to a veterinarian for regular checkups and to seek veterinary care if you notice any signs of illness.

Some common signs of illness in corn snakes include:

- Lethargy
- Loss of appetite
- Weight loss
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Respiratory distress
- Skin lesions

If you notice any of these signs of illness, it is important to take your corn snake to a veterinarian for diagnosis and treatment.

Corn snakes can make great pets for people of all ages. They are docile, relatively low maintenance, and can be very rewarding to care for. By following the tips in this article, you can provide your corn snake with a healthy and happy life.



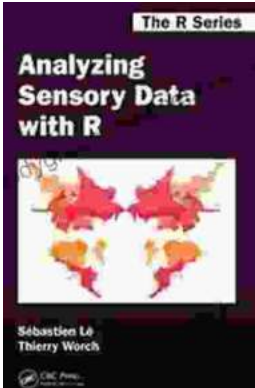
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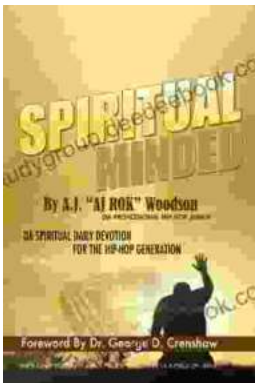
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