

# RADIANT REPTILES CANADA

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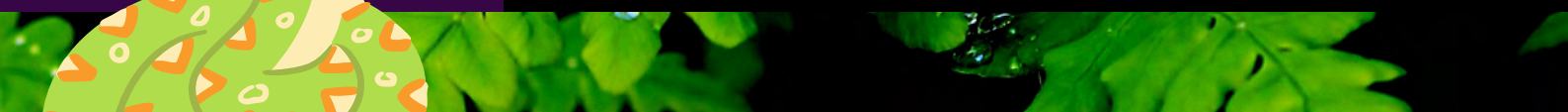
## UPDATES

Apologies for the late newsletter. We were waiting for our last clutch of eggs to hatch. The Earliest hatch date was July 6th, they had other plans, and started to pip July 15th.

In other news, I spent many hours updating our website and care sheets. I have been steadily making past newsletter topics into pages - which can be found under the "**Care Information**" heading on our website. We do our best to pass our knowledge on to fellow enthusiasts so be sure to take advantage of all the free information!

Amongst the many updated pages, is our "**Testimonials**" page. If you have found our services helpful (including these newsletters) we would love to hear from you! (Referrals are always appreciated.)

Testimonials can be emailed/posted on our FB pg.





## EGGS!

All of the eggs we've been waiting on have finally hatched! Now it is just a matter of getting meals into everyone, sexing, and getting their info posted. **X.X**  
As always, we appreciate your patience.

## ELLIE'S DOUBLE CLUTCH HAVE HATCHED!

Big Elli's double-clutch started to pip on July 6th. She had a bunch of small eggs this last round (pictured above).

These babies are all Normal, 100% Het Hypo, 66% Het Lavender, (66% Het Purple Haze) so genetically speaking they are little powerhouses!  
We did get some visual lavenders from this clutch, but we will be holding back some, if not all of them. If we end up letting one go we will keep you all posted.

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## VIPER'S EGGS HAVE HATCHED!

Viper's clutch was the one who held up this newsletter. These babies are all Normal / Anaconda 66% Het Toffee-Belly, 50% Pos Het Albino, 50% Pos Het Axanthic.





## AVAILABILITY UPDATE

[WWW.RADIANTREPTILESCANADA.COM](http://WWW.RADIANTREPTILESCANADA.COM) > AVAILABLE WESTERN HOGNOSES

We are still working on weaning babies, many of them have had several meals by now but as always we won't post them as available until they have had their full 10 full meals of frozen-thawed, non-scented.

As of right now, there is nothing left in the incubator. Given how busy our lives have been and the timing for pairing/egg laying we don't foresee any more new eggs coming along this year. Don't worry, we still have lots of babies available in the next couple of months, it just means we are not waiting on eggs.

### Subscriber early bird sale

July's promotion will be a early sale of \$50 off of "Belmont"/ID#113. For more information please read the promotional section at the end of this newsletter.

### New available babies!

In a week or two I will have a couple of babies ready to post on our website. They have had all of their meals, they are just waiting to be sexed and are adjusting to their new enclosures. Once posted they are ready for their non-refundable down deposits. Act quickly I don't think they will be around long!

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**Shipping** - Shipping is available Canada-wide until Oct. 1, weather permitting

**Holds** - Posted animals are ready for a non-refundable down deposit of half of their total sale price.

**Payment plans** - We are happy to work with you to set up a payment plan.

**Discounts** - Discounts for those purchasing multiple animals, and to repeat clients.

## HOGS N' TREATS



In the wild Western Hognoses have been documented eating everything from small birds, bird eggs, toads, frogs, lizards, tadpoles, mice, and even roadkill! Western Hognoses are opportunistic feeders, which means when they spot prey they don't think twice because the next couple of weeks/months may not yield any successful hunts. This lifestyle often leads to a feast or famine type of diet, which tends to follow the seasonal prey availability and their preys' life cycles. Many wild Western Hognoses simply do not make it long in the wild for many reasons, natural selection has a hand in removing picky eaters.

So, with all this variety one would think it would be a great idea to vary up a hog's diet, oddly enough this is not at all advised. Breeders such as ourselves spend a LOT of time patiently weaning baby Western Hognoses onto frozen-thawed, non scented pinky mice. Mice are the prey of choice as they are nutritionally balanced (dusted once a month with reptile calcium with added D) and readily accessible.

### **How does weaning work?**

First, we offer a non-scented frozen-thawed pinky mouse. Many babies won't take this as their first meal. We then wait several days to a week to try again but this time we dip the mouse into a scent since baby hognoses often like stinky food. We have a very extensive list of scents we try, ranging from sardines to Vienna juice. Some babies will want one kind of scent while their siblings might demand another. Gradually we scent the prey item less and less until we get 10 consecutive meals of frozen-thawed, non-scented into the babies, then they are posted as available and ready for their deposits. By holding the babies back and ensuring they get those extra meals better establishes them as solid eaters. This whole process can take anywhere from a couple of months to half a year!

### **Please no treats!**

Western Hognoses as we explain above can be picky brats. When folks offer a treat there is a high chance of the Western Hognose wanting only that treat item, which is likely not nutritionally balanced, or readily available. Worse yet, this bratty behaviour can lead to the Western Hognose refusing to eat altogether and may require to be re-weaned. This can be a frustrating and time-consuming endeavour. All in all, it simply is not worth a "treat."

We have a section on our website under the "Care Information" heading titled "Western Hognose Eating Issues" I wrote up an article filled with tips to help folks with non-eating Western Hognoses. Feel free to go check out that article. 😊

## EXCLUSIVE NEWSLETTER PROMOTION

Our subscribers get early access to a sale for "Belmont"/ID#113  
He will be **\$50.00** off!

Email us with the code **#Belmont**. First come first served.



~~\$600~~ **\$550** CAD + Shipping & Handling

ID# 113 (M)

Normal Anaconda, 66% Pos Het Pink Pastel

We are downsizing our extra hold-back males, so this guy is looking for a home. "Belmont"/ID#113 is not a big fan of handling, he would, however, make for a fantastic future breeder, rather than a pet. Photos don't do his depth of colour or markings justice. Serious enquirers may ask for a vid.

This guy is breeder weight. Happy, healthy, and readily eating frozen-thawed, non scented mice. This animal comes with proof of 3 negative Cryptosporidium tests.

Born - May 7, 2019 ~ Weight - 42+ grams

Mother - "Kimchi" Normal, 100% Het Pink Pastel

Father - "Pudding" Normal Anaconda, 100% Het Pink Pastel, 33% Pos Het Electric.

As always, we encourage questions and suggestions. If you have an idea for a future newsletter topic please email us at [RadiantReptilesCanada@gmail.com](mailto:RadiantReptilesCanada@gmail.com)