

RADIANT REPTILES CANADA

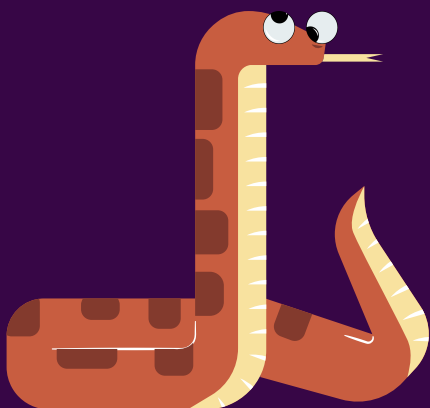
QUALITY THAT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF



"Cherry Chip" NFS

WHAT'S INSIDE

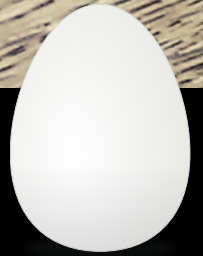
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UPDATES

Hi everyone,
Egg-laying season is upon us. Our red girl "KitKat" gave us 3 eggs. A very small clutch, but we are always grateful for healthy eggs. On that note, our Hypo gal, "Big Ellie" had a ton of duds, but perhaps she will double-clutch with viable ones as she has a habit of doing.

We have several possible mothers who have not 'taken' yet, or are in the possible pre-lay shed. We will continue to pair our breeders for the next while and hope to see healthy eggs and hopefully have no complications.



RECEIVING & TAMING A WESTERN HOGNOSE

When you first receive your new Western Hognose, regardless of who you received them from the first thing you should do is remove them from the shipping container and fully inspect the animal.

Most breeders/sellers do not feed the animal for a week before shipping the animal to avoid the animal regurgitating. So, your new pet may be a bit grabby for food, so be sure to mind your fingers upon the next step.

If you can, the unboxing should take place in a quiet quarantined area away from loud noises, and any existing reptiles. Your hands should be clean, (or use disposable gloves) *Note Be sure not to wear scented hand lotion or essential oils as Western Hognoses are very sensitive to these. The animal's enclosure should have been set up in advance and is nearby, ready to go. (Under the "Care Information" on our website we have a whole article dedicated to how to quarantine, be sure to check that out.)

Check the animal for any of the following. Look for any stuck shed, especially the very tip of the tail and the "eye caps". Look them over for any injuries such as damaged scales, open wounds, old scars etc. Feel along the snake's back and sides, feeling gently for any 'kinked' areas. Inspect the animal's vent area - which should be clean and clear of any fecal material with no bulges or signs of infection. Listen to the animal's breathing. They may be 'huffy' or hissing, but there should be no clicking sounds (a potential sign of a respiratory infection.) Your animal should be completely free of any mites. This small parasite can be hard to spot but will look like moving pepper-like dots. This whole process should only take a few minutes.

Next, place the reptile gently into its new home. The enclosure should be in an area that gets minimal traffic, somewhere quiet and optimally has access to seeing the natural daylight/night cycle. Avoid placing the enclosure directly near windows as this can lead to drafts and the enclosure becoming too hot or cold. The cage should be out of reach of little hands, and/or of pets jumping onto it or knocking it over. Preferably the enclosure will have a lock.

We always ask clients to let us know ASAP when their new pet has arrived and an inspection has been carried out. This lets us know that they arrived safe and sound without any incident and that the client is 100% happy.

Do not offer food for at least 5-7 days - even if the animal looks hungry. We say this because this extra time allows your new pet to build up a full appetite, less chance of regurgiting, as well as they become better established in their new home.

When you do feed there are a couple of ways you can choose to do this. You can feed either directly in the enclosure, place the prey item on a plate so you don't have to worry about them dragging their damp prey through the substrate, or you can feed in an empty Tupperware that has breathing holes in it. Some picky eaters do best like this. You can leave the prey for several hours. Most times the Western Hognose will eat it right away.

We often feed directly from our fingers, but you don't have to do this. Hand-feeding is also pretty much the only time I receive mistake bites, as they get too excited and miss the mouse and have gotten me instead. If this is a concern, tongs also are an option, or, as mentioned, you can just drop the prey in and leave them to it.

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Within the first two weeks in their new home, we recommend our clients avoid handling or bothering the snake as much as possible. By week two you can gradually start the handling process. This should be done gradually and kept to short sessions. 5-10 minutes. Babies are naturally more skitterish, and fast-moving this is natural because in the wild at this stage they are very low on the food chain, so everything is a threat.

We recommend sitting on the floor so an accidental drop does not happen. Again, this should be done in a quiet area, free of roaming pets, or chaotic happenings. Be patient and with time your new little one should mellow out and become quite tame.

If you find your Western Hognose has suddenly become hissier, hooding more, etc. (and is not going into shed) This can be a sign of stress and is more often than not due to being set up incorrectly and in too large of an enclosure. In this case, we always recommend first re-reading our main care sheet and making sure your husbandry matches it.

As always if you ever run into further questions or concerns, we are always happy to help!



**"Twix" Toffee-Belly Western Hognose Art
By Dean CS Lewis ~ Mystic Creations 123
(Page size glossy prints available. \$15 each, plus shipping)**



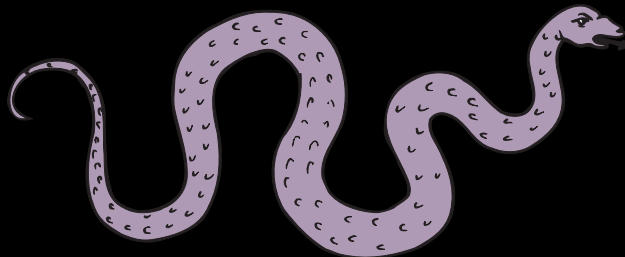
Check out this pattern on
"ID#150 - M? who is looking
for a new home!

AVAILABILITY UPDATE

WWW.RADIANTREPTILESCANADA.COM > AVAILABLE WESTERN HOGNOSES

New postings We have posted some new babies. Several animals are giving us a hard time determining their sex. For these animals, we cannot currently guarantee their sex, as even with probing they are at the in between mark.

We may be downsizing and letting go some of our adult male Western Hognoses. Be sure to keep an eye out for our newsletters and on our availabilities page.



Shipping Shipping is now available across Canada. (Weather permitting).

Holds Half of the animal's sale price is required for a non-refundable down deposit.

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.

NEWSLETTER PROMOTION

SPRING SALE

We are offering **\$75** off all Western Hognoses posted at \$400 and above. This promotion runs until **May 31, 2022**.

Email us at RadiantReptilesCanada@gmail.com with the code "**#Spring2022**." Just List which animals you are interested in, your shipping address and we will go from there! :)



"ID#158 - F Has a nice red tone to her, which is hard to capture on camera. This gal is looking for a new home!"

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