

Honduran Milk Snake



OVERVIEW



- Scientific Name: *Lampropeltis triangulum hondurensis*
- Origin: Central America
- Ease of Care: Beginner
- Potential Adult Size: 5 feet
- Life Span: Upwards of 20 years
- Behaviour: Crepuscular
- Diet: Carnivore
- Handling: Intermediate
- Humidity: 50-60%

TOP TIPS

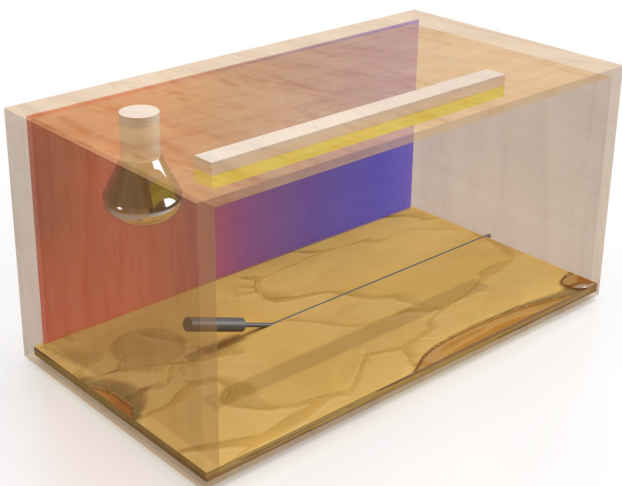
- ✓ After feeding, let your snake digest its meal for 2 days before any handling.
- ✓ Offer a smaller or larger food item if your snake refuses to feed.
- ✓ If your snake is refusing its food when it's about to shed, wait until the snake has fully shed before offering food.
- ✓ A bad shed is normally a sign of something wrong in the snake's environment.
- ✓ Ensure Vivarium vents are facing inwards. This should stop an inquisitive snake from escaping.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

- Housing: Vivarium
- Heating: Heat Bulb
- Lighting: UV Tube (Light Cycle: 12 hours of light)
- Substrate: HabiStat Orchid Bark, Arcadia EarthMix Arid
- Water: HabiStat Sandstone Water Dish

ENVIRONMENT

Terrestrial Vivarium Setup



HOUSING

For a hatchling/Juvenile Honduran Milk Snake, the HabiStat Hatchling Snake Starter Kit (HSSK) has all that is needed for your hatchling Snake. We recommend a Vivarium such as the HabiStat Standard Vivarium 36x24x24 (DVF3624) or 48x24x24 (DVF4824) for your adult Honduran Milk Snake, or once it reaches 2ft in length.

Heating

The HabiStat Snake Accessory Kit (HSSAK) provides all the light, heat, and safety elements for the enclosure in one handy kit.

The Honduran Milk Snake (*Lampropeltis triangulum hondurensis*) is considered a crepuscular reptile and requires a suitable light and heat gradient in the enclosure to simulate a complete 24-hour period.

Heating a Vivarium

- Background Temp: 21 - 23°C (70-75°F)
- HOT Spot: 29 - 32°C (84-90°F)
- Night-Time Temp: 18 - 23°C (65-74°F)

Provide a warmer/hot area towards one end of the enclosure, using an overhead heat source to offer a heat gradient. Use an Arcadia Pro Ceramic Lamp Holder & Bracket (RADCHP) with the HabiStat Heat Bulb (HBB100) and the HabiStat Heater Guard (HHG24) protecting the bulb. All running in conjunction with a HabiStat Dimming Thermostat (HTDW).

Dimming thermostats are designed to regulate temperatures using a thermostat probe (also known as a sensor). Correct placement of the probe is critical to avoid overheating and injury to the animal.

Check temperatures regularly, using a reliable dual thermometer and hygrometer to ensure that there are no extreme fluctuations.

Lighting

Fit the Arcadia ShadeDweller Pro T5 7% (RARTP8S) on the inside roof of the Vivarium. This will supply realistic UVB levels within the enclosure.

Ensure that it is fitted correctly and within the manufacturers recommend distances.

Substrates and Decoration

Personal choice will dictate how you decorate your enclosure, but we recommend the following as examples:

- HabiStat Orchid Bark (HSO10F), or Arcadia EarthMix Arid (RAREA10)
- HabiStat Cork Branch (HDB1), HabiStat Grapevine (HSGV) and HabiStat Tea Tree Branch (HSNTB) will offer shelter and enrichment within the enclosure
- Live or artificial plant decoration will provide darker areas for the Honduran Milk Snake to use as shelter

DIET & WATER



Honduran Milk Snakes are a thawed Rodent and Poultry eating species.

Always provide a source of fresh water. The HabiStat Sandstone Water Dish (HRSSCL) will provide a safe and sturdy option.

To maintain and regulate humidity within the enclosure, mist as required.

SUPPLEMENTATION



Honduran Milk Snakes do not require additional supplementation in the form of a calcium and multi-vitamin powder if the diet is kept varied.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



- The Honduran Milk Snake will shed its skin every so often, depending on how big the snake is and how quickly its growing. As a rule, a young snake will shed every 3 to 6 weeks, and an older snake every 2 to 6 months.
- The best way to tell that your Snake is about to shed their skin, is to look at their general colour and eyes.
- The Snake will appear duller than normal and may have a washed-out look. This will become more obvious as the Snake nears shedding its skin.
- The Snake's eyes will also appear clouded at first and will eventually turn a bluey/grey colour. Normal colouration will return once the Snake has shed its skin

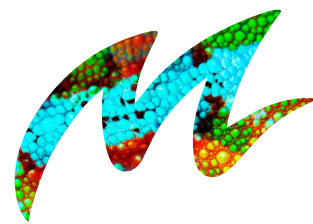
HEALTH & HYGIENE



We recommend the following cleaning routine to keep your Honduran Milk Snake healthy and happy:

	Water	Substrate	Enclosure
Daily	Change old water for fresh water	Spot clean	Check vents on enclosure are not blocked and allow air to pass through freely
Weekly	Disinfect water bowl or dish	Agitate substrate to prevent any bacterial build-up and remove any dirty bedding	Wipe down glass and walls with a reptile safe disinfectant
Monthly		Full substrate change	Wipe down inside the enclosure and disinfect décor with a reptile safe disinfectant

Always wash your hands, surfaces and equipment with warm water and disinfectant immediately before and after handling or feeding your Honduran Milk Snake, their food, enclosure and any other equipment.



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