

# Snake Case History Sheets

(essential) questions



Age ..... Sex ..... Male/Female

Species ..... Weight .....Kg

Snout-cloaca length.....cm

Other in-contact snakes .....Yes/No

If Yes, Species ..... Sex .....Male/Female

How long owned?..... Captive Bred/Imported/Unknown

Source was? ..... Pet shop/Breeder/Friend .....

Identification (Microchip).....

Vivarium size & material .....

Source of heating .....

Temperature range Day..... Night .....

Thermostat.....Yes/No Thermometer .....Yes/No

Diet (Size & Source) .....Mice/Rats/Gerbils/Chicks/Quail/Lizards

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Last Fed ..... Frequency .....

Last Shed.....

Droppings (describe and examine, gross & microscopic).....

When last passed .....

Urine..... Urates .....

Faeces .....

Previous history of illness or treatments.....

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Owner's current concern .....

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**Nostrils:-**

Any discharge?

If yes, Sample (for Culture/Cytology) taken .....Yes/No

Any blockages?

Any difference in size of nares?

Any trauma?

**Mouth:-**

Any swelling of Jaw?

If yes,

Firm/Hard/Soft?

Needle biopsy .....Yes/No

Radiographs were taken .....Yes/No

Is tongue normal?

Is lingual sheath normal?

Are fangs / 'teeth' normal (if applicable)?

Is glottis normal & clear?

Any discharge from glottis?

If yes,

Sample (for Culture/Cytology) taken .....Yes/No

Any Stomatitis?

If yes,

Sample (for Culture/Cytology) taken .....Yes/No

**Eyes** (gross and ophthalmoscopic examination required):-

Any swelling (Eye or Spectacle)?

If yes,

Unilateral/Bilateral?

Needle biopsy .....Yes/No

Ultrasound examination .....Yes/No

Any spectacle damage?

Any opacity of the spectacle?

Any retained spectacle?

Any opacity of sub-spectacular space?

If yes, blood samples were taken .....Yes/No

Any suggestion of a corneal lesion?

Any hyphaema?

Any opacity of the lens?

Any retinal lesions?

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### Body:-

- Body condition is Normal/Obese/Thin
- Any abnormal swellings or masses? \*\*
- Does heart mass appear normal? \*\*
- Any murmurs? \*\*
- Any evidence of eggs? \*\*
- Any suggestion of a blockage? \*\*
- Does body cavity appear empty?
- Is breathing normal?
- Any lung noises (auscultation through wet towel is required)? \*\*

\*\*If abnormalities,

- Radiographs were taken ..... Yes/No
- Ultrasound was performed ..... Yes/No
- Endoscopy was performed ..... Yes/No

### Skin:-

- Any trauma?
- Any burns?
- Any abnormal colour changes? \*\*
- Any skin lesions? \*\*
- Any retained skin?
- Any scale loss? \*\*
- Any swelling/thickenings?

If yes,

- Firm/Hard/Soft?
- Needle biopsy ..... Yes/No
- Any evidence of obvious parasitic infestation?

\*\*If any abnormalities of skin,

- Skin scrapes ..... Yes/No
- Skin biopsies ..... Yes/No
- Samples (for Culture) taken ..... Yes/No
- Blood samples were taken ..... Yes/No

### Cloacal area:-

Any swelling?

If yes,

- Firm/Hard/Soft?
- Needle biopsy ..... Yes/No
- Any contamination?
- Any evidence of blood?
- Cloacal examination was Normal/Abnormal/Not performed?

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**Neurological:-**

- Any movement problems? \*\**
- Any neurological signs? \*\**
- Any paralysis? \*\**
- Any bony deformity?*
- Any swelling of spine/ribs?*

*\*\*If abnormalities,*

*Radiographs were taken.....Yes/No*

*Blood samples were taken.....Yes/No*