

Feeding Hatchlings and Juveniles

Feeding hatchlings and juvenile snakes can be very easy or very challenging depending on the specimen. Some snakes will accept frozen/thawed pinkies the first time that they are offered food. Others will not.

Most snakes will go through a shed cycle about 7 days after they are born. Colubrids, (corn snakes, king snakes, rat snakes, etc.) should be offered a newborn pinky mouse after their first shed. It could either be a live or a frozen thawed rodent. If they do not eat right away, it is helpful to place them in a deli cup container with holes in it. Place a moist paper towel inside and leave the food item in overnight.

If the snake does not eat after a few weeks, refer to the "getting your snake to eat" article on this website.