



Spondylosis and Arthritis-like Pathologies in Snakes



Hi. I'm a vet student at the Royal Veterinary College, London and am carrying out some research on arthritis-like spinal disease in snakes. If you own a snake please take the time to fill out this survey (one per snake) and email it back to me at **tburnford5@rvc.ac.uk** or post it to **Teresa Burnford, The Royal Veterinary College, Hawkshead Lane, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, AL9 7TA**. All data will be anonymised.

1. Background Information on the snake

Species:	Age:	Sex: M/F
Length (ft):	Weight (kg):	
Diet:	Frequency of feeding:	
Country of birth:	Current country of residence:	

2. Husbandry

A) **UV access:** Yes/No
If no please move to question 2B, if yes please answer the rest of question 2A

Bulb type:	How often is the bulb changed?
Distance of bulb from snake:	Day/night cycle of UV (hrs):

B) **Housed in:** Vivarium / Rack

Size (ft):	<i>Height</i>	<i>Length</i>	<i>Width</i>
Is there any climbing cage furniture in the vivarium? Yes/No			

C) **How often is the snake allowed to roam outside of its enclosure?**

Every day / every other day
 Once or twice a week
 Once or twice a month
 Rarely or never

3. History

Did you breed the snake?	
If you are not the breeder, how did you acquire the snake? Private Breeder <input type="checkbox"/> Shop <input type="checkbox"/> Friend <input type="checkbox"/> Internet <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
How long have you owned the snake?	
Was the snake bred in captivity? Yes/No	
Always had access to UV: Yes/No	If no at what age did snake get access to UV?
Previously kept in: Vivarium <input type="checkbox"/> Rack <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/>	
Previous vivarium sizes in relation to length of snake at the time: Greater than length of snake <input type="checkbox"/> Same length as snake <input type="checkbox"/> 2/3 length of snake <input type="checkbox"/> 1/2 length of snake <input type="checkbox"/>	

Please turn over and fill out the questions on the other side.

4. Medical Information

- A) **Has the snake ever been diagnosed with or treated for spinal pain, arthritis, a spinal infection or a tumour of the spine? Yes / No**
- B) **Has the snake ever had any other medical issues (eg respiratory infections etc)? Yes/No**
Did the snake receive treatment? Yes/No
If yes to either of the above, please provide some details:

5. Spondylosis & Arthritis-like Pathologies

Please answer these questions if you answered yes to question 4A

Diagnosis:	Age at Diagnosis:
Treatment (If any):	
Progression of disease:	
Were any X-rays taken? Yes/No If yes would you be happy for me to examine them? Yes/No If yes please provide the snake's name, surname and practice name below – these will only be used to find records and link them to this survey. All data will be anonymised.	
Snake's name:	Surname:
Practice name:	
Any other comments:	

Thank you very much for completing my survey 😊