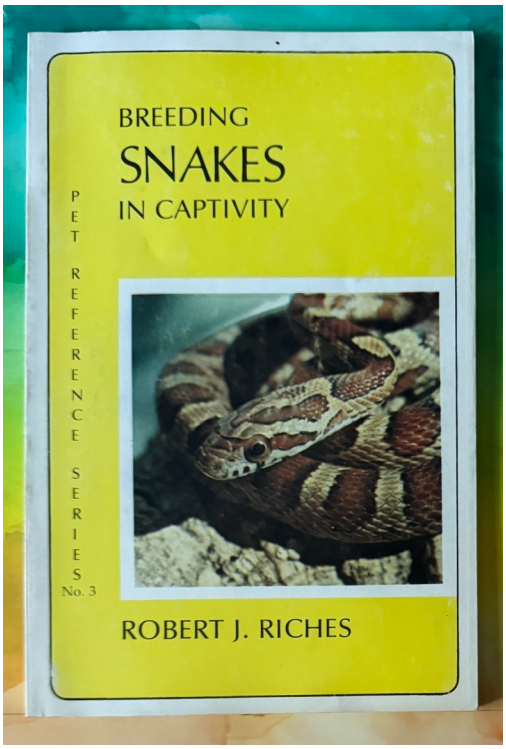
Breeding Snakes in Captivity

Magazine Research Record



Pet Reference Series No. 3. Robert J. Riches. 1976 edition.

Publication Identification

Field	Information
Country	United States
Publisher	Palmetto Publishing Co. (some bibliographic records also associate Arco Publishing, New York, with the 1976 edition)
Publisher address	St. Petersburg, Florida, USA. Street address: Pending research update
Magazine title	Breeding Snakes in Captivity (book in Pet Reference Series)
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Publication run	1976 edition; later 1989 Nimrod Press Ltd. edition or reissue documented
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Printer	Pending research update
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Language	English
Publication type	Paperback book, Pet Reference Series No. 3
Publication frequency	Not applicable: book
Collection coverage	1976 edition
Earliest issue represented	1976 edition
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Country refers to the country of publication, not the author's nationality. Robert J. “Bob” Riches was a British herpetoculturist, while this 1976 edition is identified in the bibliographic record as published in St. Petersburg, Florida, United States.

Preservation Significance

Breeding Snakes in Captivity has preservation significance as an early practical record of captive snake breeding and husbandry from a period when successful reproduction of many snake species in private and zoological collections was still developing into a more established body of knowledge. Published in 1976, the book is associated with Robert “Bob” Riches, who has been described by another herpetoculturist as one of the early British pioneers of captive snake breeding and whose work influenced later keepers. Preserving this physical edition retains not only the husbandry information available to snake keepers of the period, but also evidence of how captive breeding knowledge was being organized and shared before modern reptile publications, online care resources, and today's extensive herpetocultural information networks. The differing publisher records associated with the 1976 edition and the existence of a later 1989 reissue also make the physical copy useful bibliographic evidence for documenting the publication history accurately.

Publication Metadata and Bibliographic Documentation

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Title	Breeding Snakes in Captivity
Author	Robert J. Riches
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ISBN-13	978-0-915096-01-5
Subject	Captive snake husbandry and breeding

Bibliographic Verification

The 1976 date, ISBN and 90 page length are independently cataloged by ThriftBooks. A contemporary herpetological citation published by the British Herpetological Society identifies the work as “St Petersburg, Florida: Palmetto Publ. Co.”

Publisher Note

There is a bibliographic discrepancy worth preserving. Some catalogs identify Arco Publishing, New York, in connection with the 1976 edition, while other contemporary citations identify Palmetto Publishing Co. Until the copyright or title page of this particular physical copy is examined, the primary entry should be:

Publisher: Palmetto Publishing Co.

Publisher note: Some bibliographic records also list Arco Publishing, New York, for the 1976 edition.

Palmetto should not be silently replaced with Arco when multiple independent sources specifically identify Palmetto.

Later Edition / Reissue

A later edition or reissue is attributed to Nimrod Press Ltd., 1989. That later publication should not be confused with this 1976 copy.

Author Background / Publication History

Robert “Bob” Riches was described by herpetoculturist Alan Francis as one of the early British pioneers of captive snake breeding. Francis describes this book as a “bible” to him when he was young and also reports that Riches is deceased.

Riches also published on captive reproduction. A 1978 bibliographic record lists J. G. Coote and R. J. Riches, “Captive reproduction in North American colubrids of the genera Lampropeltis and Elaphe.”

Material	Category
Primary website section	Books & Educational Reading
Bibliographic table	Publication Metadata
Information about Robert J. Riches	Author Background / Publication History
Publisher discrepancy and later reissue	Bibliographic Research / Publication Notes

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