Captive Breeding

Magazine Research Record



Volume 1, Number 1. Premiere issue represented in the collection.

Publication Identification

Field	Information
Country	United States
Publisher	Richard Aquiline; later Eric M. Rundquist
Publisher address	Pending research update
Magazine title	Captive Breeding
Publication status	Ceased
Publication run	October 1992 through February 1995
Editor	Richard Aquiline (identified as editor of multiple issues; issue-specific responsibility may vary)
Printer	Pending research update
ISSN	Pending research update
Language	English
Publication type	Specialist reptile and amphibian captive breeding, husbandry and conservation magazine
Publication frequency	Quarterly
Collection coverage	Complete published run: Volume 1, Number 1 through Volume 3, Number 2
Earliest issue represented	Volume 1, Number 1, October 1992
Latest issue represented	Volume 3, Number 2, February 1995
Frequency (original field)	Quarterly
Earliest issue represented in the collection (original field)	Volume 1, Number 1, October 1992
Latest issue represented in the collection (original field)	Volume 3, Number 2, February 1995

Preservation Significance

Captive Breeding has strong preservation significance because the entire publication consisted of only ten issues, and two complete physical print sets of the full series are held in the collection. The first eight issues reportedly had final print runs of 1,000 copies each, while a credible private source reported substantially reduced distribution for the two Volume 3 issues: approximately 500 copies of Volume 3, Number 1 were obtained after part of the intended run was

destroyed, and only 300 copies of the final issue were obtained following another printer payment problem. Those scarcity figures remain attributed to the private source unless further documentary evidence is found. Beyond rarity and completeness, the series preserves a compact record of early 1990s herpetoculture. Its changing cover language moves from a primary emphasis on captive propagation of reptiles and amphibians toward an explicit inclusion of conservation, documenting an important shift in how the captive reptile and amphibian community presented its goals. Preserving the complete run keeps that short lived publication, its husbandry and breeding information, its editorial history, and its evolving conservation perspective together as a single historical record.

Publication Metadata and Masthead Documentation

Field	Information
Publication	Captive Breeding
Early cover subtitle	Devoted to the Captive Propagation of Reptiles and Amphibians
Later cover subtitle	Dedicated to Conservation & Captive Propagation of Amphibians & Reptiles
Frequency	Quarterly
Cover price	$7.00 U.S. on Volumes 1 and 2; $4.95 U.S. visible on later Volume 3 covers
Language	English
Subject	Captive propagation, husbandry, breeding, conservation and natural history of reptiles and amphibians
First issue	Volume 1, Number 1: October 1992
Final issue	Volume 3, Number 2: February 1995
Total published issues	10
Complete run	Volume 1: 4 issues; Volume 2: 4 issues; Volume 3: 2 issues
Collection status	Two complete physical print sets of the entire published series are held in the collection

Issues Represented in the Collection

All ten published issues are represented in the collection, with two complete physical sets. The complete issue sequence follows.

International Distribution

Pending research update. The documented print-run and distribution estimates remain attributed to the credible private source in the Publication History section.

Complete Issue Sequence

Issue	Date	Cover subject / cover text
Vol. 1 No. 1	October 1992	Gila Monster
Vol. 1 No. 2	January 1993	Bearded Dragons
Vol. 1 No. 3	April 1993	Dart Poison Frog
Vol. 1 No. 4	July 1993	Green Tree Python
Vol. 2 No. 1	October 1993	White's Tree Frog
Vol. 2 No. 2	January 1994	Amazon Tree Boa
Vol. 2 No. 3	April 1994	Red-footed Tortoise
Vol. 2 No. 4	July 1994	Albino Atlantic Central American Milk Snake
Vol. 3 No. 1	October 1994	Desert Iguana
Vol. 3 No. 2	February 1995	Albino Dumeril's Monitor

Publication History: Credible Private Source

The following history comes from information received directly from a source considered credible for this record. It is not presented as information independently established from public records. The source stated that the first two volumes were published by Richard Aquiline, with four issues per year. The publication was then sold to Eric M. Rundquist. According to the source, only two issues of Volume 3 were produced before publication ended.

The same source supplied unusually specific print-run information: the final print run for each of the first eight issues was reportedly 1,000 copies. Volume 3 was intended to have the same 1,000-copy run, but the publisher reportedly could not pay the printer for Volume 3, Number 1 and received only 500 of the 1,000 printed copies; the remaining copies were destroyed. For the final issue, a different printer was reportedly used, but another unpaid bill resulted in only about 300 copies being obtained. If accurate, this would make the two Volume 3 issues substantially scarcer than the first eight issues.

The source information was documented in detailed notes taken during a telephone conversation.

Independent Public Corroboration

- An established herpetological periodical dealer independently catalogs Captive Breeding Vol. 1 No. 1 (Oct. 1992), Vol. 1 No. 2 (Jan. 1993), Vol. 1 No. 3 (Apr. 1993) and Vol. 1 No. 4 (Jul. 1993), with article contents that match the photographed series.
- Bookseller records independently identify Richard Aquiline as editor of multiple issues, including Vol. 1 No. 3, Vol. 1 No. 4, Vol. 2 No. 2 and Vol. 2 No. 3. This corroborates the identity of Richard Aquiline referenced in the private-source account.
- A later scholarly book bibliography cites Eric M. Rundquist's 1992 article “Gentle monsters: Captive reproduction of Gila Monsters” in Captive Breeding Magazine 1(1), pages 20–23 and 26–28, independently confirming his connection with the premiere issue. Published references commonly identify him as E. M. Rundquist or Eric M. Rundquist.
- A later Reptiles Magazine reference cites “Rundquist, E.M. 1994. Captive Breeding Magazine. 2(3): 17–22,” independently confirming Eric M. Rundquist's continuing association with the publication in 1994.

Name Verification

The names should be cataloged as Richard Aquiline and Eric M. Rundquist. Independent herpetological sources identify Eric M. Rundquist by full name, while many bibliographic citations use E. M. Rundquist.

Website Category Placement

Field	Information
Primary website section	Magazine Preservation
Title, frequency, publication dates, subject, price and total issue count	Publication Metadata
Volume, number, date and cover subject for each of the ten issues	Issue Metadata
Ownership of two complete runs	Collection / Preservation Notes
Publisher transfer and reported print-run history	Publication History: Credible Private Source
Verified names: Richard Aquiline and Eric M. Rundquist	Bibliographic Research / Attribution Notes
Evidence from dealers, bibliographies and later citations	Sources / Bibliographic Research
Scarcity of Volume 3 and completeness of the holdings	Preservation Significance

Source Notes

Field	Information
The physical copies	Primary evidence for the complete issue sequence, dates, quarterly frequency, cover subjects, changing subtitles and prices visible on the covers.
Credible private source supplied for this record	Publisher history, sale of the magazine, reported 1,000-copy runs for the first eight issues, and reported reduced distribution of the two Volume 3 issues.
Pondturtle periodical catalog	Independent issue-level corroboration for Volume 1 and article contents.
Paul Gritis Books / AbeBooks listings	Independent issue records and records identifying Richard Aquiline as editor.
Published Gila monster bibliography	Independent citation: E. M. Rundquist, 1992, Captive Breeding Magazine 1(1).
Reptiles Magazine references	Independent citation to Rundquist, E.M., Captive Breeding Magazine 2(3), 1994.

Research Cautions

- The reported print run and printer payment history comes from the credible private source documented for this record and should remain attributed unless additional documentary evidence is located.
- Independent public references corroborate issue chronology and the involvement of Richard Aquiline and Eric M. Rundquist, but they do not independently establish every detail of the reported print run history.
- The complete physical series establishes the ten issue sequence represented here. Issue specific statements should remain tied to the physical copies or independently documented references.