

# WHAT'S HOT in the reptile world?

This month, Tariq Abou-Zahr devotes his entire column to recent breeding successes achieved here in the UK. The projects include new breakthroughs with boas, ball pythons and corn snakes, as well as success with an unusual species of gecko.

## The rise of the sunset boa

I would like to start by sharing some news from Terry Matthews in Kent. Terry owns and operates Penfold's Reptiles in Herne Bay in Kent, but is also a keen breeder with his own personal collection of snakes. Although Terry works with a myriad of different species, one of his latest projects is the sunset boa.

The sunset is essentially a super-hypo Hogg Island boa, produced in two stages, firstly by breeding a Hogg Island to a hypo boa and then breeding two of the resulting hypo Hogs (het sunsets) together. The point of producing these snakes is that they look fantastic! It has been said that they are the cleanest hypo boas available.

While personally, I prefer a nice pure Hogg Island, even I can agree that these sunset boas are stunning snakes, as you can see from the accompanying photograph. It will be interesting to see how this project evolves.

*\* For more information about sunset boas, Terry can be contacted through his website at [www.penfoldsreptiles.co.uk](http://www.penfoldsreptiles.co.uk)*



*Photo courtesy Terry Matthews.*