

# Francis



- Species:** Corn Snake (*Elapha Guttata*)
- Habitat:** Corn snakes can be found in America. Often found in corn fields and barns where there is plenty of food to be found.
- How we look after our pet:** A tank (vivarium) with places to hide and climb. A heat mat to make sure he doesn't get too cold. Fresh water. Food once a week.
- Food:** Carnivorous. Mice or other small mammals, birds and amphibians.
- Characteristics:** A long thin body. A snake has bones: a skull, backbone and ribs. Mouth can open very wide to swallow food whole. Smells with his tongue.
- Why we love Francis:** Francis is very pretty. He is calm and relaxed, and he puts people at ease if they are a bit uncertain about holding him.

## **Francis' Story**

Francis came to live with Rachael in 2017 when he was about two years old. He came from a home where he had been cared for since he was a hatchling, but they were no longer able to look after him. Since he came to us, he has been growing fast!

Francis was very used to being handled when he came to us, and is calm and relaxed about meeting people. Corn snakes are generally fairly placid and good natured. Despite his name Francissssssss has never hissed at any one in his life! He attends most types of event, but we like to make sure he limits his numbers of visits, and we must ensure that he rests for 48 hours after eating.