**Mojave Rattlesnake**

**Native to:** Native to the Southwestern United States and Mexico

**Predators:**  Birds, Other Snakes, Large Mammals, Lizards

**Food:**  small mammals and birds

**Facts:**.

* They can grow between 3 to 4 feet in length.
* They live in very dry and hot environments mostly desert terrain in the wild.
* They are named after the Native American word for the desert range in which they are normally found in.
* They are active mostly at night and are very aggressive and solitary species of rattlesnake. The only time they are found near other Mojave Rattlesnakes is during matting season.
* Mojave Rattlesnake venom is extremely unique amongst all pit viper species. They have a combination Neurotoxic-Hemotoxic Venom. Their venom is extremely fatal and considered to be one of the strongest out of all pit viper species on the planet.
* Unless medical attention is reached quickly the likely hood of surviving a Mojave Rattlesnake bite is very low.
* Because of the unique protein properties of their venom it is now being studied for medical purpose for treating chronic pain, thrombus, and cancer in human beings.
* They are considered of Least Concern in the wild.

**Defense Mechanism**

Camo, Venom

**Reproduction:** Females give birth to live young at late summer they can carry up to 10 to 12 young inside of them.

**Lifespan:** Can live for about 20 to 25 yrs

**Handling Tips:**

Our Mojave Rattlesnake should never be handled by anyone who does not have the training and experience to do so! He will be packed in a glass viewing tank for programming purposes.