**Black and White Spitting Cobra**

**Native to:** Native to the Southeast Asia

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

**Food:**  small rodents, amphibians and other snakes

**Facts:**.

* They can grow between 3 to 4 feet in length.
* They live in range of habitats in the wild including lowland forest, shrublands, and rainforests.
* They are named after the natural black and white stripping patterns that occur on them their entire life.
* They are active mostly at night. They will occasionally be active in the morning while still searching for food.
* When approached during the daytime they will generally run and try to burrow for protection. If approached at night time they will stand their group hood and spit their venom.
* They have a strong Neurotoxic and Cytotoxic Venom. Their venom like other spitters is meant to be absorbed through the eye and can cause extreme pain and blindness.
* Bites and fatalities from this species in the wild are very rare and most of the time they avoid contact with humans.
* They are considered Vulnerable in the wild. This is due to the illegal snake trade of Southeast Asia and loss of habitat due to deforestation.

**Defense Mechanism**

Hooding, Spitting Venom

**Reproduction:** Females lay a clutch of between 15 to 19 eggs through out the year at varying times.

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

**Handling Tips:**

Our Black and White Spitting Cobra 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.