**White Lip Viper**

**Vocabulary:** arboreal

**Native to:** South East Asia

**Predators:** Birds, and Humans

**Prey:** small birds, lizards, mammals

**Facts:**

* After it strikes and envenomates its prey, it holds on to them until they die.
* Vertical pupils
* Pit vipers have a 6th sense which can detect subtleties in temperature by 1 degree
* This is sensed in small pits behind their nose
* Mildly venomous- may kill smaller animals but would likely not kill humans
* Smaller species of pit viper usually ranging in size from 2 to 3 feet in length
* Their tail changes color from bright read to grey as they age to attract larger species of prey in the trees where they live.

**Defense Mechanisms:**

* Camouflage
* venom

**Reproduction:**

* Give birth to about 15 live young

**Handling Tips:**

Cruella is a year old female. This is a venomous snake which should not be handled.