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## Snake Hook Instructions

Prior to you attempt to capture any snake be sure that you've have a secure container with the top off and able to receive the snake. When it comes to this function, coolers and open buckets are certainly *not effective* selections. We employ 5 gallon dog food buckets with screw top lids that may be purchased for sale in a number of pet stores. We suggest you punch air holes in the lid and also attach a handle which can enable you to screw the top on firmly. Keep in mind not to put your hands close to the air holes because rattlesnakes and also other venomous snakes can strike through the holes. It only takes one fang through a hole to cause serious problems.

To capture a snake, the snake should be grabbed using the tong in the first third of the entire body in back of the head. This will give control. The hook will need to then be utilized in the back half of the snake for support. If you happen to take hold of the snake in the tail half while using the tong, you will need to use the hook to pin the snake's head down until you are able to adjust the tong to the correct end of the snake.

(Many companies now build collapsible snake hooks for convenient transport during travel or walking in the field. Do not use these hooks for pinning snakes down during capture. They're just created for lifting and moving the snake, not pinning, therefore they can come loose along the joints if stress is put on them through the pinning procedure. This can lead to a disastrous outcome in the event the snake is aggressive or venomous.)

When you have the snake confined within your bucket it can be taken and let go away from homes and roadways. Regardless if you are dealing with snakes in the field or maybe with caged individuals in your reptile room, having the proper snake handling equipment is necessary for you and also the snake. Be smart and practical. Spend a bit more for a quality, dependable product. After all, "when safety counts-quality counts".

