

## **LIBERTY WILDLIFE EDUCATION KINGSNAKES**

### **JUANITA:**

**Donated in 2000. Formerly Juan until she laid 2 eggs in 2008. Captive bred. Hybrid – Mexican Black King and Common King. Looks like a Mexican Black King except for light belly. Desert Common King ranges south to Tucson. Mexican King ranges up as far as Organ Pipe. It is possible they could hybridize in the wild.**

**Juanita's eyes are permanently slightly opaque/bluish. Check closely for shedding on the body as her eyes are not always a good indicator of shedding unless very cloudy.**

### **JOYA (pronounced "Hoya" – Spanish for "Jewel")**

**Sinaloan Milk Snake. Brought to Liberty Wildlife in September 2007 as a rescue, from Chandler. Possibly an escaped or released pet ?**

**NOTE: Wash hands thoroughly before and after handling any snake (especially if you have been handling mice). If you are taking a gopher snake to the same program, handle the Kingsnake first, wash your hands, and then collect the gopher snake.**

**Check food log before handling. Do not handle within 3-4 days of feeding.**

**Do not take if showing signs of shedding.**

**If enclosure is dirty, clean when back from program (wearing gloves) or ask a daily care volunteer to help. Should always have water.**

**Transport in a clean pillowcase in a white bucket. Always tie off the neck of the pillowcase or use an orange ratchet clip. Take an extra pillowcase in case the snake defecates or excretes musk while traveling.**

**Take care to mark Kingsnake pillowcase/bucket if you are also taking another snake so that you do not place the Kingsnake in the other snake's pillowcase/bucket. The Kingsnake may become aggressive if it smells another snake.**