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Snake Tong Instructions

Prior to you attempting to capture any snake, be sure that you have a secure container with the top off ready to receive the snake. When it comes to this function, coolers and buckets with snap lids are <u>not effective</u> selections as the lid cannot be confidently secured. We recommend a 5 gallon sized bucket with screw top lids (dog food buckets work great and may be purchased 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, have your container close and using the tongs grab the snake in the first third of the entire body behind the head. This will give you the best level of control. Ensure that you are far enough away so that the head of the snake cannot reach you. Once caught, move the snake to your container and secure the lid quickly.

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".