



Poisonous animals 1.6 Snake Molt

Definition :

molt, also spelled **Moult** is the shedding or casting off of an outer layer or covering and the formation of its replacement.

Function :

1. Snakes shed their **skin** to allow for further growth and to remove parasites that may have attached to their old **skin**.
2. Also snake don't have auditory apparatus it uses ground vibrations to sense its prey, molting helps to get better vibrations.

Time :

1. The average snake will shed its skin two to four times per year. This average varies with age and species.
2. Young snakes that are actively growing shed their skin every two weeks while older snakes shed twice/year