VENOMOUS SNAKES OF THE HORN OF AFRICA

Mambas and Garter Snakes

Mambas

- Broad, flattened head, slightly distinct from neck
- Short head, narrow and thin neck
- Round pupils
- Hinged front fangs
- Elliptical scales
- Overlapping keeled body
- Long, cylindrical body, 2 feet in length
- Short tail

Garter Snakes

- Elapsoidea laticincta
- Pelamis platurus
- Bioga blandingii
- Day and emerge on the surface at night, especially after heavy rains.
- Feed in animal burrows, hollow trees, and rock crevices.
- Mambas
- Snakes
- ASPS
- Broad, flattened head, slightly distinct from neck
- Short head, narrow and thin neck
- Round pupils
- Fixed front fangs
- Elliptical scales
- Overlapping keeled body
- Long, cylindrical body, 3 feet in length
- Short tail

Boomslang, Vine and Tree Snakes

- Elapsoidea semiannulata
- Elliptical scales
- Overlapping keeled body
- Long, cylindrical body, 2 feet in length
- Short tail

Spitting African Cobras

First Aid for an Eyeful of Venom

- Immediately flush the affected eye with large volumes of water.
- Clean mucous membranes.
- Night adder bites are merely painful and can result in minor swelling.
- Cobras are ground-dwellers, but can climb and are good swimmers.
- Cobra bite wound is on the head or back of the open jaw.
- Cobra bite wound is on the head or back of the open jaw.
- A serious bite can cause severe bruising and swelling and death.
- Venom is delivered by fixed, hollow fangs at the front.
- Venom is delivered by fixed, hollow fangs at the front.

Snake Venoms and Their Effects

- Effects of snake venom on humans vary. Depending on the species of snake, the venom can have different effects on different parts of the body.
- The venom of cobras, vipers, and crotalines can be deadly.
- Cobras are ground-dwellers, but can climb and are good swimmers.
- Cobras are ground-dwellers, but can climb and are good swimmers.

Snakebite Prevention

- Venomous snakes are found throughout the Horn of Africa. Avoid areas that may be inhabited by venomous snakes.
- Snakesbites occur occasionally.
- Do not pick up a "dead" snake; it may only be injured, stunned or playing dead.
- Even a recently killed snake can bite by reflex action.
- All snakes should be considered venomous until proven otherwise.
- All snakes should be considered venomous until proven otherwise.

Snakebite First Aid

- Practice “SNAKE-SMART” behavior. Shake out bedding and clothes before use. Sleep off the ground, if possible. Wear shoes and boots.
- Practice “SNAKE-SMART” behavior. Shake out bedding and clothes before use. Sleep off the ground, if possible. Wear shoes and boots.

Snakebites and Other Reptile Bites

- Mambas and Garter Snakes
- Snakes and lizards
- Antivenins are available to treat the symptoms of snakebite.
- Antivenins are available to treat the symptoms of snakebite.

Snakebite Specifics

- No special treatment is required for these bites.
- No special treatment is required for these bites.

Snakebite Illnesses

- Mambas and Garter Snakes
- All snakes should be considered venomous until proven otherwise.
- All snakes should be considered venomous until proven otherwise.

Snakebite First Aid

- Practice “SNAKE-SMART” behavior. Shake out bedding and clothes before use. Sleep off the ground, if possible. Wear shoes and boots.
- Practice “SNAKE-SMART” behavior. Shake out bedding and clothes before use. Sleep off the ground, if possible. Wear shoes and boots.

Snakebite Prevention

- Venomous snakes are found throughout the Horn of Africa. Avoid areas that may be inhabited by venomous snakes.
- Snakesbites occur occasionally.
- Do not pick up a "dead" snake; it may only be injured, stunned or playing dead.
- Even a recently killed snake can bite by reflex action.
- All snakes should be considered venomous until proven otherwise.
- All snakes should be considered venomous until proven otherwise.

Snakebite First Aid

- Practice “SNAKE-SMART” behavior. Shake out bedding and clothes before use. Sleep off the ground, if possible. Wear shoes and boots.
- Practice “SNAKE-SMART” behavior. Shake out bedding and clothes before use. Sleep off the ground, if possible. Wear shoes and boots.

Snakebite Specifics

- No special treatment is required for these bites.
- No special treatment is required for these bites.

Snakebite Illnesses

- Mambas and Garter Snakes
- All snakes should be considered venomous until proven otherwise.
- All snakes should be considered venomous until proven otherwise.

Snakebite First Aid

- Practice “SNAKE-SMART” behavior. Shake out bedding and clothes before use. Sleep off the ground, if possible. Wear shoes and boots.
- Practice “SNAKE-SMART” behavior. Shake out bedding and clothes before use. Sleep off the ground, if possible. Wear shoes and boots.

Snakebite Specifics

- No special treatment is required for these bites.
- No special treatment is required for these bites.

Snakebite Illnesses

- Mambas and Garter Snakes
- All snakes should be considered venomous until proven otherwise.
- All snakes should be considered venomous until proven otherwise.

Snakebite Prevention

- Venomous snakes are found throughout the Horn of Africa. Avoid areas that may be inhabited by venomous snakes.
- Snakesbites occur occasionally.
- Do not pick up a "dead" snake; it may only be injured, stunned or playing dead.
- Even a recently killed snake can bite by reflex action.
- All snakes should be considered venomous until proven otherwise.
- All snakes should be considered venomous until proven otherwise.

Snakebite First Aid

- Practice “SNAKE-SMART” behavior. Shake out bedding and clothes before use. Sleep off the ground, if possible. Wear shoes and boots.
- Practice “SNAKE-SMART” behavior. Shake out bedding and clothes before use. Sleep off the ground, if possible. Wear shoes and boots.

Snakebite Specifics

- No special treatment is required for these bites.
- No special treatment is required for these bites.

Snakebite Illnesses

- Mambas and Garter Snakes
- All snakes should be considered venomous until proven otherwise.
- All snakes should be considered venomous until proven otherwise.

Snakebite Prevention

- Venomous snakes are found throughout the Horn of Africa. Avoid areas that may be inhabited by venomous snakes.
- Snakesbites occur occasionally.
- Do not pick up a "dead" snake; it may only be injured, stunned or playing dead.
- Even a recently killed snake can bite by reflex action.
- All snakes should be considered venomous until proven otherwise.
- All snakes should be considered venomous until proven otherwise.

Snakebite First Aid

- Practice “SNAKE-SMART” behavior. Shake out bedding and clothes before use. Sleep off the ground, if possible. Wear shoes and boots.
- Practice “SNAKE-SMART” behavior. Shake out bedding and clothes before use. Sleep off the ground, if possible. Wear shoes and boots.

Snakebite Specifics

- No special treatment is required for these bites.
- No special treatment is required for these bites.

Snakebite Illnesses

- Mambas and Garter Snakes
- All snakes should be considered venomous until proven otherwise.