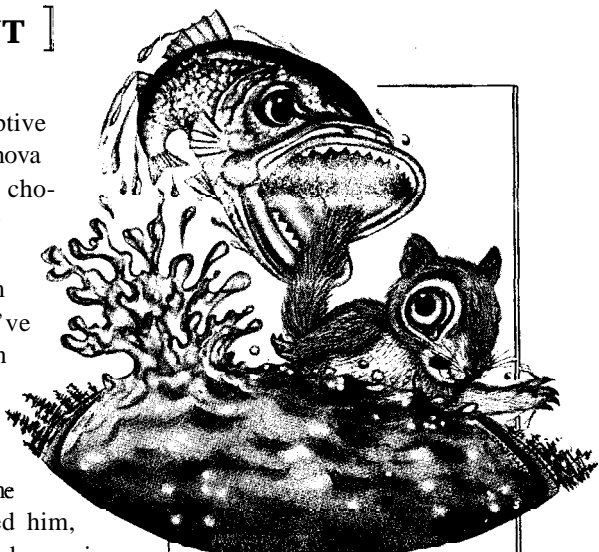


A-Rattler adoptive Program, Casanova was the name chosen for him by the park's research team because they've found him "in the company of at least one female 'snake'" each time they've located him, according to park superintendent Patrick Walsh.

Casanova was implanted with a radio transmitter in 1996 so that his movement could be tracked by researchers who are studying the threatened species' home range and habitat use. *Cottage Life* first glimpse of its philanderer was in the picture on his "adoption papers," an identification card that includes his weight and length when he was first captured and background on the massasauga rattlesnake.

In addition to adult snakes with transmitters, newborn snakes and adults without transmitters that have been caught, tagged, and released are also available for adoption through the Rescue-A-Rattler



WORMS ARE FOR SUCKERS

The smallmouth bass in Opeongo Lake, in Algonquin Park, have been known to eat chipmunks. They apparently pick them off when the rodents, driven by Lebensraum urges, swim for the opposite shore.

—Bev Clark

program (a single adult snake can have up to 50 sponsors). Sponsorship fees — ranging from \$10—\$30 per snake, depending on the amount of information available about it — are used to support research into massasauga rattlesnakes.

Cottagers interested in adopting a snake through the Rescue-A-Rattler program

can contact Killbear Provincial Park, RR 1, Nobel, Ont. P0G 1G0. Meanwhile, we'll pass along more news of Casanova's exploits when he emerges from winter hibernation.

—Penny Caldwell

A slithering, charming, bouncing boy

If you adopt this bundle of joy, the rattle comes built-in

He's not exactly cuddly, but we think he's pretty cute — and so, apparently, do his girlfriends. *Cottage Life* is thrilled to announce the adoption of "Casanova," an eastern massasauga rattlesnake living in Killbear Provincial Park on Georgian Bay. One of six massasaugas in the park's Rescue-



NAME: Casanova
LENGTH: 69.7 cm
WEIGHT: 365 g

almost huggable!

Lovable!

adoptable!