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ABSTRACT	Gaping behavior in neonatal desert tortoises was quantified in a study of 20 neonates, both preceding and following hibernation in an environmental control chamber. The primary trigger for the gaping action appeared to be any projection touching the hatchling.
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