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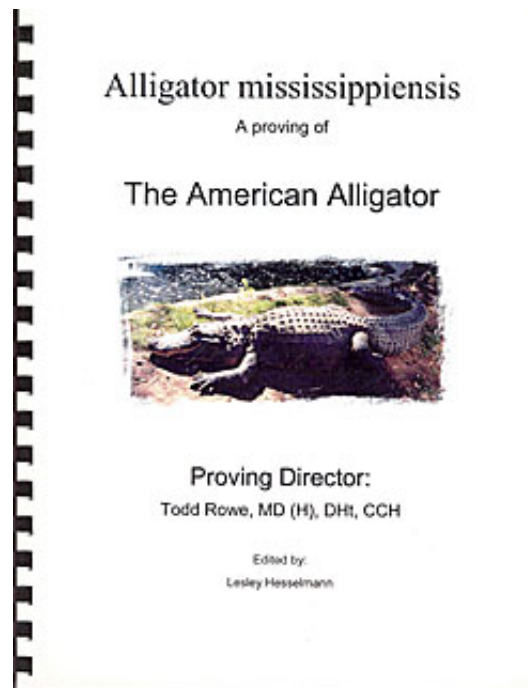
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Introduction



Proving Methodology

A proving of American Alligator (*Alligator mississippiensis*) was performed in Phoenix, Arizona in the fall of 2001. The proving was conducted by the Society for the Establishment of Research in Classical Homeopathy (SERCH), which is a part of the Desert Institute of Classical Homeopathy. SERCH is a nonprofit organization dedicated to classical homeopathic research.

The proving consisted of fifteen subjects who began taking *Alligator mississippiensis* 30C on September 1, 2001. The proving was double blinded, which means that none of the provers, the proving supervisors, or the supervisors knew the identity of the remedy until the proving was completed.

The instructions were to take a single daily dosage for a maximum of three days, but to stop after any symptoms became apparent. Participants journaled their symptoms over the space of the next month. Informed consent was obtained from each participant.

Symptoms were reviewed in an exit group meeting one month later. This session was videotaped. Journals were reviewed separately. There were 5 proving supervisors who followed the provers closely over the months following the start of the proving. The proving supervisors reported directly to the proving coordinator.

Any participants who had residual symptoms or improvement following the one-month period were followed subsequently until the symptoms resolved. There were seven male participants and eight female participants. Their ages ranged from 28 to 58 years. Each prover was supervised throughout the proving.

The proving substance was obtained by Melinda Leeson, DOM, AP¹, on April 27, 1998. It was obtained from dorsal muscle tissue (including the epidermis) of a six-foot alligator caught wandering into a neighbor's swimming pool during the mating season. As it was impossible for the recently sexually mature reptile to be captured and relocated, it was shot in between the eyes and died instantly without undue trauma or observable stress. A one-gram sample of dorsal muscle was excised 20 minutes later and used as the substance for this trituration. Reproductive organs of alligators are internally contained (inside the cloaca) and require surgical dissection to determine sex. In this case, a surgical dissection was not performed. The remedy is available from the Hahnemann Pharmacy.

The case presented on page 79 was taken by Melinda Leeson.

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