

Ball Python



Python Regius

Ball Pythons are one of the most commonly kept snakes due to their small size and docile nature. Captive bred ball pythons generally thrive in captivity when temperature and housing requirements are met. Ball Pythons are so called because when they are threatened they usually curl into a ball and hide their heads in the coils.

Adult Size 3-5'

Life Span 20-30 years

Habitat

- A 10 gallon aquarium is sufficient for a baby ball python until approximately 6 months of age.
- A 40 gallon breeder tank is a suitable size for an adult.
- Ball Pythons are very secretive snakes and should be housed separately.
- Ball Pythons should always have access to a tight hiding cave.

Temperature

- 82F Ambient temperature
- Hot side 92F, usually through the use of an under tank heater with a thermostat to ensure that temperatures remain correct.

Lighting

- Ball Pythons do not require any specific lighting.

Substrate

- Ball Pythons do best on shredded aspen, or cypress mulch.
- The substrate must not be wet as this can lead to fungal infections.
- The cage should be lightly misted every day.

Nutrition

- Ball Pythons can be fed exclusively on rodents such as rats, mice, and African soft furred rats their whole lives.
- Should be fed once per week for baby to juveniles.
- Adults can be fed every second week.