

# Boa Constrictor



## *Boa Constrictor Imperator*

Boa constrictor are able to grow to large yet still manageable size, their generally docile nature makes them a good snake for someone who is looking for a larger snake. They are available in many color and pattern mutations and are among the most sought after pet snake

### Adult Size

4-10' depending on locale.

Males are almost always smaller than females.

### Life Span

15-25 years.

### Habitat

- Neonate to Juvenile boas can be housed in a 25-40 gallon terrarium.
- Adult boas will need a minimum cage size of 4'X2'X1.5'
- Boas require a humidity level between 60-70%, a light misting daily will help to maintain humidity.

### Temperature

- 80-82F Ambient temperature
- Hot side 86-89F which is generally achieved by placing an under tank heater plugged into a thermostat to control the temperature.

### Lighting

- Boas do not have any specific lighting requirements but do generally benefit from a day night cycle.

### Substrate

- Cypress Mulch or any other mulch that will retain humidity well.

### Nutrition

- One appropriately sized prey item per week. The prey should be approximately the same size as the thickest part of the boa. Prey items may include mice, rats, guinea pigs and rabbits. It is preferable to feed frozen thawed prey as this minimizes the chance for the boa to be bitten.