

Ball Python

<u>Average Adult Size</u>	4 to 5 feet
<u>Average Life Span with proper care</u>	30 years;
<u>Diet</u>	Carnivore

Enclosure

Medium Used in Enclosure

Cypress Mulch And Orchid Bark For A Fancy Set Up Or Just Paper Towel And Newspaper

If you're going to use a substrate, you want something that can hold humidity well. However never use any substrate containing cedar, as it contains oils that can be deadly to reptiles! Avoid sand, shavings and peat bedding.

Otherwise, to help you keep a clean enclosure a bit easier, just use a layer of newspaper under a layer of paper towel. This is super easy and cheap to achieve considering you should clean everything at least every 30 days- but replace the newspaper and paper towel every time they pass their food.

Habitat for Enclosure

Warm, Tropical Environments

Being native to Central Africa, they are used to heat! But they also have plenty of things to climb on and hide under. So make sure there's plenty of fun stuff throughout its cage, without any pointy sharp parts it can harm itself with while playing on it

Temperature and Humidity Control used in Enclosure

A Good Basking Spot At 88 to 96°F And A Cooler Side At 78 to 80°F

You want a gradient between these two. So have all heating equipment on one side and you can use a temp gun or a thermostat to regulate it for them. Links at bottom of sheet of trusted products to maintain and care for your snake properly.

There's No Specific Lighting That's Necessary But You Want To Maintain A Humidity Level Of 50 to 60%

Having the correct level of humidity can help with your snakes shedding. Stuck shed may cause infections and wounds on your snake, which will be painful, expensive, and possibly deadly if not taken care of properly. Products to help maintain the correct humidity will be listed at the bottom of the care sheet.

Diet

Live(Optional)

An Adult Ball Python Can Stomach A Rat About The Same Size As Their Body's Circumference

Be sure that the snake gets the rat before walking away, for the rat may try and defend itself by biting or attacking the snake. You'll want to do about 1 rat a week.

Commercial(Options)

Frozen Thawed Rats (Same Size Requirement As Above)

Be sure the rat is fully thawed out. You can achieve this by filling a cup of water with hot tap water with dechlorinator or spring water and leaving it for about 15 minutes. Empty the water and then repeat that one more time to be sure it's fully thawed. Once again, perform this once a week and your snake will be fine. If they don't seem to watch their food, that's okay. Ball Pythons sometimes go a couple weeks before they are hungry again.

Water

Have A Water Bowl Available For The Snake At All Times

Reverse osmosis water is the best and safest water for your snake. This is generally sold as Spring Water in stores.

However, using dechlorinator in tap water is usually sufficient as well. But can carry risks if your city uses cleaning chemicals in your tap water as well.

Temperament

These Are One Of The Most Docile Snake Species There Are

With that said your ball python may initially see you as a threat and it must learn who you are. The goal is to establish trust between you and your snake. Once a ball python realizes that you will not hurt it they often seem to enjoy being handled. A ball

python's bite is a superficial wound. If a snake looks like it is going to strike, it is best to not handle it. Relax when holding your animal – sit down and give the animal a chance to settle.

Links

Thermometer with Probe

https://www.chewy.com/zoo-med-digital-thermometer/dp/154874?utm_source=google-product&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=hg&utm_content=Zoo%20Med&utm_term=&gclid=Cj0KCQjwiqWHBhD2ARIsAPCDzanWrLH4EmOFbGt7kRVuVkjrwYzdtwqePu1-KXbA_2PON8HasRqTySsaAqT7EALw_wcB

Humidity Gauge

https://www.chewy.com/zoo-med-digital-combo-reptile/dp/257704?utm_source=google-product&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=hg&utm_content=Zoo%20Med&utm_term=&gclid=Cj0KCQjwiqWHBhD2ARIsAPCDzakjkhqa1M8mZkMKbmrzck4p48y0qQ97_DI7UnrFj27YYwTJOV5OnwaAszGEALw_wcB