

BALL PYTHON

Behavior: Ball python's get their name because of their tendency to curl up in a ball if threatened or nervous. They are very docile and one of the most popular snakes because of their calm nature and easy handleability. They are a little head shy because of the heat sensors on their nose. They are mostly active at night but will also explore during the day. They come in a wide range of colors (morphs).

Experience Level: Beginner.

Adult Size: Males 4 feet, females 5-6 feet.

Life Expectancy: 25 years.

Ambient Temperature: 78F.

Basking Temperature: 95F.

Light: No UV required, Day-Glo recommended.

Humidity: 30-50%

Food: Mice.

Minimum Cage Size: 40 gallon.

Habitat: Provide a climbing branch and a hide with moss or a moist substrate to help with shedding. Also provide a water dish large enough to soak in.

Substrate: Reptile specific shavings, bark.

Maintenance: Replace water daily and remove any feces. A thorough cage cleaning should be done once a month.

Basic Requirements: Enclosure with a secure lid, heat lamp, undertank heater, large water bowl, thermometer, hygrometer, spray bottle, substrate, ornament/vegetation/hides.

