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Ball Python

Classification

Order: Squamata

Family: Pythonidae

Genera: Python

Species: Python Regius

Description

Adult length: 3-5' (0.9 – 1.5 m)

Adult weight: 1800 – 2300 g

Lifespan: 15 – 30 years

Mutations: Many! (Pastel, clown, ivory, fire...)

Climatic Parameters

Basking temperature: 35 – 40 degrees Celsius (Surface temps)

Average temperature: 28 – 30 degrees Celsius (air temps)

Cold side temperature / Night temperature: 22 – 26 degrees Celsius

Humidity: 45 – 75 %

Terrarium

Size: - Baby (<300 g): 20*10*12 (inches)
 - Juvenile (<3'): 36*18*18 (inches)
 - Adult: 48*24*24 (inches)

Substrate: - Coco husk (in pieces)
 - 40% organic soil, 40% Zoomed ReptiSoil, 20% sand (Add some moss and leaf litter for better results).
 - Aspen (**difficult to maintain humidity!**)



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Lighting:

Heating: Incandescent heat bulbs (white light) or ceramic heat emitter (if UVB bulb is used)

UVB: Zoomed T8HO 5.0 or Exoterra T8 2.0 or Zoomed compact UVB 5.0.
*(Make sure to provide many shaded areas if you use UVB lighting. May be discouraged for mutations with less pigmentation.)
(The vast majority of snakes in captivity survive well without UVB lighting, but you may observe an increase in natural behaviours on behalf of your animal if you offer access to UVB).

Feeding

Type: Carnivore

Prey: Rodents (Mice, Rats, Hamsters, Gerbils)

Supplements: In the absence of UVB lighting, **lightly** supplement with **Reptivite with D3** once every second meal. (Reptivite without D3 if UVB lighting provided).

Frequence: *See next page.*

Hydration: Permanent water bowl

Cohabitation

Not recommended!

Handling

Easy Ball pythons are known to be a relatively calm species and rapidly get used to handling. However, it is important to remain calm and refrain from moving around too much while handling the snake to avoid scaring them. **Do not let your snake roam in a room where the ground temperature is inferior to 22 degrees Celsius.**



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This example of frequency and size of prey given is per the animal's weight. Please note that this serves as a general example and that other frequencies may be recommended depending on your pet's metabolism and overall health condition. (See also: <https://www.reptifiles.com/ballpython-care-guide/ball-python-feeding/>)

Weight of the snake	Size of prey	Frequency
3-5 first meals	Pinky rat (8-12g) Small 21 day old mouse	1x/5 days
<200g	Fuzzy rat (13 – 19g) Small mouse	1x/week
200-350g	21 day old rat (20-30g) Adult mouse	1x/week
350-500g	Small rat (31-45g) Jumbo mouse	1x/10 days
500-1500g (or bigger)	Small rat (46-79g) 2-3 adult mice	1x/14 days
>1500g	Medium rat (80-150g) 4-5 adult mice	1x/21 days or 1x/month