

Common Boa Constrictor



PROFILE

Common Name: **Common Boa**

Latin Name: **Boa constrictor**

Native To: **Tropical north, south and Central America**

Size: **M:5-6' F:8-10'**

Life Span: **25-30 years**

HOUSING REQUIREMENTS

Environment:

Found throughout tropical rainforest in North, South and Central America, The common Boa enjoys moderate temperatures with matching humidity.

Vivarium Size:

As neonates, young boas can be kept in large faunariums up to 3ft vivariums. With females getting significantly larger than males it is advised to sex your snake as soon as you are able so you can prepare for maximum vivarium size. Males will do well in 4'x2'x2' vivarium whilst females will require 6'x2'x2' or larger.

Substrate:

A good quality substrate with excellent water retention would be ideal for these large snakes. Humidity should be maintained around 60%. Boas of all ages enjoy climbing and finding a high spot to warm themselves, stout climbing branches can be

used to enrich your animal's enclosure as can high and ground hides, big enough for the snake to coil in. Mosses and leaf litter work very well to retain moisture in the substrate.

Food and Water:

As with all snakes, boas are predatory consuming a wide array of prey items in the wild. From rodents to birds, some lizards and even small antelope. In captivity they subsist on rodents, rabbits and poultry. Water should be available at all times with enough room for the snake to submerge itself.

Heat/Light Requirements:

As with all reptiles, boas are exothermic getting all their metabolic heat from external sources. UV lighting is not a necessity for this species, but lighting of some description should be used to give a day/night cycle.

Listed below are the ideal temperatures that you will need to replicate for your Boa:

Hot spot: 28 - 31°C

Cool end: 24 - 26 °C

Night temperatures: 22 - 24°C

FURTHER READING:

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