

Cape house snake care sheet



PROFILE

Common Name: **Cape house snake**

Latin Name: **Boaedon fuliginosus**

Native To: **South Africa**

Size: **M:2-3' F:3-5'**

Life Span: **15-20 years**

HOUSING REQUIREMENTS

Environment:

Found throughout sub-Saharan Africa, these snakes enjoy warm temperatures and mid-range humidity. Found around human settlements hunting for rodent prey.

Vivarium Size:

A good base size vivarium for a house snake is 30x12x18", allowing for a good heat gradient and climbing opportunities. An ideal size vivarium would be 34x24x24.

Substrate:

A good quality, soil/sand mix would be preferable for this species allowing for moderate water retention and digging opportunities. Arid earthmix works particularly well as it is comprised of both arid and tropical components.

Food and Water:

As with all snakes, house snakes are carnivorous and will predominantly prey on rodents. From small mice and rats to gerbils and multimammates. Being a semi arboreal species, cape house snakes have been known to predate birds and raid nests. A varied diet will keep your cape house snake healthy and interested in food. Water should be provided at all times in a dish big enough for the snake to soak in.

Heat/Light Requirements:

As with all reptiles, house snakes are exothermic getting all their metabolic heat from external sources. UV lighting will be beneficial for this species, 5-6% being sufficient.

Listed below are the ideal temperatures that you will need to replicate for your Cape house snake:

Hot spot: 31 - 34°C

Cool end: 23 - 26 °C

Night temperatures: 24 - 26°C

FURTHER READING:

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