

# ★ BALL PYTHON ★ SUPPLIES CHECKLIST

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ITEM	PLU#	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
Cage			
Cage Top			
Water Bowl			
Reflector Dome			
Heat Light/Emitter			
Thermometer (x2)			
Hygrometer			
Substrate			
Hiding Place			
<b>SUGGESTIONS:</b>			
Ball Python			
Extra Hiding Place			
Under Tank Heater			
Decoration			
Driftwood			

KREWE MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

This estimate is valid for 14 days from this date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

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# BALL PYTHON

*Python regius*



**EXPERIENCE LEVEL**  
Beginner



**LIFE EXPECTANCY**  
20 years



**ACTIVITY**  
Nocturnal



**HABITAT**  
Arid



**DIET**  
Carnivore

**ADULT SIZE:** 3½ - 5½ feet

**NATIVE TO:** Savannahs, grasslands, and open forests throughout sub-Saharan Africa north of the equator

**GROUPING:** More than one ball python of a similar size can be kept together, but they will require a substantially larger enclosure with additional hiding spots.

**HABITAT:** Minimum 36" x 18" for an adult. Include at least two hiding spots, one on each end of the enclosure, where they can feel safe.

**BEDDING:** Cypress mulch and coconut husks or fiber are good substrates for controlling humidity. Aspen can be added to decrease humidity if necessary. Avoid cedar, sand, and walnut.

**HABITAT CARE:** Spot clean daily. Clean their cage with a 5% bleach solution (¼ cup bleach in 1 gallon of water) and change out all bedding at least monthly.

**LIGHTING:** During the day, use a bright UVA bulb to simulate a sunny day; this will keep the enclosure's ambient temperature up and promote a healthy metabolism. Leave the light on for 12 hours a day. You may also need a ceramic heat emitter or nighttime reptile bulb to maintain the proper temperature at night.

**TEMPERATURE:** Provide a thermal gradient across the enclosure with a range from 75°-80° on the cool end to a basking area of 90°-95° on the warm end. At night, the temperature can safely drop to 70°-75°. Place a thermometer on both ends of the enclosure to monitor temperatures. An under tank heater can also be used to raise the temperature. Heat rocks are not recommended. Avoid placing the enclosure in direct sunlight and drafty areas due to excessive temperature changes.

**HUMIDITY:** Humidity is extremely important for ball pythons. Their enclosure should be maintained at 55% - 60% humidity. Ensure there is adequate air flow inside the enclosure. Placing water bowls directly under heat lights can help increase humidity where moving them away can help decrease humidity. Place a hygrometer inside the enclosure to accurately monitor humidity levels.

**WATER:** Fresh water must be available at all times. Use a heavy bowl that is large enough for your pet to submerge itself. Place the water bowl toward the cooler side of the enclosure. Clean and refill the water bowl daily or more often as necessary. To promote hydration, use a spray bottle to mist your snake and the inside of the enclosure once or twice a week.

**DIET:** Their diet should consist of live or frozen/thawed mice, rats, and/or gerbils. Never microwave rodents to thaw; instead, place them in the refrigerator overnight to thaw. The rodent should be approximately the same girth as that of the snake at the largest part of its body. You should offer prey to your snake once every 7 to 14 days; however, it is not uncommon for snakes to go weeks or even months without eating. Feed your snake in an enclosure other than the habitat.

**GROOMING:** Ball pythons regularly shed their skin. Never "help" remove the shedding skin from your snake as this is the equivalent of picking a scab. To facilitate the shed, mist a few times a week while it's shedding, add a moist hide box to the enclosure, or soak him in a shallow dish of warm water for a few minutes.

**HANDLING & TEMPERAMENT:** Ball pythons are very docile and seem to enjoy regular, gentle handling. Avoid handling for several hours or longer immediately after your snake has eaten.

**EXERCISE:** Any exercise they need can be attained by moving throughout their enclosure to thermo regulate. For enrichment, you can change out and/or rearrange the furniture in their enclosure from time to time. To prevent escapes, closely supervise your pet outside of its cage.

**VETERINARY CARE:** You may wish to schedule a check-up for your new pet. Consult your vet and keep their number handy in case of an emergency.

