

THE SNAKES REVISED

ALL SNAKES ARE CARNIVOROUS AND SWALLOW THEIR PREY WHOLE. NEVER GIVE A SNAKE PREY TOO LARGE FOR IT TO HANDLE. NEVER GIVE A SNAKE LIVE PREY UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO DO SO. NEVER LEAVE LIVE PREY IN AN ENCLOSURE UNSUPERVISED- THE PREY MAY EAT THE PREDATOR OR AT LEAST CAUSE NASTY WOUNDS THAT CAN BECOME INFECTED. NEVER HANDLE A SNAKE AFTER YOU'VE BEEN HANDLING PREY- THE SNAKE MAY SMELL IT AND ATTACK, THINKING YOU ARE FOOD! ALL REPTILES SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO UV LIGHT, OR AT LEAST FULL SPECTRUM LIGHTING

CONSTRUCTORS: BOAS AND PYTHONS

MICE, RATS, CHICKS

SNAKES LESS THAN 6 FT LONG: 1-2 EVERY 7-10 DAYS,

SNAKES OVER 6 FT. LONG: 4-5 RATS EVERY 3 WEEKS.

DO NOT OVERFEED- OBESITY CAN CAUSE POOR HEALTH OR EVEN DEATH.

DO NOT HANDLE SNAKE FOR A FEW DAYS AFTER FEEDING TO REDUCE CHANCE OF REGURGITATION.

RECORD FEEDING/EATING INFORMATION ON DIET CHART ON TANK (CHART IS SELF-EXPLANATORY)- IF THERE IS NO CHART, ASK YOUR SUPERVISOR TO GET ONE.

HOUSING- CONTAINER SHOULD BE AS LONG AS THE SNAKE WHILE WIDTH AND HEIGHT SHOULD BE AT LEAST ½ ITS LENGTH. ALSO PROVIDE STURDY BASKING PLATFORMS OR THICK BRANCHES AND LARGE SHALLOW DISH WITH CLEAN WATER. CLEAN AND CHANGE WATER DAILY. SUBSTRATE CAN BE NEWSPAPERS OR ASTROTURF, TEMPERATURE GRADIENT SHOULD BE 95 F MAX TO 72 F MIN, NEVER GO ABOVE 105 F OR BELOW 60 F.

GARTER SNAKE

IN SHALLOW BOWL OF WATER, PLACE 2-3 LIVE FISH, IN A SECOND SHALLOW DISH, PUT 1t EACH OF MEALWORMS, (WAXWORMS AND EARTHWORMS IF AVAILABLE).

HOUSING- CONTAINER SHOULD BE AS LONG AS THE SNAKE WHILE WIDTH AND HEIGHT SHOULD BE AT LEAST ½ ITS LENGTH. THE SNAKE MUST HAVE A DRY AREA FOR SLEEPING AND BASKING.

PLACE A SHALLOW BOWL WITH JUST ENOUGH CLEAN WATER TO INSURE THAT SPILLAGE WON'T OCCUR WHEN THE SNAKE BATHES. IF SUBSTRATE BECOMES WET IT MUST BE REPLACED BY DRY MATERIAL. SUBSTRATE CAN BE PAPER TOWELS, BROWN PAPER BAGS, NEWSPAPER OR ASTROTURF. A FLAT ROCK UNDER A HEATING LAMP WILL WARM UP AND PROVIDE THE SNAKE WITH A BASKING AREA. PLACE SOME BRANCHES TO PROVIDE HEIGHT AND PLACES TO HIDE AND COOL OFF. TEMPERATURE GRADIENT SHOULD BE 95 F – 62 F NEVER TO GO ABOVE 95 f OR BELOW 45 F.

RAT SNAKE

MICE AND CHICKS ARE PRIMARY DIET. FEED EVERY 7-10 DAYS, OCCASIONALLY QUAIL EGGS CAN BE OFFERED EVERY 2 WEEKS.

HOUSING- CONTAINER SHOULD BE AS LONG AS THE SNAKE WHILE WIDTH AND HEIGHT SHOULD BE AT LEAST ½ ITS LENGTH. MAKE SURE TOP IS VERY SECURE, AS RAT SNAKES ARE ESCAPE ARTISTS AND ARE VERY GOOD AT CLIMBING. PROVIDE LOTS OF BRANCHES FOR CLIMBING AND RESTING. TEMPERATURE GRADIENT SHOULD BE 95 F – 62 F NEVER TO GO ABOVE 95 f OR BELOW 45 F.

RINGNECK SNAKE

IN A SHALLOW DISH PUT 1t MEALWORMS, 1t CRICKETS, 5 EARTHWORMS (IF AVAILABLE), AND VERY SMALL SNAILS (IF AVAILABLE). IN A SECOND SHALLOW DISH PUT CLEAN WATER.

HOUSING- CONTAINER SHOULD BE AS LONG AS THE SNAKE WHILE WIDTH AND HEIGHT SHOULD BE AT LEAST ½ ITS LENGTH. SUBSTRATE SHOULD INCLUDE LOTS OF HIDING AREAS WITH BOARDS AND BOXES, AS THESE SNAKES LIKE TO BE UNDER DRY LEAF LITTER.

TEMPERATURE GRADIENT SHOULD BE 95 F – 62 F NEVER TO GO ABOVE 95 f OR BELOW 45 F.

WATER SNAKE

PRIMARY DIET IS FISH- GIVE 2-6 LIVE FISH DAILY (AMOUNT DEPENDENT ON SNAKE'S SIZE) IN A LARGE, HEAVY, SHALLOW WATER PAN THAT IS ALSO USED FOR DRINKING AND SOAKING. IN A SHALLOW DISH GIVE 1 T EACH (IF AVAILABLE) OF AQUATIC INSECTS, 2-4 PRE KILLED BABY MICE, AND 5 EARTHWORMS.

HOUSING- CONTAINER SHOULD BE AS LONG AS THE SNAKE WHILE WIDTH AND HEIGHT SHOULD BE AT LEAST ½ ITS LENGTH. NEWSPAPER OR ASTROTURF IS GOOD FOR SUBSTRATE.AND MUST BE KEPT COMPLETELY DRY AREA FOR BASKING AND SLEEPING. A HIDE BOX IS ALSO NEEDED.

TEMPERATURE GRADIENT SHOULD BE 95 F – 70 F NEVER TO GO ABOVE 100 F OR BELOW 55 F.