

Ball Python Care Sheet for Kids

Habitat:

Snake Home: Your ball python needs a comfy place called a terrarium. Make it cozy but not too big for now.

Bedding: Use aspen bedding for the floor. It's like a soft carpet for your snake.

Temperature:

Daytime Comfort: Keep the terrarium around 78-80°F (25-27°C) during the day.

Nighttime Coziness: At night, it can be a bit cooler, around 75°F (24°C). Snakes like a good night's sleep!

Lighting:

Natural Light: Ball pythons don't need special lights, but they like a regular day and night cycle. Keep it bright for 12 hours and dark for 12 hours.

Food:

Mealtime: Feed your snake mice or rats. Ask a grown-up for help picking the right size.

Feeding Schedule: Offer food every 5-7 days. Young snakes eat more often than grown-ups!

Handling:

Gentle Touch: Handle your snake gently with clean hands. Snakes are shy, so be patient and kind.

Short Visits: Spend short periods with your snake. Too much handling can stress them out.

Health Check:

Watch Closely: Keep an eye on your snake. If anything seems strange, ask a vet who knows about snakes.

Shedding Time: Snakes shed their skin. Make it comfy by providing a moist hide – it's like a spa retreat!

Socialization:

Alone Time: Ball pythons like their own space. Keep them solo in their home, and they'll be happy!

Cleaning:

Clean House: Clean up any mess your snake makes. Refresh the bedding every month for a clean and cozy home.

Decorations:

Hideouts: Add hiding spots like caves or logs. Snakes like to feel safe and hidden.

Climbing Spots: Include branches or decorations. Even though they're not big climbers, it's fun for them!

Educational Resources:

Snake Books: Ask a grown-up for books about ball pythons. You'll discover interesting snake facts!

Ask Questions: If you're unsure about anything, ask a grown-up or a snake expert for help.

Remember, your ball python is like a scaly friend. Treat them gently, watch over them, and enjoy your snake-keeping adventure!