

# Zoo Herps Care Sheet (727) 575-9600 or (941) 302-9822

## Ball Pythons aka Royal Pythons

*Python Regius*

Where are these found?

These can be found in Central & Western Africa

What is the lifespan?

A well cared for Ball Python can expect to live 40 years or more

What size will they get?

Females typically grow to 3'-5' and Males 2'-4'.

What do they eat?

Mice & Rats

Food Item Options: You can feed an appropriate sized food item either live or frozen thawed. **Note:** *The food item should only be slightly larger than the snake's widest point. Feeding frozen thawed ensures that the snake will not be injured by the selected food item.*

What can I house my new pet in?

Depending on the size of your snake, you have many caging options available from a small pet carrier to a large enclosure.

**Bedding:** Aspen wood shavings, sterilized bark, paper towels, or newspapers. Never use pine or cedar shaving for any reptile. The cedar shavings WILL KILL your reptile. Clean(replace) substrate at least once a month.

**Water bowl:** Large enough for your snake to soak when it comes time to shed..

**Hiding spot:** You can use anything that would provide cover or shelter for the snake. Some choices would be a hollowed log, plastic container with a hole cut in it. Providing a hide in your snake's cage will make them feel more comfortable and secure.

**Temperatures 78-92°F.** maintain daytime temperatures between a minimum of 78-80°F and a basking spot of 88-92 °F. Night time temperature should not to fall below 75°F. Keep in mind that you will need to provide a warm and a cool side in the cage. This will allow the snake to maintain proper temperatures.