

# Corn Snake

## Care Guide

### THE BASICS

- Species: Corn Snake (*Pantherophis guttatus*)
- Lifespan: 20+ years
- Size: 3–5 feet in length
- Temperature:
  - Warm side: 85°F
  - Cool side: 70–75°F for adults; 75–80°F for babies
- Humidity: 40–50%

### HOUSING

- A 40-gallon tank is suitable for an adult corn snake.
- Provide a thermal gradient with a warm and a cool side.
- Ensure the enclosure has a secure lid as corn snakes are skilled at escaping.

### FEEDING

- Diet mainly consists of rodents.
- Frequency: Juveniles (once a week), adults (every 10–14 days).
- Be sure rodents are sized appropriately, baby corn snakes can easily eat pinkies or fuzzies provided the snake has adequate heat in the enclosure.



### SUPPLIES

- Enclosure (40 gallon is sufficient for an adult)
- Substrate (coconut chips or cypress mulch)
- Hides (minimum two, one on the warm side, one on the cool side)
- Water bowl
- Climbing branches and decorations
- Under-tank heater or heat pad
- Thermostat
- Thermometer and hygrometer
- Optional: low-wattage UVB light