

# BURMESE PYTHON CARE SHEET



## SUPPLIES

- Large and secure enclosure (minimum 8'x4' for an adult)
- Substrate (newspaper, cypress mulch, or coconut fiber)
- Large water dish (big enough for soaking)
- Multiple hides (suitable for the snake's size)
- Overhead heat source and/or under-tank heater
- Thermostat to regulate temperature
- Thermometer and hygrometer
- Branches for climbing and basking

## THE BASICS

- Species: Burmese Python (*Python bivittatus*)
- Lifespan: 20-25 years, sometimes longer
- Size: 12-18 feet (3.6-5.5 meters), with some growing larger
- Temperature:
- Basking area: 88-92°F (31-33°C)
- Cool side: 78-80°F (25-27°C)
- Humidity: 50-60%

## HOUSING

- Large enclosure is necessary due to their size; adults need a minimum of 8'x4' floor space
- Strong and secure enclosure to prevent escape
- Provide a thermal gradient for proper thermoregulation

## FEEDING

- Feed on a diet of appropriately sized rodents or rabbits
- Frequency: Every 2 weeks to one month for adults, more frequently for juveniles
- Monitor the python's weight to avoid obesity

## TIPS

- Regular handling is necessary to maintain a tame disposition, but always have a second person present with large individuals
- Due to their size and strength, Burmese Pythons are recommended for experienced snake owners