



WEB: www.ballpythons4africa.co.za
EMAIL: info@ballpythons4africa.co.za

CALL: 084 514 6686
FAX: 086 691 9822

GENERAL INFORMATION

Common name(s): Ball Python or Royal Python

Latin name: *Python Regius*

Native to: West Africa

Adult size: Ball Pythons are a small to medium size python with adults ranging from 3 to 5 feet; females are generally larger and heavier bodied than males. A monster female may approach six feet and is a very impressive animal.

Life Span: Captive Life Span of 20 - 30 years (record - 48 years)

Eggs: Clutch 2-10 eggs. Average 6 eggs/clutch

Average incubation time: 56 days

Average incubation temp: 88F-90F degrees

Average hatchling size: 35-43cm

Appearance: They are brightly-coloured, stocky snakes, with many different colour and pattern morphs available. Males have longer spurs but smaller heads than the females.

What does it eat: Feed pre-killed small rats or mice on a weekly basis. Babies begin feeding on hopper mice or rat pinks.

Ease of care: Beginners upwards

Temperament: They are docile and can be shy and very reluctant to bite. They achieved the name ball python because of their habit of curling into a ball if threatened. They are nocturnal.

Cage set up: Ball Pythons are sedentary animals and don't need a lot of cage space.

Substrate: Aspen bedding, shredded cypress or fir bark, dry cypress mulch and newspaper. Driftwood or a decorative rock should be added to aid the snake during its shed. Provide a climbing branch or two, some fake greenery, a hide box and a large water bowl for soaking.

Personal Comments: Ball Pythons are hands down without a doubt my favourite snake. They are a pleasure to work with and with just a minimal amount of care seem to thrive in captivity. Captive bred baby ball pythons make almost the ideal beginner pet snake. They feed like crazy, are calm and friendly, seem very resistant to disease or illness and will, under the correct conditions, thrive in your care.