



CORN SNAKE

Normal, Albino, Snow

ORIGIN: Corn snakes are native to the eastern United States, from Florida north to New Jersey and West to Louisiana and Kentucky. Their habitat varies from pine woods to deciduous forests and rocky hillsides. Your corn snake was born in captivity.

SIZE: Corn snakes reach an average adult length of 3.5 to 4.5 feet.

CAGING: Corn snakes will thrive in a variety of plastic and glass cages. The cage must be equipped with a secure, tight fitting lid that provides ventilation. A 30-gallon aquarium with a screen lid is large enough to house an adult corn snake.

SUBSTRATE: Corn snakes will thrive on a variety of substrates including newspaper, mulch, pine shavings, and bark. Do not use cedar shavings because they are toxic to the snake.

TEMPERATURE: Corn snakes should be provided with a thermal gradient ranging from 80°F at one end of the cage to 95°F at the other. This is easily achieved by placing a heat mat at one end of the enclosure.

LIGHT: Corn snakes do not require any special lighting because they are nocturnal and consume whole vertebrates.

WATER: Corn snakes should be provided with fresh, clean water at all times. A water dish which allows

the snake to submerge its entire body is preferable, but not a necessity.

DIET: Corn snakes feed on appropriately sized mice and rats. Feeder rodents may be purchased live or frozen. Live rodents should not be left in the snake's cage unattended. Frozen rodents should be thawed to room temperature prior to feeding. Corn snakes should be fed 1-2 times per week.

RECOMMENDED SUPPLIES

- Glass or plastic enclosure
- Secure lid for enclosure
- Heat mat approximately half size of enclosure
- Thermometer with probe to monitor temperature
- Substrate as detailed above
- Literature about corn snake husbandry
- Hiding area such as cork bark or imitation rock
- Water dish

OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

- Fluorescent light
- Colored incandescent bulb for nighttime viewing
- Silk plants and branches
- Decorative cage background
- Moist hide area

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