

ROSY BOA

- Rosy Boas are native to the American Southwest, and Baja and Sonora Mexico.
- Their name was derived from the rosy coloration that is common on the belly of snakes originating from coastal southern California and Baja Mexico.
- These are an ideal choice for a pet or as a first time boa as they are generally docile and easy to care for.
- Range in size from 2 to 3 feet and live an average of 20 years in captivity.

Diet

Rosy boas will eat frozen mice. Feed appropriately sized mice for the size of your boa. Juveniles can be fed once every week and adults can be fed once every 2 weeks. However, each individual boa's eating habits will differ. It's important to find what's best for your boa.

A dish of fresh water should be available at all times.

Housing

Babies can begin in a 10 gallon long aquarium with either a coconut fiber substrate or cage carpet, moss, heat lamps, under tank heater, thermometer, water dish large enough for the snake to fit coiled up inside, driftwood, hide spots, and fake plants. Adults will need at least a 20 gallon aquarium with the same amenities as listed for juveniles.

Rosy boas spend most of their days under rocks and climbing through low-lying branches. The tank should also be furnished with furniture such as corkbark or other hiding spots. Be sure no furniture can shift or topple and injure your snake. There should be a hiding spot in both the heated and cooler sections of the tank. A soil or bark based substrate should be used for bedding.

Temperatures should be between 80-85° F during the day and 70-75°F at night. Heat only one end of the tank to provide a thermal gradient.

Handling & Care

Adults and juveniles both are generally very docile and easy to handle. Handling your snake soon after it eats may cause him to regurgitate his meal. This is especially true if that meal was large. Do not lift the snakes for a few days after they have eaten.

Spot cleaning by removing feces once a week will ensure a healthy, clean environment but bedding should be thrown away and the entire cage and decorations wiped clean once every month to few months.

Wash your hands with anti-bacterial soap after handling any animal.

Health

Mouth rot (infectious stomatitis) can occur if a snake's teeth are broken, the mouth lining is injured, or if a struggling rodent being constricted bites the snake.

Respiratory distress can occur if the cage temperature changes radically or if humidity is high and the cage is damp.



BOA CHECKLIST

- 20 Gallon Tank
- Screen Top
- Cage Clips
- Water Dish
- Frozen Mice
- Hiding Places
- Decor
- Undertank Heater
- Substrate
- Thermometers (2)
- Hygrometer
- Transport container
- Boa Book