

 20-25 years

 Up to 2 feet

 Intermediate

 80-85° F

 Rodents



Because of its passive personality, manageable size, and simple care, the sand boa is quickly becoming a favorite among snake keepers. With the proper care and husbandry, the sand boa makes an excellent pet. These guidelines are the basic necessities for your new pet. Please do your research and consult your veterinarian for further guidance.

TANK SET UP

Sand boas do not need an oversized terrarium. Actually, they require quite the opposite. They are comfortable in minimal space, as that is how their natural habitat is. A 10 gallon glass aquarium for a young juvenile sand boa is more than adequate. A 20 gallon long tank will house an adult. Make certain the screen top has clips on it, as they will escape.

SUBSTRATE

Sand boas can be kept on a variety of reptile bedding, including aspen, coconut husk bedding, sand, Repti-sand, and even paper. Whichever substrate you choose, it must stay dry and be deep enough for the sand boa to burrow.

TEMPERATURE

The ambient air temperature in the enclosure should be approximately 85°F. The hotspot under the light should reach 95°F during the day, while the cooler side should be about 80°F. A drop at night to the mid 70's is acceptable.

LIGHTING

Sand boas do not need any special UVB lighting, but do need a basking bulb on the hot side of their tank. Leave the light on during the day. If the tank is too cool at night, a red bulb may be necessary.

HUMIDITY

Sand boas are from a low humidity environment. Humidity in the range of 30%-40% is ideal, with a moist hide on the cool side of the tank. You can achieve this by placing moss under a wood or plastic hide, and mist the moss with water daily. Do not keep the entire tank humid. Along with this, a shallow water dish will help with humidity and the shed cycle. Any more humidity than that, and the sand boa will be prone to an upper respiratory infection.

FEEDING

Sand boas prefer live rodents, specifically mice, and generally enjoy eating in the evening. If you prefer to feed your boa frozen/thawed mice, the boat will adjust to the switch, but note that it will still constrict its' food.

ACCESSORIES

Along with the moist hide, greenery and caves are a great addition to sand boa enclosures.