

Carpet Python Care Sheet:

Species Name:

Morelia spilota

Adult size:

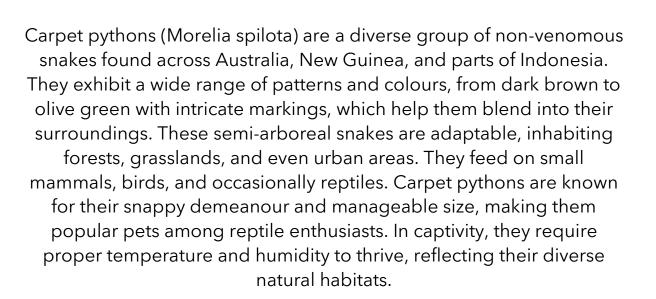
Up to 6ft

Lifespan:

15-20 Years

Breeding Age:

1 year





Housing:

Enclosure: Use a secure, escape-proof enclosure with suitable ventilation to control humidity.

Size: For an adult Carpet Python a suitable enclosure size is roughly 3ft long and has an appropriate height due to this being a semi-arboreal species. Putting a juvenile in an enclosure this size may prove stressful due to the abundance of open space, be sure to include plenty of hiding species to mitigate the stress factors.

Substrate: A humid substrate like bark chips or coir will mimic their natural environment.

Temperature and Lighting:

Temperature Gradient: Maintain a temperature gradient in the enclosure. The warm side should be around 30-34°C, while the cool side should be 22-26°C.

Heating: Use an under-tank heating pad, ceramic heat emitter or heat tape to create a warm spot. A thermostat is essential to regulate the temperature.

Lighting: Carpet Pythons do not require special lighting, but a day/night cycle should be maintained. A simple ambient room light is usually sufficient. If you wish to use UVB lighting, a 6% shade dweller light can be used.

Humidity:

Humidity Level: Keep the humidity level between 50-60%.

Misting: Provide a water bowl and mist the enclosure as needed to maintain humidity.

Feeding:

Diet: Feed your Python appropriately sized prey items. For juveniles, start with appropriately sized mice, and as they grow, transition to larger rodents.

Feeding Schedule: Feed juveniles every 5-7 days, while adults can be fed every 10-14 days. Adjust the schedule based on the individual snake's metabolism.

Prey Size: Offer prey items that are about the same width as the snake's widest part.



Health and Handling:

Regular Check-ups: Monitor your snake for signs of illness, such as respiratory issues or changes in behaviour. If any concerns arise, consult a reptile veterinarian.

Handling: These snakes are known to be very snappy and do not enjoy being handled the majority of the time. Limit handling to only when necessary!

Enrichment:

Hide Boxes: Provide multiple hide boxes on both the warm and cool sides of the enclosure.

Branches and Climbing: Include branches or climbing structures for exercise and mental stimulation.

Environmental Variation: Occasionally rearrange the enclosure layout to provide environmental enrichment.

General Tips:

Cleanliness: Keep the enclosure clean by removing waste regularly and disinfecting as needed.

Research: Stay informed about the specific needs and behaviours of Carpet Pythons to ensure their well-being.

Remember that each snake is an individual, and adjustments may be necessary based on your snake's specific requirements and preferences. Always consult with a reptile veterinarian for personalized advice.