



# SAND BOA CARE GUIDE

## Supplies

- Enclosure
  - Options: Glass or PVC (tubs are also an option)
- Substrate (recommend coconut chip; avoid sand)
- Hides (at least two, one on the warm side, one on the cool side)
- Water dish
- Under tank heater or heat pad
- Thermostat
  - Recommended brands: Inkbird, Vivarium Electronics, Herpstat
- Thermometer with Hygrometer

## Housing

- A 36" tank is adequate for most sand boas, some males can be kept in a 24"
- Provide a thermal gradient with heat on one side of the enclosure
- Choose a substrate that allows for burrowing but is not ingestible
- Ensure the tank has a secure lid (sand boas can be escape artists)

## The Basics

- Species: Sand Boa (*Eryx* spp.)
- Lifespan: 15-20 years
- Size: Typically 2-3 feet (61-91 cm) in length
  - Females are considerably larger than males
- Temperature:
  - Warm side: 85-95°F (29-35°C)
  - Cool side: 75-80°F (24-27°C)
- Humidity: 40-50%

## Feeding

- Primarily feed on rodents
- Frequency: Juveniles (weekly), adults (every 2 weeks)