

Common Name: Corn Snake
Latin Name: *Pantherophis guttatus*



Distribution:	North American	Natural Habitat:	Pine forests - Grassland
Adult Size:	120cm -190cm (4ft-6ft)	Diet:	carnivore
Life Span:	18-25 years		

NATURAL HABITAT

This common corn snake occupies the mixed woodlands and rocky hillsides of the Central U.S. to Northern Mexico. When captive, adults require a minimum 3 ft vivarium.

BEHAVIOUR

Most will become tame with regular handling. Provide several dark hiding places for cover.

CAPTIVE ENVIRONMENT

Use full spectrum lighting 12-14 hours per day. Provide a basking area with access to a cooler zone. Provide several climbing areas on branches, logs & plants. Use aspen, orchid bark, aspen or lignocel as substrate.

TEMPERATURE

To ensure the snake can thermo regulate effectively there should be a thermal gradient provided by using a heat source at one end of their enclosure, such as a heat mat attached to a thermostat with the probe on the heat source.

A day temperature should range between 25-31°C (78 to 88° F).

Maintain night temperature range between 21-23°C (70-75°F).

DIET

Feed on rodents in captivity. Feed weekly.

Feed appropriate sized pre-killed frozen (mice, rats and small birds).

Defrost in warm tap water until fully thawed, do not handle for 24 hours after feeding

All reptiles possess zoonotic properties so ensure you wash your hands after handling your reptile.

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