Caresheet Boa Imperator

A short description of our Boa Imperator husbandry

Basic information

**Climate day:** We provide a thermal gradient (a hot and a cold side in the viv) varying from 28-33°C on the hot side, to approximately 26°C on the cold side. A daytime humidity of 60-85% is maintained by spraying the enclosure (mist heavily and let it dry out before misting again). In general, misting once a day is enough.

**Climate night:** The hot side should be around 25-27°C, the cold side is allowed to drop down to 22-24°C. Humidity slightly rises naturally at night.

**Lighting:** We use halogen-reflector bulbs that are strong enough to create the temperatures mentioned above (varies with the size of the enclosure)
For daytime we use 'normal' reflector bulbs, and a IR reflector bulb for the night.

**Vivarium:** At this point our little Boa lives in a 80x40x50 (LxWxH) viv, it’s still a baby so this way it’s easier and more cost-efficient to keep her in a smaller enclosure. We’re building a custom double ventilated enclosure, measuring 195x50x60 as a permanent enclosure. Cocopeat (coco based soil without chemical fertilisers that may harm our Boa) is our substrate of choice, allowing the Boa to dig in. It also helps keeping the humidity up. We provide a water bowl (dug in bin) where the snake fits in completely and lot's of wood/branches, stones and foliage to make the Boa feel secure, while he has plenty of space to roam around. As most other snake species, they like to be given the option of being 'invisible'. We use lampcages to prevent (burn) injuries to our Boa, since they like to climb, bulbs are fantastic things to climb onto, sometimes with disastrous effects.
**Diet:** Frozen/thawed or pre-killed rodents are on the menu. From mice once a week when they are still very young, to rats once every other week, to even rabbits once a month when they grow up. Rule of thumb is that the prey animal should be 150% wider than the thickest part of the body at MAX.

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