

### Temperature and Humidity

Ambient Temperature	80-85°F
Basking Temperature	88-93°F
Humidity	50-60%

### Frozen/Thawed Food

When storing frozen/thawed food, keep it in the freezer.

When defrosting, do **not** use the microwave.

Instead, put the mouse/rat in a ziplock bag and keep it submerged in warm water until it is ready. The heat is necessary for the snake to believe the mouse is real and alive.

Make sure the mouse or rat is fully defrosted! If the core is still frozen, it can hurt the snake's insides.

### Food

Ball Python Weight (g)	Prey Item	Days between Meals
Hatchling-150	Rat Pinky	5-7
150-400	Rat Pup	5-7
400-600	Weanling Rat	5-7
600-1200	Small Rat	7
1200-1800	Medium Rat	7

The snake's meal should never be wider than the snake's girth.

### Hides

Hides should be closed all around except for one entrance in order to minimize stress to the snake.

There should be a hide on both sides of the cage. It is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** that both hides are identical in every way, but it may be fine if they are both the same size.

The hide's entrance should be slightly larger than the thickest part of the snake's body.

### Tank Size

Ball Python Weight (g)	Tank Size (gal)
150-500	10-20
500-1200	20-30
1200+	30



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