

Carpet Python



OVERVIEW



- Scientific Name: *Morelia spilota* spp.
- Origin: Australia & New Guinea
- Ease of Care: Intermediate
- Potential Adult size: Up to 10ft
- Life Span: Upwards of 20 years
- Behaviour: Crepuscular
- Diet: Carnivore
- Handling: Advanced (due to potentially large size)
- Humidity: 50%

TOP TIPS

- ✓ Vary the food items you offer to your animal to keep it stimulated
- ✓ Use a sand scoop to make spot cleaning easier

HOUSING

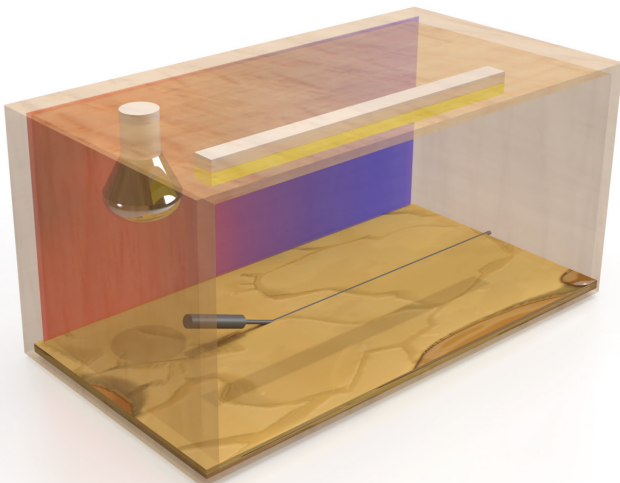
We recommend the HabiStat Standard Vivarium 60 x 24 x 24" (DVF6024) for housing a single Carpet Python.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

- Housing: Vivarium
- Heating: Heat Bulb
- Lighting: UV Tube (Light Cycle: 12 hours of light)
- Substrate: HabiStat Jungle Bio, HabiStat Coir Substrate, HabiStat Orchid Bark
- Water: Water Bowl

ENVIRONMENT

Terrestrial Vivarium Setup



Heating

The HabiStat Snake Accessory Kit (HSSAK) would provide all the needed light, heat, and safety elements for the enclosure in one handy kit.

The Carpet Python is a crepuscular reptile and requires a suitable light and heat gradient in the enclosure to simulate a complete 24-hour period.

- Background Temp: 22-25°C (72-77°F)
- HOT Spot: 30-32°C (86-90°F)
- Night-Time Temp: 18-21°C (64-69°F)

Provide a warmer/hot area towards the one side of the enclosure, using an overhead heat source to offer a heat gradient.

Use an Arcadia Pro Ceramic Lamp Holder & Bracket

(RADCHP) with a HabiStat Heat Bulb (HBB100), with the HabiStat Heater Guard (HHG24) protecting the bulb from any inquisitive snake. All running in conjunction with the HabiStat Dimming Thermostat (HTDW).

Dimming thermostats are designed to regulate temperatures using a thermostat probe (also known as a sensor). Correct placement of the probe is critical to avoid overheating and injury to the animal. Check temperatures regularly, using a reliable dual thermometer and hygrometer to ensure that there are no extreme fluctuations.

Lighting

Fit the Arcadia ProT5 UVB MAX Kit (RARTP14S) on the inside roof of the enclosure and protect the tube with the Arcadia Lamp Guard Pro (RALGP2) ensuring that all is fitted correctly and within the manufactures recommended distances.

Substrate and Decoration

Personal choice will dictate how you decorate your enclosure, but we recommend the following as a guide:

- HabiStat Jungle Bio (HSJB25), HabiStat Coir (HSC60), or HabiStat Orchid Bark (HSO25M)
- Wood/branches & rocks for climbing, hiding, and sleeping on such as the HabiStat Grapevine (HSGVS), HabiStat Cork Branch (HDB500), and the HabiStat Forest Hideout (HSNFHEL) would also provide shade and shelter
- Live or artificial plant decoration will provide darker areas for the animal
- Water bowl - a suitably sized sturdy water bowl must be provided in the cool end of the enclosure

DIET & WATER

The Carpet Python is a Defrost Rodents and Poultry eating species for its captive diet.

Always provide a source of fresh water. The HabiStat Sandstone Water Dish (HRSSCEL) will provide a safe and sturdy option for this necessity.

Misting the enclosure as needed will also allow for the maintenance and regulation of the enclosure humidity.

SUPPLEMENTATION

The Carpet Python does not require additional supplementation in the form of a calcium and multi-vitamin powder if the diet is kept varied.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

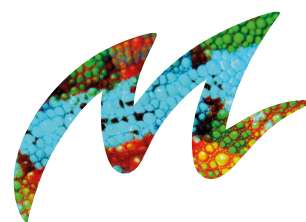
- This is a snake species that likes a steady humidity range. Aiming for 50% via spraying down of the enclosure moss and plants as needed will allow for this.
- Keep an eye on your Hygrometer for humidity needs.
- This is a species that can grow up to 10ft and live around 20 years in an optimal captive environment, so not a species for beginners.



We recommend the following cleaning routine to keep your Carpet Python healthy and happy:

	Water	Substrate	Enclosure
Daily	Change old water for fresh water	Spot clean	Check vents on enclosure are not blocked and allow air to pass through freely
Weekly	Disinfect water bowl or dish	Agitate substrate to prevent any bacterial build-up and remove any dirty bedding	Wipe down glass and walls with a reptile safe disinfectant
Monthly		Take out old substrate and replace with new substrate	Wipe down inside the enclosure and disinfect décor with a reptile safe disinfectant

Always wash your hands, surfaces and equipment with warm water and disinfectant immediately before and after handling or feeding your Carpet Python, their food, enclosure and any other equipment.



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