

Western Hognose



OVERVIEW



- Scientific Name: *Heterodon nasicus*
- Origin: Western United States
- Ease of Care: Intermediate
- Potential Adult Size: 20 inches
- Life Span: Up to 18 years
- Behaviour: Diurnal
- Diet: Defrost Rodents and Poultry
- Handling: Advanced

TOP TIPS

- ✓ Allow for a few inches of substrate to enable the species to burrow.
- ✓ Provide a sturdy water-bowl due to the burrowing nature of the species

HOUSING

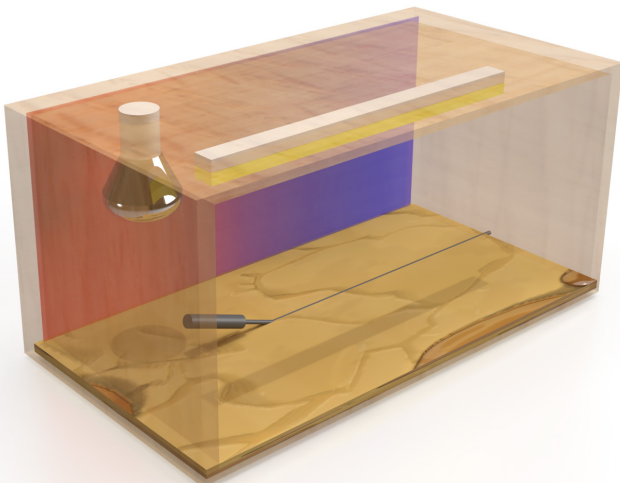
We recommend the HabiStat standard vivarium 36x24x24inches (DVF3624) is ideal for the life of the species.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

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

ENVIRONMENT

Terrestrial Vivarium Setup



Heating

Western Hognose Snakes are diurnal animals and require a suitable light and heat gradient in their vivarium.

- Background Temp: 21°C-26°C (69°F-79°F)
- HOT Spot: 30°C-32°C (86°F-90°F)
- Night-Time Temp: 21°C-26°C (69°F-79°F)

Provide a 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) running in conjunction with a 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 Hognose Snake.

Maintain night-time temperatures using a HabiStat Ceramic (HBC60) running in conjunction with a HabiStat Pulse Stat (HTPW), if they are dropping below the recommended night-time heat levels.

A Spotlight Guard should be used to surround the heat bulb to prevent the animal coming into direct contact with the heat source.

Check temperatures regularly, using a reliable dual thermometer and hygrometer to ensure that there are no extreme fluctuations.

Lighting

Fit the Arcadia Pro T5 UVB Kit 7% (RARTP8S) on the inside-roof of the Vivarium. This will maintain required UVB levels.

Ensure that it is fitted correctly and within the manufacturers recommend distances.

Substrate and Decoration

Personal choice will dictate how you decorate your enclosure, but we recommend the following as examples -

- HabiStat Jungle Bio (HSJB10), HabiStat Coir Block (HSCB), or Arcadia EarthMix Arid (RAREA10)
- Wood/branches/vines for climbing, hiding, and sleeping under
- Live or artificial plant decoration will provide darker areas for the Hognose to use as shelter

DIET & WATER

The Western Hognose is a Defrost Rodents and Poultry eating species in captivity.

Always provide a source of fresh water. The HabiStat Sandstone Water Dish (HRSSCM) 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

Western Hognose Snakes do not require additional supplementation in the form of a calcium and multi-vitamin powder if the diet is kept varied.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Western Hognose Snakes are a burrowing species, so a substrate must be provided for them to partake in this vital natural enrichment.
- Due to their burrowing nature, a sturdy water bowl is essential.

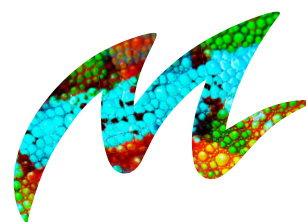
HEALTH & HYGIENE



We recommend the following cleaning routine to keep your Western Hognose 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 Western Hognose, their food, enclosure and any other equipment.



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