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## Supply List:

- Tank with Very Secure Lid (snake lock top)
- Aspen Snake Bedding
- Water Dish and Spray Bottle
- Cage Décor
- Frozen Rodent (size based on snake size)
- Long Feeding Tongs
- Small Travel/ Feeding Cage
- Small Travel Cage
- IR Thermometer

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# Temperate Snakes Care Sheet

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Temperate Snakes include:  
Corn snakes, Kings snakes, Rat  
snakes, and Water snakes.  
All of these snakes are native to  
North Carolina.



1. Bottom Substrate: Aspen snake bedding is an excellent bottom substrate for corn snakes. It allows them to burrow in the bedding to hide, which is a natural behavior.
2. Water dish: A water dish of decent size should be provided at all times even if it does not appear the snake is drinking from it. Many will soak in the water dish as well.
3. Tank: Most of these snakes do get pretty large (6 ft plus) but should have as large of a tank as possible as adults (min size 50 gallon long). As juveniles, a smaller tank can be used and increased as they grow. A vertical tank can be used for arboreal pythons or any individuals that like to climb.
4. Decor: Snakes like to hide under things, wooden caves make excellent hiding spots and are safe. Avoid any aquarium decor as they have holes snakes can get stuck in. Branches can allow climbing as well, but should not be too high to prevent falls.
5. Snake Lock-Top: (not pictured) A secure tank lid is a necessity for a snake owner. Snakes are excellent escape artists and will get out if they can.

## Diet:

The best diet is **frozen, thawed mice**. It is the safest way to offer food. Sizes can be bought to make snakes needs.

Pinkies (smallest) -> Fuzzies -> Small mouse  
-> Medium Mouse -> Large mouse (largest)

**Do Not thaw in water unless in a bag. If submerged in water then water-soluble vitamins may be leached.**

Feed juveniles every 5-7 days

Feed adults every 7-10 days

They should be fed in a smaller tank to help prevent cage aggression.

Often feeding tongs are needed to move the mouse around a bit to entice the snake to eat. Sheds can decrease appetite

## Good to Know:

- Supplemental heat is not needed as long as the household temperature stays above 65 F.

- Humidity should be about 50%. Normal household humidity is usually adequate and misting can be done to help bring up humidity when needed.

- A shed can get stuck if it is not humid enough. Mist or soak snakes during sheds to help prevent stuck sheds.

- Many snakes will defecate in their water dish so be sure to change water dishes daily.

\_ Heat is not needed for these native species as long as temperatures are not extreme