

Snake Cleaning and Care- SOP

Objective:

To ensure appropriate cleaning and disinfecting of enclosures in order to prevent the spread of illness and to maintain health of the pet.

Procedure

Daily Spot Cleaning:

1. Remove any skin sheds, urates, and uneaten food
2. Remove any soiled substrate and replace with new substrate
 - a. Appropriate substrates are repti-bark, newspaper, or coconut fiber
3. Wipe down any soiled areas in the enclosure using Dawn soap and water solution
 - a. This includes any foliage and furniture in the enclosure
4. Remove food and water dishes
 - a. Clean dishes with Dawn soap and water
 - b. Place fresh food and water in enclosure
 - c. See Reptile Care Chart for appropriate diet, water source, and calcium source
5. Fill out the Reptile Maintenance Chart located in the Animal Care SOP binder

Monthly Deep Cleaning:

1. Remove pet from enclosure and place in a secure temporary enclosure
2. Remove All enclosure furniture, substrate, and food/water bowls
 - a. Clean enclosure furniture and food/water bowls with Dawn and water
 - b. Soak clean furniture and dishes in a 1:10 (1C per 10 gallons of water) bleach solution or spray down with 8oz per gallon Rescue and let items sit for 10 minutes
 - c. Rinse all items thoroughly and allow to air dry
3. Remove all organic matter (sheds, feces, urates, etc.) from enclosure using Rescue
4. Spray down enclosure using 8oz per gallon Rescue, let the Rescue sit wet for 10 mins, rinse thoroughly. Allow enclosure to air dry.
5. Once enclosure is dry place new substrate, clean furniture, and fresh food and water
6. Place snake back in enclosure

Lighting:

1. A blue or red light bulb should be left on overnight so that temperatures do not drop below 72°
 2. **NO UVB is needed for Ball Pythons or Boa constrictors**
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