

# Jupiter



**What am I?**

Kenyan Sand Boa

**Where do I live in the wild?**

In the desert in Kenya, Africa. Sand Boas spend most of their time under the sand, hiding from the sun and waiting for their prey to scamper by.

**How am I looked after as a pet?**

At the moment I am very small so I live in a plastic reptile tank with cardboard bedding to bury myself in and places to hide. I have a heat mat on one side which I can lie on to warm up. When I am larger I will move into a vivarium.

**What do I eat?**

Mice and other small rodents. As a pet I eat defrosted frozen mice. In the wild I would wait under the sand for my prey to run by. I am a constrictor so I would squeeze it and drag it under the sand to swallow it.

**What do I look like?**

I am a chunky little snake with soft scales. I am black with an orange squiggle down my back that looks like lava from a volcano. Unusually for a snake my eyes and nose are on the top of my head so I can still see and breathe while I am buried under the sand.

**Why do we love Jupiter?**

Jupiter is a very beautiful snake. He is also very calm, friendly and slow moving.

## **My Story**

I came to Lion Learners East Midlands when I was only 3 months old from a local breeder. I had been handled a lot so I was already very friendly.



## **Where can I visit?**

Schools, parties, after school clubs, children's centres, libraries & events. I am happy to be outside in warmer weather. I am very slow moving so I can even be handled by gentle younger children with adult supervision.

At the moment Jupiter is a baby and still very small. This means he isn't yet suitable for care home visits or for being handled by unsupervised pre-school children or those still learning to be gentle. This will change as he grows up and gets bigger. Corn Snakes Rio and Autumn are more than happy to be handled by anyone.