

bearded dragon care sheet



habitat

Bearded dragons should be provided with a minimum of a 40 gallon terrarium, which usually measures 36"W x 180 x 18"H. The bigger the area they can be provided, the better! When kept in proper conditions, they are very active and curious animals! They enjoy running, investigating and climbing, so adding a place to climb and bask can greatly benefit them!



lighting

Bearded dragons require a full spectrum UVB light, which can come in compact fluorescent, T5 or T8 forms, as well as a heating source for basking under. They may require night heat if your house is cooler.



temperature

As they naturally live in Australia, bearded dragons love the heat! Their basking temperature should range around 105F-110F, with a gradient or cool end of the terrarium sitting around 70F-74F. Offering a gradient is a good way to allow the bearded dragon to find a comfortable temperature to sit at; they are quite good at self-regulating!



diet

Bearded dragons enjoy a mixed diet of live bugs and vegetation! Young dragons will require more protein in their diet, where adults require more vegetation. Crickets, mealworms, wax worms, & super worms are great options for protein. Collard greens, parsley, mustard greens, butternut squash & carrots can be great choices for vegetation.

shopping list

- bedding
- terrarium with secure lid
- food supplements
- calcium & mineral supplements
- climbing branches
- incandescent light or ceramic heater
- non-toxic plant or hiding rock
- full spectrum fluorescent light
- food & water dish
- thermometer
- basking rock
- humidity gauge
- heat source
- book about bearded dragons

fun facts

average size

12 to 18 inches

average life span

3 - 10 years

misc. information

males should be housed separately

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