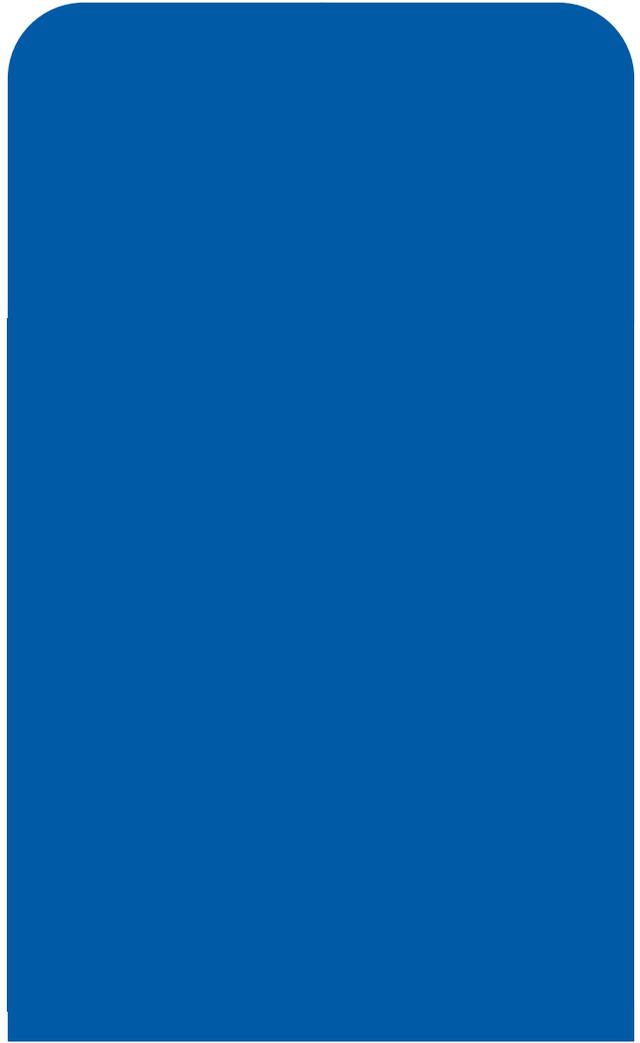




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HABITAT

In the wild, bearded dragons can be found in the wooded & desert regions of Australia. They enjoy lounging on rocks, logs and prefer bright, warm living spaces.

Your bearded dragon should have a habitat appropriate for his size - starting at 90L for baby dragons and up to 550L for a large dragon of 50cm long! In most cases, bigger is better, as a small tank can cause stress for your new friend.

The habitat will need to imitate the bearded dragon's natural habitat - a full spectrum light and a heating bulb will help your dragon feel at home. A bright bulb will allow your Beardie to keep sufficiently warm.

The flooring in your habitat will ideally use reptile carpet, but newspaper or paper towels will also work. Be careful not to use any loose materials, especially with young dragons, as they may accidentally eat the flooring while eating their insects!

It is also very important to have a lid or cover for your habitat as bearded dragons can be quite the escape artists! Having a lid will also help keep your beardie safe from any other pets in your household.

When choosing a lid or cover for your habitat, remember that you need to keep the humidity low and provide fresh air circulation. A screen or mesh cover is perfect for this, and solid covers should be avoided.



ACCESSORIES

In addition to food and water dishes, your beardie will also need a safe place to hide such as a cave or log. This should be a safe, enclosed space where he can go to hide and sleep. Your habitat should have at least one well-secured and safe branch for climbing, and preferably a way for him to climb up high to get closer to his basking light. Ideally, he should be able to get within 2.5cm to feel and enjoy the warmth from his light!

TEMPERATURE

Your beardie's habitat should have both a warm and a cool side, so two thermometers are recommended, to keep an eye on each side of the habitat. The warm side of the habitat should be kept at 35°-40° and the cool side should be kept between 24°-26°. It's important that the habitat never drops below 18° even at night. In addition to two good thermometers, you can use globes and heated mats to ensure your beardie's warm habitat side is warm enough. If your dragon appears to be gasping or sitting with his mouth open, then he is too hot. You can cool him down by turning off his lights and spraying a fine mist of cool water over him.

FOOD

Bearded dragons are omnivorous, and their diet consists of both insects and vegetables. A baby bearded dragon needs more insects than a grown one, and can typically eat up to 60 insects per day!

A grown dragon's diet will usually consist of a good mix of vegetables (such as carrots, kale and peas) and insects once per day (or once every other day if weight is of concern). Insects should be "gut loaded" before feeding them to your beardie. This means feeding the insects prior to feeding them to your bearded dragon, so that added nutrients can be given to him.

Your beardie will also need supplements of calcium and vitamin D3 to help prevent metabolic bone disease. These supplements can be purchased as a powder and sprinkled on food prior to feeding. For adult dragons, these supplements should be given once per week.

