



Bearded Dragon



Origin:

Australia

Size: 4in

(Hatchlings)

to 2 feet (adults)

Life Span: 6-10 years with proper care

Heat and Lighting:

- Beardies like it HOT! They need a basking area of about 100° provided by a Halogen Flood Lamp or reptile-specific basking bulb over a rock, branch, or anything that allows them to climb.
- They also need a cool area on the other side of the enclosure that is 75-80 F.
- Night temperatures should range 70-75 F
- A full-spectrum UVB light must be provided – either through a bulb or a tube light.

Tank setup:

- A 40+ gallon tank is the minimum for a full grown bearded dragon – beardies need a lot of space! Big is always better!
- Reptile carpet, paper towels, or ceramic tile provide an easy-to-clean, solid surface and is recommended for young bearded dragons. Substrate can be used for older juveniles and adults.

Diet:

 Omnivores – eat plants and animals

- LIVE Insects: crickets, dubia roaches, superworms, wax worms, and horn worms can all be fed
- Dust all insects with calcium powder
- Plants: provide a variety of finely chopped veggies such as leafy greens (except spinach), squash, carrots, etc and fruits such as banana, berries, kiwi, mango. Replace each day with fresh produce.
- Beardies have voracious appetites as juveniles and may require \$40-50 of insects *per month*

Water and Humidity: Their home should not be humid so do not mist their enclosure. Water should be offered in a bowl that is large enough for them to soak, and replaced frequently to keep it clean.

Temperament & Handling:

- Beardies are typically docile and tolerate handling. Hatchlings may be wiggly and quick, but frequent handling will quickly tame them.
- They love perching on shoulders, the backs of chairs, and on windowsills

Shedding: They will shed every 3-4 weeks as juveniles, but adults may only shed once or twice a year. They should not be assisted in shedding, as this may hurt them. If the shed appears to be stuck, soak in warm water to help loosen it.

Housemates: No beardies should **never** be housed together. They are fiercely territorial and will fight over food.

Cleaning: Droppings should be removed daily, and the tank should be thoroughly cleaned once per week. Vinegar works well as a safe cleaning agent for their tanks.

Bearded Dragon Growth Chart

Age	Size (Length)
1 Month	3-4 inches
2 Months	5-9 inches
3 Months	8-11 inches
4 Months	9-12 inches
5 Months	11-16 inches
6 Months	11-18 inches
7 Months	13-18 inches
8 Months	13-20 inches
9 Months	14-21 inches
10 Months	15-22 inches
11 Months	15-23 inches
1 Year	15-24 inches