

Bearded Dragon

Pogona vitticeps



Enclosure

The absolute minimum size enclosure for an adult bearded dragon is the equivalent to a 40-gallon breeder tank (36" x 18" x 16"). Bearded dragons are best kept in enclosures that are 4' x 2' x 2' (or even larger, if possible).

While some individuals may be tempted to allow two or more bearded dragons to live together in the same enclosure, Badgerland Reptile Rescue strongly advises against cohabitation for this species.

There are many different substrates available for bearded dragons, including paper towels, tile, or a mixture of sand/soil. We do not recommend using reptile carpet or calcium sand substrates.

Heating & Humidity

Adult bearded dragons should be provided a hotspot of 100-105° during the day. Night-time temperatures should typically be between 65-75°. In most cases, the ambient humidity should be between 30-50%

Please note that a reliable thermostat must always be used with any heat source!

UVB

We recommend the following: Arcadia Desert 12%, Arcadia Dragon 14%, Zilla Desert 50, ZooMed ReptiSun 10.0

Diet

Bearded dragons are omnivores and should eat a mixture of leafy greens and insect protein.

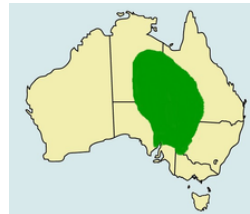
Hatchling and juvenile bearded dragons (typically under 12 months of age) will have diets that are 80% protein and 20% greens.

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Signs of a Healthy Bearded Dragon

- Alert and energetic
- Able to support all of its weight and hold its head up
- Animal can use all limbs
- Bright, clear eyes
- Plump fat pads
- No discoloration to scales
- Full base of tail
- No protruding hip bones

Native Range and History



The bearded dragon is primarily found in arid and semiarid woodlands, as well as the rocky desert regions of Central Australia. This species was first described by German zoologist Ernest Ahl in 1926.

Average Lifespan

10-15 years

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