

Bearded Dragon

Latin Name	Pagona vitticeps
Native to	Australia
Maximum Length	15–24 inches
Life Span	5–15 years
Enclosure	Use screen top terrarium only. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10–20 gallon terrarium for a single, young dragon• 30 gallon for multiple young dragons (separate smaller or injured dragons)• 40 gallon or larger for single adult dragon• 90 gallon or larger for paired females (male pairing not recommended) Provide hiding and basking areas such as mopani wood, half-log, or a rock.
Substrate	Reptile carpet (EcoCarpet) or paper towels for young and adult dragons. VitaSand, RetpiSand, or ground walnut shell (Zilla Desert Blend) for adults only.
Temperature	day 80°F, basking 90–100°F, night 70–80°F infrared heat lamp, ceramic heat emitter
Light	diurnal UVB fluorescent lamp (ReptiSun 10.0) and basking lamp for 10–12 hours daily
Humidity	desert, less than 40% Soak dragon in shallow warm water 10 minutes every 2–3 days or every 1–2 days during shedding.
Water	Water dish not necessary. Moisture intake from food and vegetation is sufficient.
Food	omnivorous Feed every 2–3 days: crickets with calcium/multivitamin supplement. Feed young dragons once daily, as much as they will eat. Every day provide combination of produce in a shallow dish: chopped collard/mustard greens, green beans, carrot, banana squash, grapes, melon. May sometimes offer adult dragons mealworms, pinkie mice, and dubia roaches.
Shed Cycle	monthly to every 8 weeks
Sexing	Maturity reached at 8–12 months (13–20 inches long, including tail). male: two bulges on abdomen before anus female: single bulge on tail past anus
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Remove waste and food debris. Sift sand or spot clean carpet.■ Soak dragon.■ Feed dragon insects, provide fresh produce.