

Water Dragon

Latin Name	Physignathus cocincinus
Native to	Southeast Asia
Maximum Length	24–36 inches
Life Span	10–15 years
Enclosure	<p>Use screen-glass top combo terrarium or screen top with removable cover panels to maintain humidity. Tall enclosure for arboreal species recommended.</p> <p>Use a 50 gallon terrarium for multiple young dragons or single adult. Separate males when possible.</p> <p>Provide multiple hiding spots, such as mopani wood, half-log, or clay cave, and climbing branches/rocks.</p>
Substrate	reptile carpet (EcoCarpet), cypress mulch (Forest Floor) for young and adult dragons
Temperature	day 75–85°F, basking 90–95°F, night 65–75°F infrared heat lamp, ceramic heat emitter
Light	diurnal UVB fluorescent lamp (ReptiSun 5.0) and basking lamp for 10–12 hours daily
Humidity	tropical, 80% Use a fogger, waterfall, or mist with distilled water often throughout the day.
Water	Provide purified water in a wide bowl deep enough for soaking.
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, strawberries, blueberries, mango. May sometimes offer adult dragons mealworms, pinkie mice, and feeder fish.
Shed Cycle	every 2 weeks to monthly
Sexing	<p>Maturity reached at 2–5 years, varied growth rate. (Sexable at 10–12 inches long.)</p> <p>male: pronounced femoral pores in V-shaped row and two bulges on tail past anus female: smooth pores, absent or less pronounced bulges</p>
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Remove waste and food debris.▪ Clean water bowl and replace water.▪ Feed insects, provide fresh produce.