

# water dragon care sheet



## habitat

10-20 gallon terrarium with secure lid. Multiple hiding areas consisting of non-toxic plants, branches and/or hide box. Climbing branches. Basking rock. Alfalfa based pellets (rabbit pellets), mulch type substrate or reptile carpet. Chlorine-free water should be provided in a shallow bowl that cannot be tipped over.



## lighting

Provide 10-12 hours of light daily. Use a UVB bulb with full spectrum. Incandescent bulb is needed for basking area if not using a ceramic heater



## temperature

Temperature should range from 100F(high) basking area at one end to 70F(low) cooling off area at the other end. An incandescent basking light (50 watt per 10 gallon, 75 watt per 20 gallon) should be used at one end of the tank. Radiant heat is recommended. Incandescent light or ceramic heater as primary heat source. Mist daily to maintain humidity of 60 to 80%.



## diet

Crickets, mealworms, wax worms (variety of insects). 10 to 15% of diet should include dark, leafy greens (mustard, collard, radish) and fruits (grape, apple, orange). Dust food with calcium powder daily and a vitamin supplement once or twice a week. Feed adults every 2 to 3 days and juveniles every day.

## shopping list

- bedding
- terrarium with secure lid
- misting bottle
- calcium & mineral supplements
- climbing branches
- incandescent light or ceramic heater
- full spectrum fluorescent light
- food supplements
- thermometer and humidity gauge
- non-toxic plants or hiding rock
- food and water dish
- basking rock
- book about water dragons

## fun facts

### average size

2 to 3 feet

### average life span

15+ years

### misc. information

males should be housed separately

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