

## Shopping list– The Basics

- Appropriately size habitat
- Screen top
- Substrate
- Hiding cave
- Reptile cage thermometers
- Food & water dishes
- Branches & climbing décor
- Moss
- UVB Lighting and fixture
- Daytime lighting and fixture
- Timer for light fixtures
- Under-tank heater mat
- Hydrometer
- Cage cleaner
- Spray bottle for misting
- Iguana food (pellet form)
- Fresh veggies & fruit
- Vitamin supplement
- Calcium supplement

## Habitat

**Housing** needs to be well ventilated and fit to the size of your iguana. The iguana should be able to turn and move around free in the habitat.

**Lighting** with UVB rays is required for 10-12 hours a day. An incandescent or ceramic heater can be used as a primary heat source. Use a ceramic or red/black incandescent bulb to provide warmth through out all hours.

**Humidity** level needs to be kept between 70-90% (misting every day will help keep humidity up).

Temperature for green iguanas:

- Cool side: 70 °F
- Warm Side: 100 °F
- Place a thermometer at each end of the habitat to monitor.

Use a **mulch-type substrate** such as coconut fiber or reptile bark. Branches should be set up so that the iguana can bask under the UVB fixture.

If your iguana starts eating the substrate, provide a safe alternative such as reptile carpet or edible substrate.

## Get to know your Iguana

- **Average adult size:**  
4 to 6 feet long
- **Average life span:**  
15+ years with proper care
- **Diet:**  
Herbivore
- **Habitat:**  
Tropical

## Nutrition

A well balanced diet consists of 70% **dark leafy greens** (spinach, romaine and collard), 20% **vegetables** (carrots, cabbage, broccoli) and 10% **fruit** such as mango, banana and strawberries. Iguanas will benefit from being fed a pelleted iguana diet.

**Feed and water** your iguana daily. Food should be chopped, shredded or grated.

Sprinkle a **calcium and multi-vitamin** supplement once or twice a week on your iguanas food.

Remove vegetables and fruit not eaten within 24 hours.

## Grooming & Health

Ensure that the humidity level is at a proper level. This will help your iguana shed regularly. To help with shedding process, place a container with water inside the habitat so that the iguana can submerge his entire body.

### Signs of a healthy green iguana:

- Clear, alert eyes
- Sheds regularly during growth
- Body and tail are rounded, filled out
- Eats and drinks normally
- Clear nose and vent

### Warning signs to watch for:

- Abnormal feces
- Eating or drinking less or weight loss
- Swelling
- Paralysis of limbs or tail or lethargic
- Mucus in mouth or nose

*If you notice any of these warning signs, speak with a sales associate or veterinarian.*

## Experience Level: intermediate

# Green Iguana

## care guide



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**Always supervise children when they are interacting with your green iguana**

**Give your pet 3 to 4 days to adjust to his new surroundings, then try holding him for short amounts of time. Take care to never handle him by the tail– it could break off.**

*This care guide contains only general information and tips for proper care. Speak with a Pet Depot sales associate or veterinarian with questions concerning your pet's health.*

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