

GREEN IGUANA



Iguana iguana

Although green Iguanas are one of the most commonly kept large lizards they do not make the best pet for beginners. They become quite large and males are often territorial during the breeding season. Potential owners should think of these things before purchasing a baby iguana

Adult Size 4-5 feet

Life Span 15-20 years

Habitat

- Baby Iguanas grow quite fast and should be kept in terrariums measuring approximately 30"x24"x30"
- Adult Iguanas get quite large and generally require custom made terrariums approximately 6'X4'X8'.
- Iguanas need many branches for climbing and will thermo-regulate by climbing
- Require approximately 70% humidity.

Temperature

- 78-84F Ambient temperature
- Basking spot 95-100F.

Lighting

- UVB is of the utmost importance for Iguanas, without it they will develop metabolic bone disease
- UVB lighting should be left on for 10-12 hours per day.
- Heat lamps from 100-250W (depending on the size of the cage will be needed to attain a basking spot.

Substrate

- Green Iguanas come from Central and South America.
- Iguanas need a wood substrate that will hold humidity, Cypress Mulch or Fir Bark are good options.

Nutrition

- Green Iguanas are Herbivorous.
- Vegetables should make up approximately 80% of their diet and fruits should make up approximately 10% of their diet.
- Spring Mix, Zucchini, carrots, cooked sweet potato, collard and mustard greens are good choices to represent approximately 50-60% of their diet.
- Many quality prepared diets exist, however not all Iguanas will accept these.