

PISCES

PET EMPORIUM

Agama

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Lifespan: 8 to 10 years.

Size: 6 to 10 inches. Shield Tails get 4 inches.

Sexing: Male Agamas have visible pores on the inside of the thighs and are generally much more vibrantly colored.

Enclosure: A single Agama should be housed in a 40-gallon breeder all-glass tank. Multiples need a larger tank. Males should not be housed together as they are territorial and will fight. Shield tails can live in a 15-Gallon tank easily.

Hiding/Climbing Spots: Supply lots of hiding spots, climbing branches and rocks. Provide a water dish large enough for the animal to curl its entire body into for bathing and to help with shedding.

Humidity: Agamas are desert animals and do not require a high humidity level (up to 40%). Light misting once per day is sufficient. Use a hygrometer to maintain a constant humidity level.

Substrate: Repta-liner is best for juveniles, but adults can be easily housed in sand or other desert bedding. ***Pisces recommends: Repta-liner.***

Heat: Maintain a temperature of as low as 24 °C at night to as high as 35 °C during the day (75 °F to 95 °F). Use a heat bulb on one portion of the tank so the animal can escape the warm area if they need to. ***Pisces recommends: ExoTerra bulbs and fixtures.***

UV Lighting: Use of a full spectrum 10.0 bulb for 12 hours per day is required. Fluorescent bulbs lose effectiveness and need to be replaced every 6-8 months.

Feeding: An Agamas diet should include crickets and worms (meal worms, super worms, butter worms, phoenix worms, wax worms). Feeding as many 4-5 week crickets as they will eat once every two days is sufficient.



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Vitamins & Supplements: Dust crickets with calcium supplement every other feeding. Be sure to use a calcium supplement that is Phosphorous and Vitamin D₃ free. **Pisces recommends: Repashy Calcium plus ICB**

Handling: Some Agamas can be afraid of being handled, so take caution when handling your Agama the first time. Regular handling can rid Agamas of this habit easily.

Other: Agamas are readily available in many varied colors.

Safe Handling of Reptiles*: As with all living creatures, reptiles can carry microorganisms (including Salmonella) which can make people ill. To reduce the chances of infection, always follow these safe handling steps:

- Always wash your hands thoroughly after you handle your pet, its food and anything it has touched.
- Keep your pet in a habitat designed for it; do not let your pet reptile roam around the home without proper supervision.
- Keep your pet, its food dishes and cage components out of the kitchen.
- Don't nuzzle or kiss your pet.
- Infants, children under 5 years of age, pregnant women, the elderly, and those with a compromised immune system have a greater risk of infection. Extra caution should be taken when they are in contact with any animal. Children under 5 should handle reptiles only under adult/parent supervision.

Recommended Books: Pisces recommends *Terrarium Animals from A to Z* (Barron's Books).

Recommended Supplies:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Glass terrarium ❑ Screen top ❑ Branches for climbing ❑ Misting bottle ❑ Water dish ❑ Repta-liner ❑ Heat Bulb & Fixture | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Fluorescent Light & Fixture ❑ Incandescent Light and Fixture ❑ Repashy Calcium plus ICB ❑ Crickets ❑ Worms ❑ Thermometer ❑ Hygrometer |
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Your New Pet: It is the responsibility of any pet owner to provide their pet with regular veterinary care to maintain their pet's health and to prevent illness.

Should you experience any problems with your new pet, contact Pisces Pet Emporium. We will make every effort to assist you but we may refer you to a qualified veterinarian if the problem is beyond our ability to treat.

A pet is a large responsibility and should not be purchased without due consideration. Pets should never be released into the wild.



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