

LIZARD

BUYING GUIDE

New Friend	Best Parents	Habitat	Habitat Features	Food	Did You Know?	Accessories I Love
Crested Gecko	Age 5 and up <i>(with supervision)</i>	Vertical enclosure. Cage, tank, or terrarium. 20 gallon minimum. 18 inches tall x 12 inch x 12 inch. Escape-proof top. Misted daily. Temperature 72°F to 75°F	Tall, sturdy branches to climb on. Leaves to hide in.	Omnivore. Food and water bowls positioned up high. Powdered diet. May need to add water to powder.	Grows to 5 – 8 inches. Friendly. Easy to handle. They can jump! Look like tiny dragons. Can drop their tails when stressed and they won't grow back. Lives 15 - 20 years.	Caves. Vines. Reptile waterfall.
Leopard Gecko	Ages 12 and up	Horizontal glass or PFC-free plastic enclosure. 20 gallon minimum. • 75 - 85°F by day. • Natural sunlight or UVB full spectrum light 12 hours a day. • Basking light zone up to 90°F. • Ceramic heater at night, if needed, to obtain 70°F.	Rocks. Constant supply of fresh water. A humid spot: Cave-like box with coconut coir, peat moss or eco-earth, misted often. NO sand, bark, or wood chips!	Carnivore (insectivore). Needs water dish. Babies need small, live crickets or Dubia roaches in a bowl daily. Adults like to hunt. Release mealworms, larger crickets, and Dubia roaches into habitat about 3 times weekly. Waxworms as a treat.	Grows to 7 - 11 inches. Friendly. Hardy. Docile. Quiet. Easy to handle. Do not house two together. Can drop their tail. Lives 10 - 20 years.	Try reptile carpet. Stone slate. Excavator clay.
Tokay Gecko	Age 15 and up (if handled)	Vertical enclosure. Escape-proof top. Good airflow. 20 gallon minimum. • Incandescent light to heat to 80 - 90°F by day. • Nocturnal reptile lamp or ceramic heater to heat to 70°F - 80°F by night. • 60-70% humidity. Use hygrometer.	Tall, sturdy branches, and rocks to climb on. Artificial or reptile safe plants. Hiding spots using cork bark, half logs, or caves. Orchid bark or coconut husk-based substrate. Mist daily to maintain humidity.	Carnivore (insectivore). Crickets. Water dish. Adults like to hunt. Release mealworms.	Grows to 8 - 16 inches. Fascinating. Vibrant colors. Fun to watch hunt. Can be aggressive and difficult to handle. Likely to bite. Might be able to tame some with lots of patience. Nocturnal. Loud. Lives 10 - 15 years.	Try a red nighttime bulb or moonlight bulb to watch your pet after dark.
Uromastyx	Age 15 and up	Terrarium. Good airflow. 40 gallon minimum. 5 feet long x 2 feet x 2 feet. • 80°F zone to 100°F zone. • Lots of natural sunlight or UVA/UVB full spectrum light 10 - 12 hours a day. • Basking light 120°F - 140°F • 68°F - 80°F at night.	Provide hiding, basking, and places to dig. Use rocks, thick branches or Mopani Wood. Substrate: Sand, millet, tile, and/or clay. They get their moisture from plants, but some include a small water bowl.	Vegetarian. Vegetables, greens, flowers (e.g., hibiscus, dandelion blooms, marshmallow blooms, and more), legumes, beans, and seeds.	Grows to 10 - 20 inches. Beautiful, curious eyes, friendly, with great personalities. Fun to handle but take a long time to trust you. Love to dig and climb. If too damp, they will get sick. Lives 15 - 20 years.	Excavator clay. Hammock. Plants. Soaking tub to help with shedding. (Soak once a day, when needed. Dry thoroughly.)
Veiled Chameleon	Age 15 and up	Vertical enclosure. Escape-proof top. Good airflow. 4 feet tall x 2 x 2 feet. • Basking lamp at the top for 72 - 104°F by day. • Bottom of enclosure down to 68°F. • Very bright light with UVB for 12 hours a day. • 30-50% humidity by day. 80-100% by night. Use a mister and hygrometer in the enclosure.	Vines and foliage for hiding. Non-toxic plants help maintain humidity. Some synthetic plants ok too. Early morning fogging/misting for 3 - 5 hours before lights turned on. The floor can be the plant soil, bare, or covered with paper towel.	Omnivore. Needs live insects and plants. Live crickets and waxworms daily. Dust with calcium supplements twice per week. Native plants and/or collards or mustard greens once a day. No water dish required.	Grows to 12 - 24 inches. Beautiful. Docile. Does not like to be touched. Changes colors and has a long, sticky, fast-moving tongue. Eyes move independent of each other. Habitat needs are specific, take up a lot of space, and can be expensive. Lives 6 - 8 years.	Reptile waterfall. Reptile fogger. Native soil and plants. Foliage to climb on and hide in.
Bearded Dragon	Age 8 and up	Horizontal enclosure. Escape-proof top. Good airflow. 75 gallon minimum • Daytime temps 75-85 °F. Nighttime 70-75°F. • Basking spot 88-100°F. • Full spectrum UVA + UVB for 12-14 hours a day spring + summer. 8 hours fall and winter. • 30-40% humidity. Use hygrometer.	Basking platform. Reptile carpet. Substrate: carpet or slate. They get their moisture from plants but including a water bowl is a good idea.	Omnivore. Needs live insects and plants. Live crickets and waxworms daily. Dust with calcium supplements twice per week. Rinsed native plants and/or collards or mustard greens once a day.	Grows to 16 - 24 inches. Docile. Gentle. Develop strong bonds with owner. Caring for them is easy, but they need regular meals, attention, and maintenance. Lives up to 15 years.	Several places to hide, hiding box, in or between rocks, pipe, empty cardboard boxes, flowerpots, ceramic bark, cork, or stone. Hammock. Branches, or other things to climb. Half-logs. Plants. Soaking tub to soak dragon once a week. Thermostat.
Water Dragon	Age 10 and up	6 feet tall x 4 feet x 4 feet terrarium w/ escape proof cover. • 60-80% humidity. • 90°F zone to 70°F zone. • Bright sunlight or UVB full spectrum light 12 hours a day. • Incandescent basking light. • Ceramic heater at night.	Include vegetation, rocks, branches and structures for climbing and basking. Choose dragon-safe plants. Moss for humidity. A pan for soaking. Clean daily. Use dechlorinated water. Reptile carpet or potting soil bedding.	They are omnivores and will eat insects, fruits or vegetables. They love their bugs: crickets, mealworms, cockroaches, silkworms, grasshoppers and earthworms.	Grows to 2 - 3 feet. Their claws are like needles and can scratch badly. Territorial. Buy only one. Glass confuses them. Use plants or paper to line enclosure at their eye-level. Lives 10 - 15 years.	Reptile waterfall. Reptile fogger. Places to hide. Climbing décor. Toys. Wood chews. Mineral chews. Chew tubes. Thermostat.
Savannah Monitor	Ages 18 and up	6 feet tall x 4 feet x 3 feet terrarium w/ escape proof cover. • UVB 10 - 12 hours per day • 78 - 88 F • Basking area of 100F w/ low humidity. • Other areas 50-60% humidity • Nights 72 - 80F	Plenty of substrate to burrow in. Pine, cedar, Douglas fir, aspen, and cypress. Newspaper. (Do not use sand or gravel or carpet.) Large heavy pool or tub for soaking in cool part of habitat.	Carnivore. Insects, mealworms, small mice, snails, and roaches. Dust food with calcium supplements. Use a multivitamin if not feeding with mice.	Grows to 2 ½ - 4 feet. Docile nature. Use their tongue to pick up environmental clues. Bask or soak, much of the time. Lives 15 - 25 years.	Basking rocks. Caves, rocks, leaves. Branches, logs, cork bark slabs. Mister. Thermostat.
Green Iguana	Age 15 and up	6 feet tall x 4 feet x 4 feet terrarium w/ escape proof cover. • UVB 10 - 12 hours per day • 78 - 88 F • Basking area of 90 - 100F • Nights 72 - 80F	Ecoearth. Newspaper. Butcher paper. Recycled paper pellets or artificial grass for reptiles.	Vegetarian. Calcium rich like collard greens, beet greens, mustard greens, turnip greens, alfalfa hay, bok choy, kale, and more.	Grows to 6 - 7 feet. Lives 20+ years.	Reptile waterfall. Hammock. Branches, rocks, and vines. Thermostat.