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# **Animal Fact Sheet**

## **Bearded Dragon**



**Common Name:** Bearded Dragon

**Scientific Name:** *Pogona vitticeps*

**Distribution:** Australia

**Size:** 2'

**Natural Habitat:**

- Inhabits the desert scrublands of Australia.
- When kept in captivity, the adults require a 60 gallon size terrarium.

**Behavior:**

- Most will become tame with regular handling.
- Males can become territorial, separate from other males.
- Docile and friendly, easy to handle.

**Captive Environment:**

- Use full spectrum lighting 12-14 hours per day.
- Provide a rocky basking area with crevices and caves.
- Use reptile heating pads under tank for 24-hour bottom heat

**Temperature:**

- Day temperature should be gradient from 78-100 degrees F.
- Maintain night temperature range between 68-75 degrees F.

**Humidity:**

- This species requires only low levels of humidity.

**Water Requirements:**

- Use only a small water bowl for drinking.

**Nutritional Requirements:**

- This omnivore eats arthropods and insects such as crickets.
- Feeds on small mammals such as pink baby mice and likes dark greens (collard, mustard, turnip, dandelions).
- Feed beets, spinach, cabbage, and/or kale in small amounts.
- Supplement leafy diet with (squash, sprouts, and zucchini).