



CAL ZOO'S REFERENCE SHEET

LIZARD CARE

COMMON NAME Latin name	NATIVE TO	MAX SIZE	OPTIMUM TEMP. RANGE	FOOD	BEHAVIOR	SUBSTRATE	HEAT SOURCE	COMMERCIALY BRED IN CAPTIVITY/FARMS?	LAY EGGS OR LIVE BIRTH	COMMENTS
GREEN ANOLE <i>Anolis carolinensis</i>	UNITED STATES	5 - 6 INCHES	75° - 83°	SMALL CRICKETS	LIVE GREAT WITH WOODLAND LIZARDS OF EQUAL SIZE. MALES BOB THEIR HEADS WITH DEWLAP EXTENDED.	SOIL, PEAT MOSS, SPHAGNUM MOSS OR ZOO MED REPTI-CARPET™.	ZOO MED BASKING BULB™ DURING THE DAY, CERAMIC HEAT EMITTER™ AT NIGHT.	NO	LAYS EGGS	DECORATE CAGE WITH LIVE PLANTS OR ZOO MED REPTI-FLORA™. SPRAY AT LEAST 2X DAILY. GREAT BEGINNER LIZARD.
MADAGASCAR DAY GECKO <i>Phelsuma sp.</i>	MADAGASCAR	4 - 9 INCHES	80° - 85°	SM CRICKETS, FRUIT BABY FOOD, DRY NECTAR.	BEAUTIFUL FLUORESCENT COLORS. LIKE SWEET FOODS. RESPONSIBLE FOR WILD ORCHID POLLINATION.	ZOO MED REPTI-CARPET™ OR GREEN SPHAGNUM MOSS.	ZOO MED BASKING BULB™ DURING THE DAY, CERAMIC HEAT EMITTER™ AT NIGHT.	YES	LAYS EGGS	DECORATE CAGE WITH LIVE PLANTS OR ZOO MED REPTI-FLORA™. SPRAY AT LEAST 2X DAILY. USE REPTILE DRIP SYSTEM.
BIBRON'S GECKO- <i>Pachydactylus sp.</i> SKUNK GECKO- <i>Gekko vittatus</i> CROCODILE GECKO- <i>Tarentola sp.</i> FLYING GECKO- <i>Ptychozoon sp.</i>	S.E. ASIA EGYPT/ISRAEL AFRICA THAILAND	12 INCHES	75° - 80°	SMALL CRICKETS	ARBOREAL (CLIMB ON GLASS). NOCTURNAL (ACTIVE AT NIGHT, SLEEP DURING THE DAY).	SOIL, PEAT MOSS, PINE SHAVINGS OR ZOO MED REPTI-CARPET™.	ZOO MED BASKING BULB™ DURING THE DAY, CERAMIC HEAT EMITTER™ AT NIGHT.	NO	LAYS EGGS	MOST ARBOREAL GECKOS OF SAME SIZE CAN LIVE TOGETHER.
GREEN IGUANA <i>Iguana iguana</i>	MEXICO TO SOUTH AMERICA	6 FEET	86° - 95°	FRUITS, VEGGIES, ZOO MED NATURAL IGUANA FOOD	LIKE TO CLIMB. MOST POPULAR REPTILE PET. MAKE GREAT FAMILY PET. USE ZOO MED IGUANA LIGHT 5.0 UVB™.	ALFALFA PELLETS OR ZOO MED REPTI-CARPET™.	UNDER TANK HEATER™ OR CERAMIC HEAT EMITTER™ & ZOO MED ROCK HEATER™.	YES	LAYS EGGS	95% COME FROM CAPTIVE BREEDING FARMS IN CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA.
LEOPARD GECKO <i>Eublepharis macularius</i>	INDIA & PAKISTAN (CAPTIVE RAISED IN THE USA)	7 - 9 INCHES	83° - 88°	SMALL CRICKETS	VERY DOCILE. BREED EASILY. DESERT ENVIRONMENT. CAN LIVE OVER 20 YEARS. MEDIUM HUMIDITY LEVEL.	REPTILE SAND OR CRUSHED OYSTER SHELL.	UNDER TANK HEATER™ OR CERAMIC HEAT EMITTER™ & ZOO MED ROCK HEATER™.	YES	LAYS EGGS	USE EXTRA CALCIUM.
LONG TAIL GRASS LIZARD <i>Takydromus sexlineatus</i>	THAILAND MALAYSIA INDONESIA	12 INCHES	85° - 90°	SMALL CRICKETS	EXTREMELY DOCILE. LIKE TO CLIMB. USE REPTILE DRIP SYSTEM OR SPRAY 2X DAILY.	SOIL, PEAT MOSS, SPHAGNUM MOSS OR ZOO MED REPTI-CARPET™.	ZOO MED BASKING BULB™ DURING THE DAY, CERAMIC HEAT EMITTER™ AT NIGHT.	NO	LAYS EGGS	HAVE SLENDER BODIES WITH VERY LONG TAILS. CAN LIVE WITH ANOLES & HOUSE GECKOS.
ROCK & FIRE SKINKS <i>Mabuya sp.</i>	AFRICA	7 - 9 INCHES	85° - 90°	SMALL CRICKETS	LIKE TO CLIMB. ALSO LIKE TO BURY IN THE SUBSTRATE.	ZOO MED REPTI-CARPET™, PINE SHAVINGS OR SPHAGNUM MOSS.	UNDER TANK HEATER™ OR CERAMIC HEAT EMITTER™ & ZOO MED ROCK HEATER™.	NO	LAYS EGGS	GOOD COMMUNITY LIZARD. LIVES WELL WITH MOST SPINY LIZARDS. DRY, DESERT SETUP.
JACKSON'S CHAMELEON <i>Chamaeleo jacksoni</i>	KENYA (CAPTIVE RAISED IN THE USA)	12 INCHES	75° - 85° DAY 65°-70° NIGHT	CRICKETS, ROACHES & FLY'S	GREAT FEEDERS. BREED EASILY OUTDOORS IN COOL WEATHER. MALES HAVE THREE HORNS.	SOIL, PEAT MOSS, PINE SHAVINGS OR ZOO MED REPTI-CARPET™.	ZOO MED BASKING BULB™ DURING THE DAY, CERAMIC HEAT EMITTER™ AT NIGHT.	YES	LIVE BIRTH	MUST HAVE A REPTILE DRIP SYSTEM & LOTS OF ZOO MED REPTI-FLORA™ AND BRANCHES.
SALVATOR MONITOR <i>Varanus salvator</i>	SOUTH EAST ASIA	6 - 7 FEET	88° - 92°	CRICKETS, MICE, ZOO MED MONITOR FOOD	TAME EASILY IF OBTAINED SMALL. PROVIDE LARGE WATER BOWL. KEEP ALONE.	PINE SHAVINGS OR ZOO MED REPTI-CARPET™.	ZOO MED BASKING BULB™ DURING THE DAY, CERAMIC HEAT EMITTER™ AT NIGHT.	NO	LAYS EGGS	ALWAYS HANDLE LIZARDS OVER 3 FEET WITH CAUTION.
SPINY LIZARDS <i>Sceloporus sp.</i>	UNITED STATES	12 INCHES	75° - 85°	SMALL CRICKETS	COMPATIBLE IN SAME CAGE WITH LIZARDS OF SAME SIZE.	PINE SHAVINGS, REPTILE SAND OR ZOO MED REPTI-CARPET™.	UNDER TANK HEATER™ OR CERAMIC HEAT EMITTER™ & ZOO MED ROCK HEATER™.	NO	SOME LAY EGGS SOME HAVE LIVE BIRTH	PROVIDE ZOO MED REPTI-FLORA™ AND REPTILE VINES™. SOME SPECIES HAVE GREAT COLORS!
SAVANNAH MONITOR <i>Varanus exanthematicus</i>	AFRICA	4 - 5 FEET	88° - 92°	CRICKETS, MICE, ZOO MED MONITOR FOOD	EASILY TAMED. HOUSE ALONE. LIVE OVER 10 YEARS.	PINE SHAVINGS, RABBIT PELLETS OR ZOO MED REPTI-CARPET™.	ZOO MED BASKING BULB™ DURING THE DAY, CERAMIC HEAT EMITTER™ AT NIGHT.	YES	LAYS EGGS	GROW TO BIG, FAT LAZY LIZARDS.
PLATED LIZARDS <i>Gerrhosaurus sp.</i>	AFRICA & MADAGASCAR	16 - 36 INCHES	82° - 90°	SWEET FRUIT, CRICKETS & MICE	VERY DOCILE. EASY TO CARE FOR.	PINE SHAVINGS, REPTILE SAND OR ZOO MED REPTI-CARPET™.	UNDER TANK HEATER™ OR CERAMIC HEAT EMITTER™ & ZOO MED ROCK HEATER™.	NO	LAYS EGGS	LIKE ALL FOODS.
BEARDED DRAGON <i>Pagona vitticeps</i>	AUSTRALIA (CAPTIVE RAISED IN THE USA)	18 INCHES	88° - 92° BASKING AREA 105°F	CRICKETS, CHOPPED RED LEAF LETTUCE	VERY FRIENDLY. FEED DAILY. DO NOT FEED MEALWORMS.	REPTILE SAND OR CRUSHED OYSTER SHELL.	UNDER TANK HEATER™ OR CERAMIC HEAT EMITTER™ & ZOO MED ROCK HEATER™.	YES	LAYS EGGS	CAN BE DIFFICULT TO KEEP IF UNDER 5 INCHES. DUST FOOD WITH REPTIVITE™. USE ZOO MED REPTI-SUN 5.0™.
SAND FISH <i>Scincus scincus</i>	EGYPT, ISRAEL	6 - 7 INCHES	85° - 92°	SMALL CRICKETS	KEEP ON AT LEAST 2 INCHES OF SAND. YOU WILL SEE THEM "SWIM" THROUGH THE SAND.	REPTILE SAND.	ZOO MED BASKING BULB™ DURING THE DAY, CERAMIC HEAT EMITTER™ AT NIGHT.	NO	LAYS EGGS	DOCILE. BIZARRE LOOKING.
UROMASTIX <i>Uromastix sp.</i>	EGYPT, ISRAEL	20 INCHES	95° - 105°	RAW GREEN BEANS, LENTILS CACTUS, DARK LEAF LETTUCE	VERY MELLOW. MUST BE KEPT HOT! LOOK PREHISTORIC. USE ZOO MED REPTI-SUN 5.0 UVB™ DAILY.	REPTILE SAND.	UNDER TANK HEATER™ OR CERAMIC HEAT EMITTER™ & ZOO MED ROCK HEATER™.	YES	LAYS EGGS	PROVIDE NARROW HIDING PLACE. GIVE 10° DROP AT NIGHT.
VEILED CHAMELEON <i>Chamaeleo calytratus</i>	YEMEN (CAPTIVE RAISED IN THE USA)	15 INCHES	80° - 88°	CRICKETS & ROACHES. BITE SIZE LETTUCE.	CAN GO FROM HATCHING TO EGG-LAYING WITHIN 12 MONTHS.	ZOO MED REPTI-CARPET™ OR GREEN SPHAGNUM MOSS.	ZOO MED BASKING BULB™ DURING THE DAY, CERAMIC HEAT EMITTER™ AT NIGHT.	YES	LAYS EGGS	LIVES NATURALLY IN THE DESERTS OF YEMEN. VERY COLORFUL. ONE OF THE EASIEST CHAMELEONS TO BREED.
FRILLED DRAGON <i>Clamidosaurus kingii</i>	AUSTRALIA	2 FEET	85° - 90°	CRICKETS, SMALL MICE, SOME SWEET FRUIT	DISPLAYS A LARGE COLLARED FRILL, SIMILAR TO A LIONS MANE, WHEN THREATENED.	PINE SHAVINGS OR ZOO MED REPTI-CARPET™.	ZOO MED BASKING BULB™ DURING THE DAY, CERAMIC HEAT EMITTER™ AT NIGHT.	YES	LAYS EGGS	VERY IMPRESSIVE LIZARD. GETTING EASIER TO OBTAIN. CAPTIVE RAISED IN INDONESIA. USE ZOO MED REPTI-SUN 5.0 UVB™ DAILY.



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General comments: (1) Your lizard will greatly benefit if you provide it with a Zoo Med Repti-Sun 5.0 fluorescent bulb. (Most lizards will not survive without one). Use UVB bulb 12 hours a day. Give darkness at night, but keep the heat up. Use a Zoo Med Ceramic Heat Emitter™ at night. (2) Always wash your hands after handling animals. (3) Dust all food items with Reptivite™ reptile vitamins every other feeding (every feeding for Day Geckos, Veiled Chameleons and Bearded Dragons). (4) When using wood shavings as a substrate, use Pine or Fir. Do not use Cedar, it's oils are toxic to reptiles. (5) Be cautious when feeding mealworms to lizards. The worms may be hard to digest, or may survive in the digestive tract and injure the lizard trying to escape. Crickets are the food of choice. (6) Feed your crickets a wide variety of food for 24 hours before feeding them to your lizards. (7) We strongly recommend all cages be outfitted with two Zoo Med High Range Thermometers (one at the cool side and one at the warm side of the cage). Enjoy your new lizard! This sheet may be copied in its entirety only.