

List Of Required/ Recommended Bearded Dragon Equipment

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HOUSING

Up to 8" long - 30 gallon. Adults - 60 gallon minimum (90 gallon for pairs). A minimum 20 gallon tank or other suitable housing for young babies. For 6 week old you can use a 10 Gallon for a few weeks but they are hard to have temperature variety in them, 80 in the cool end and 95-105/110 in the basking area, better to start with a larger tanks and section off if you need to.

- Branch(es) Lets your dragon get within 6 - 12 inches of the UVB Tube light. (Use manufactor recommendations)
- Caves, river rocks or basking platforms-They also like some place to hide in at night and there are some things that serve both as a hide and a basking platform.
- Screen Top Metal (glass or plastic sheet won't allow the critical UVB light to pass through) This is a must with a lock if you have other animals.
- Substrate Juveniles/ adolescents: Paper Kitchen Towels, non adhesive shelf liner, carpet or newspaper until 10" long
- Sub-adults/ Adults: Same as above or Washed Play Sand (Home Depot/ WalMart) You can also make them a sand pit area if you do not want the entire tanks or enclosure as sand.

LIGHTING FOR UVB

- Striplight 24" or 36" Fluorescent fixture that will work with a timer (Home Depot/ WalMart)
- Light Bulb ZooMed Reptisun 5.0/ Iguana 5.0 pr ExoTerra 8.0 fluorescent bulb that provides UVB as well as UVA. A UVB bulb is essential to prevent metabolic bone disease.
- **MAKE SURE IT HAS UVB, a bulb that states Full Spectrum does not have UVB. ... OR ...**
- A metal dome with a ceramic base An All in One light like a MegaRay, PowerSun or T-Rex: These are Mercury Vapor Bulbs and provide both Heat and UVB in one fixture

HEATING

- Heat Bulb ZooMed Repti Basking Spotlight (50 or 75 watt), or to save (a lot of) money, use an ordinary household incandescent Bulb (WalMart, Kmart, Target, etc) - Clear bulbs get hotter, Halogens are Very Hot. Keep several wattages on hand to change out as household temperatures change
- Thermometer Digital with remote probe (Radio Shack/ WalMart)
- Light Fixture To hold the heat bulb- a clamp lamp with a shroud works well (Any DIY store)

FEEDING

- Spray Bottle For watering/ misting. You don't normally need a water dish inside the cage (Dollar Store)
- Calcium - RepCal Calcium with VIT.D3 powdered calcium supplement
- Vitamin - RepCal Herptivite multivitamin powder.
- Food Bowl. For babies, you can use the lid off a margarine tub so they can see in easily.

OPTIONAL

- Timer Plug-in Type- Optional (Any Hardware Store)
- Heater An under tank heating pad (ZooMed or Reptitherm) is safe but not essential.
- Heat at night is not necessary or desirable unless your house gets very cold (below 60-65 degrees F).

DO NOT BUY A HOT ROCK ... THEY WILL BURN YOUR DRAGON

Hand Cleaner ZooMed Wipe Out - to clean and moisturize your hands or a cheaper alternative is an Antibacterial Hand Gel (Purell, Softsoap etc) such as those sold at WalMart or any Drug Store Estimated base minimum cost: These are things that the baby dragon should have to thrive and avoid medical problems later on.

- \$30.00 - Enclosure or tank - this is just a starter tank and will need to be replaced soon as the baby grows
- \$40.00 - Fixture and UVB tube light*
- \$10.00 - Fixture and heat source light (can be a household bulb or basking light)*
- \$5.00 - Shelf liner, carpet or paper towels
- \$10.00 - Cave and basking platform
- \$2.00 - Feeding Bowl

\$97.00 - Total

* can also use the ALL in ONE lights from MegaRay, PowerSun or T-ReX estimated cost with light and dome is \$50.00

You can also have slightly lower cost by finding your own river rock and using newspaper.. the one thing you can not cut corners on is the heat and UVB, these are vital to the dragon. You may have higher costs for a metal screen top if needed or a larger enclosure. Most items can be bought online at a lesser cost than pet stores.