

CLASSROOM CARE SHEET FOR:

BEARDED DRAGONS



CAGE AND HABITAT MATERILAS: Your Dragon will be in a 20 –gallon (or larger) aquarium with a wire top. The rocks, sand, gravel and other décor will make the Dragon act naturally and feel at home. It is not necessary to add anything. There will be a water bowl countersunk in the substrate.

TEMPERATURE/LIGHT/HUMIDITY: Place the habitat in a warm place in the classroom. The entire habitat should be misted at least once a day. The Dragon is most comfortable and active when the temperature is around 80 - 85 degrees. Two lights will be provided for you; one will be a heat lamp and the other will be a UVA/UVB light. The UVA/UVB light (this is NOT a common aquarium light) is critical in the proper care of this animal. **DO NOT allow students to handle these lights.**

FOOD AND WATER: Keep the water bowl full at all times, it will also drink the droplets that form or fall on the plants and rocks. The dragon will need to be offered five to eight live crickets every other day, on the opposite days you will need to provide a fresh salad. The salad should consist of chopped leafy greens (never iceberg lettuce), fruits, & vegetables. A few crickets will be supplied to you when you pick up the animal. You may also purchase the gray soft crickets from any pet store. **Calcium supplement powder (made specifically for reptiles) should be sprinkled on the salad and over the live crickets prior to feeding.**

**DO NOT FEED THIS ANIMAL CRICKETS THAT ARE FOUND OUTDOORS IN THE GRASS!
THESE STORE INSECTICIDES AND CAN KILL THE B. DRAGON.**

HANDLING: IF you intend to handle this animal you will need to be trained by our staff on the proper procedures for the safety of students, staff, and the animal.

MAINTENANCE: Remove uneaten food at the end of the day along with insect's parts and feces.

DO NOT feed the Dragon anything other than his prescribed diet.

DO NOT feed the Dragon crickets that are found outdoors in the grass; these can store insecticides and can kill the lizard!

DO NOT send your classroom animal home with students, this is a liability for the district. If it is a long weekend, holiday or a long break, you may take the animal to your home or bring the animal back to the center for our staff to care for while you are away.

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YOU MUST WASH YOUR HANDS AFTER HANDLING!