

# Bearded Dragon Setup Guide

A SIMPLE, SAFE, AND COMFORTABLE HOME FOR A HAPPY, HEALTHY DRAGON.

## ENCLOSURE



- **Size:**  
Juveniles: Minimum 40 gallon breeder.  
Adults: Minimum 4'x2'x2' enclosure (120 gallon).



- **Natural & Functional:**  
Include hides, a basking spot, climbing branches, and décor for enrichment.



- **Secure Lid:**  
Prevents escapes and keeps your dragon safe.



- **Placement:**  
Place in a low-traffic area away from drafts.



## HEATING



- **Basking Spot:** 95–110°F (surface temperature)



- **Warm Side Ambient:** 85–95°F



- **Cool Side Ambient:** 75–85°F



- **Night Temps:** Above 65°F



- Use a basking bulb (halogen flood or similar) for natural warmth.



- Use a thermostat to regulate temperatures and ensure safety.



## LIGHTING



- Use a T5 HO UVB tube (Arcadia 12% or ReptiSun 10.0).



- UVB should cover 50–75% of the enclosure length.



- Mount UVB 10–14" above basking area (follow manufacturer guidelines).



- Provide a natural day/night cycle: 12 hours light, 12 hours dark.



- Replace UVB bulbs every 12 months (or as recommended by manufacturer).



## SUBSTRATE



- **Best Options:** Slate tile (easy to clean) or a bioactive substrate (advanced).



- Paper towel is a safe, simple option for easy cleanup.



- Avoid reptile carpet (harbors bacteria).



- Avoid loose substrates like sand or walnut shell (impaction risk).



## HUMIDITY & HYDRATION



- **Ideal Humidity:** 30–40%



- Provide a hide on the cool side to help with shedding.



- Always provide a shallow dish of fresh water.

## ADDITIONAL TIPS



- Offer climbing branches and a high basking platform.



- Feed fresh greens daily and offer insects regularly.



- Use a temp gun to measure basking spot accurately.



- Monitor temps and adjust as needed.



- A well-set-up habitat leads to a healthy, thriving dragon!

A GOOD SETUP TODAY,  
A HEALTHY DRAGON  
TOMORROW.



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