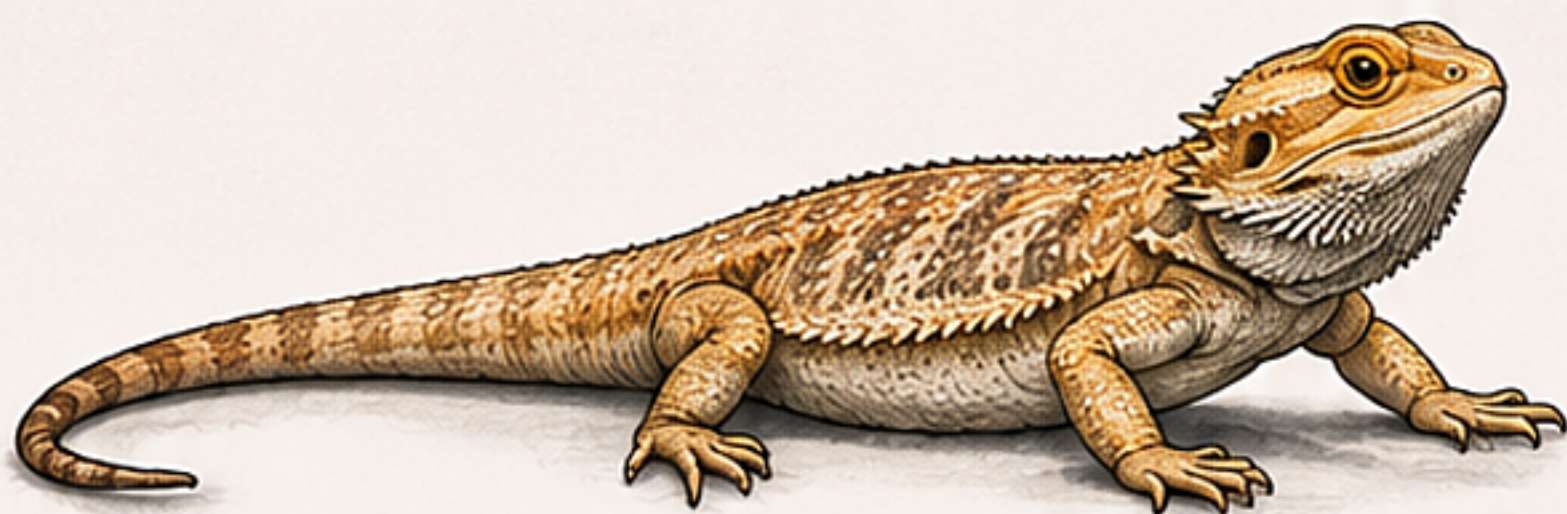




Bearded Dragon Setup Checklist

☐ ENCLOSURE

- ☐ Juveniles: Minimum 40 gallon breeder
- ☐ Adults: Minimum 4'x2'x2' enclosure (120 gallon)
- ☐ Secure lid with proper ventilation
- ☐ Tank placed in a low-traffic area
- ☐ Plenty of climbing and basking opportunities



☐ HEATING

- ☐ Basking bulb installed above basking area
- ☐ Thermostat recommended for heat control
- ☐ Basking surface: 100–110°F (juveniles)
- ☐ Basking surface: 95–105°F (adults)
- ☐ Warm side ambient: 85–95°F
- ☐ Cool side ambient: 75–85°F
- ☐ Night temps above 65°F



☐ LIGHTING (REQUIRED)

- ☐ T5 HO UVB tube (Arcadia 12% or ReptiSun 10.0)
- ☐ UVB covers 50–75% of enclosure length
- ☐ UVB mounted at proper distance
- ☐ 12hr on / 12hr off day-night cycle
- ☐ No colored bulbs (red, blue, purple, etc.)
- ☐ Replace UVB bulb according to manufacturer schedule



☐ SUBSTRATE

- ☐ Paper towel (simple & safe)
- ☐ OR slate tile (easy cleaning)
- ☐ OR bioactive substrate (advanced keepers)
- ☐ Avoid reptile carpet
- ☐ Avoid calcium sand



☐ HIDES & DECOR

- ☐ Warm hide
- ☐ Cool hide
- ☐ Large basking platform
- ☐ Branches or climbing décor
- ☐ Background or visual barriers (optional)



☐ SUPPLEMENTS

- ☐ Calcium without D3
- ☐ Calcium with D3
- ☐ Multivitamin
- ☐ Dust insects regularly
- ☐ Fresh greens offered daily



☐ FEEDING SETUP

- ☐ Food dish for greens
- ☐ Fresh water dish
- ☐ Appropriately sized insects
- ☐ Variety of feeders offered
- ☐ Fresh vegetables available daily



☐ DIET

- ☐ Staple greens (collard, mustard, turnip, dandelion)
- ☐ Occasional vegetables (squash, bell pepper, etc.)
- ☐ Gut-loaded feeder insects
- ☐ Avoid iceberg lettuce
- ☐ Avoid fireflies and wild-caught insects



☐ FINAL CHECK

- ☐ Proper UVB installed and tested
- ☐ Proper basking temperatures verified with temp gun
- ☐ Three temperature zones available
- ☐ Dragon eating, basking, and exploring normally



☐ If you have everything above, your bearded dragon is set up for success from day one!

Need more help? Check out our **Setup and Feeding Guides** for detailed-step-by-step care.



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