



Chinese Water Dragon

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FUN FACT!

Water Dragons thrive near areas of water and require a warm, moist environment. These cool lizards when mature can get some nice reds and blues on the chin and usually have a much better disposition than the green Iguana and gets about ½ the size at max 3ft.



General Diet

Water Dragons are omnivores meaning their diet consists of a combination of insects and vegetables, although they will primarily eat insects such as small crickets, Dubia roaches. As adults they may also eat the occasional pinkie mouse. These can be bought frozen.



Vitamins/Supplements

Reptiles need to have a vitamin/mineral supplement with calcium and phosphorous. This supplement should be sprinkled on the adult's food items once a week or 2 times a week for very young reptiles. We will be glad to explain how often to feed and give supplements to your new pet.

Housing

Water dragons should be kept in a minimum of a 55 gallon aquarium or larger. A screen should be used on top.

Reptiles are cold blooded. This means they get their heat from an outside source, unlike humans who can make their own heat. Different areas of the habitat should be at different temperatures, so reptiles can move around to heat up or cool off. Leopard geckos are comfortable with a daytime temperature in their tank of 80-90 degrees and a nighttime temperature of 70. Heat pads can also be used in addition to the heat bulb if the tank especially large or if the room is cool.

Water Dragons need high humidity 50 to 80% and should be misted 3x a day.

Since Water dragons are diurnal, meaning they are most active during the day. Use a UVB bulb for about 12 hours a day. This bulb should be replaced approx. every 9 to 12 months.

Sanitation/General Care

Change the water every other day and clean out the water dish thoroughly twice a week. The litter or substrate used on the bottom should be cleaned as often as needed, and this will depend on tank size, the reptile's size, and the number of reptiles in the tank, as well as type of substrate used.

General Maintenance

Mist the tank lightly once or twice a week. Reptiles will shed their skin periodically. Mist them more often during these times to help them shed the skin more easily. Be sure the tank is at the right temperature at all times.



Health Care

Prior to handling your new pet, give them 3 to 4 days to adjust to his new surroundings. Things to watch out for Runny droppings for more than two days, Eating or drinking less, weight loss, Swollen joints, If you do see any of these signs you may contact us or a Vet for further assistance.

Special Section


Reptiles can carry one disease that can be transmitted to people called salmonellosis. Although it is rare for a reptile to carry this disease, it is always important to wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water after you have handled your pet or anything in your pet's cage. Keep your pet out of the kitchen area and do not allow very small children to handle any reptiles.

SUPPLIES CHECKLIST

Fish Tank (55 Gallon)	Water/Food Dish
Screen Cover	Eco Earth
Hygrometer	Thermometer x2
Heat Lamp with Nocturnal Heat Bulb	Caves
Heat Lamp with Day bulb	Vitamin/mineral Supplement
Moss	Decorations
UVB Bulb 100	Timer
Heat Pad	



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