

Frilled Dragon Care Sheet

Scientific Name: *Chlamydosaurus kingii*

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Statistics

Estimated Size: Up to 30"

Average Lifespan: Up to 15 Years

Natural Location: Australia and New Guinea

Common Names: Frill-necked Lizard, Frilled Lizard

Captive Care Information

Food & Water

The Frilled Dragon is an omnivore. They eat mainly insects, but will consume vegetables and fruits. Frilled Dragons are voracious eaters as well. Hatchlings should be fed three times a day. Crickets, Locust, butterworms and silkworms, Wax worm, Fruit grubs, will suffice for the meat. The salad should consist of a wide variety of vegetables and fruit: a variety of greens, sweet potatoes, carrots, split peas, and green beans. and fruit should be offered sparingly. Dust the food with a calcium/multi-vitamin supplement everyday for hatchlings and juveniles, and every second day for adults. Gut load the insects as well.

Leave a dish with water in the habitat at all times. Ensure that the water is clean, changing it everyday. You can also mist them, but they will get most of their water from the dish.

Lighting, Temperature & Humidity

You must offer a heat gradient, as cool as 75 degrees F and as hot as 85 - 90 degrees F, with a basking spot that reaches around 100 degrees F. Maintain the heat gradient successfully by placing thermometers at either end of the enclosure. At night, the temperature should be around 70 - 75 degrees F. Do not let the temperature drop below 65 degrees F.

We use a red spot bulb for heat and a Habistat dimming thermostat to control the temperature in the vivarium.

You should keep the humidity in their enclosure around 55% - 65%. Do not let it reach above 75% under any circumstances, as high humidity may cause respiratory problems. and a fluorescent tube 12% uvb

Housing

The substrate for young dragons should be newspaper, paper towel or even reptile carpet. Using sand may cause impaction if digested. For Adult Frilled Dragon's, you can continue to use the newspaper or paper towels, or a fully digestible substrate. These lizards need a large habitat, as they are very active. Enclosure 3x3x3 will suffice for a single adult, but a larger habitat is recommended. You must include lots of items for the dragons to climb and bask on. For hatchlings to juveniles, a 30 - 55 gallon tank is recommended, but they will need the larger enclosure rather quickly.