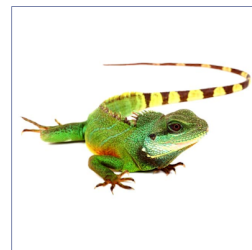


Chinese Water Dragon

Scientific Name: *Physignathus Cocincinus*

Brief: Description:

Found mostly near water sources, in tropical rain forests the Chinese Water Dragon is capable of changing shades of colors between green and brown, depending on temperatures. Water Dragons are arboreal, need lots of space and make for a great pet-ownership experience.



Average Size: Hatchlings are approximately two-to-three inches and adults reach forty-inches in length.

Life Span: Up to fifteen years with proper care.

Feeding:

Water Dragons love to eat crickets and waxworms dusted with calcium. Greens, peas in a pod, cauliflower, radishes, grapes, apples, bananas, strawberries and raspberries. Red fruits great for shy eaters. Remove excess food. Offer fruits only as a treat (never more than 1 out of 4 feedings).

Housing:

- We suggest a forty gallon tank as a minimum.
- Adult Water Dragons will require a seventy gallon tank (or more).
- Housing will require an air exchange such as a screen lid.
- Provide a large bowl with air stone.
- Mimicking a natural environment, such as a waterfall, is helpful.
- Only one pet Water Dragon per enclosure.

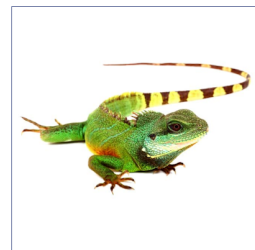
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Maintenance:

There are a few substrates that work very well for Water Dragons:

- Newspaper is the cheapest and easiest for cleaning and disinfecting.
- Aspen bedding works well as it packs down.
- Coconut husk appears to be the ideal choice as dragons enjoy it most.
- Spot clean enclosure as necessary.
- Remove feces/urates/uneaten prey as soon as possible.
- Clean and disinfect water bowl frequently.
- Once a month, remove all substrate and cage furniture for cleaning and disinfecting.
- Rinse the enclosure all furniture before returning your pet to its enclosure.



Temperatures:

- Daytime temperatures should be in the seventy-five-eighty-five degree range.
- Use a dome lamp to get the basking spot to be between ninety and one-hundred degrees.
- Nighttime temperatures should be seventy-five to eighty degrees.

Humidity:

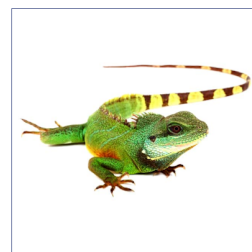
- Humidity levels should remain stable at approximately seventy-percent.

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Lighting:

- Your Water Dragon will require a full-spectrum UVB light to help with calcium absorption and digest food better.
- The UVB light should be used for about twelve hours of ultraviolet lighting. This can be easily maintained by using a timer.



Water and Accessories:

- Water must be changed on a daily basis.
- Uses a shallow dish and have an extra dish on hand, just in case.
- If your Water Dragon is not seen drinking, mist the enclosure.
- Use Coconut Husk for bedding
- Provide a small branch for molting purposes.

Notes and Comments

Babies and juveniles can become used to human interaction. Just as adults, some may become hard to handle and may bite. Keep males in separate enclosures.