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IGUANA CARE AND HUSBANDRY

NUTRITION:

FEED THESE ITEMS FREQUENTLY:

- Mustard Greens
- Collard Greens
- Turnip Greens
- Kale
- Cabbage
- Hibiscus Flowers
- Mulberry Tree Leaves
- Dandelion Flowers – Stems and Leaves
- AVOID INSECTICIDES

FEED THESE ITEMS IN MODERATION:

- Romaine Lettuce
- Carrot Tops
- Beet Greens
- Chard Leaves
- Iguana Diet – Can
- Green Onion Stems
- Celery Tops
- Parsley
- Watercress
- Broccoli Leaves – NOT STEMS OR FLOWER PARTS
- Spinach
- Rabbit Pellets – Soak in Water
- Cauliflower – Small Pieces
- Lettuce – Red or Green Leaf

Chop all food into amounts smaller than 1/3 of the Iguana's head to avoid intestinal blockage – WE recommend mixing calcium powder with greens to avoid bone disease – You may also give Vitamin Supplements

CAGE SETUP:

- We recommend a 29 – gallon or larger cage that mimics their natural environment – They are tree climbers and their habitat should allow them this activity
- Cover the bottom of the cage with Newspaper – Calcium Sand – Grass – Care fresh – Rabbit Pellets – or Indoor / Outdoor Carpet
- Clean the Cage at least ONCE a week
- NEVER keep Iguanas together in the same cage as this could result in the death of the Non-dominate Iguana or bite wounds that could potentially become infected
- Keep the humidity in the cage at 50 – 80 % or set a large dish of water in the cage in which the Iguana can soak – You may also soak the Iguana daily in the bathtub or a large plastic container
- The cage should have a **UVB** – and a **FULL SPECTRUM** bulb – or access to direct sunlight – Cage should be lit at LEAST 10 Hours a day – BUT no more than 14 hours – The light source should also NOT be higher than 18 inches above the basking area – to allow maximal effect of the **UVB** rays
- Temperature should be between 95 – 105 Degrees Fahrenheit on the hot side of the cage - the basking side- and the cool side should be between 75 – 85 Degrees Fahrenheit – Nighttime temperatures should NOT drop below – 75 Degree Fahrenheit – You can use heat lamps – under tank heaters – heat tape and iridescent lights to help maintain the correct temperature in the cage – The amount required depends on the type and size of the cage

VITAL STATISTICS:

- Maximum Total Length: 5 – 7 Feet
- Age of Sexual Maturity: 3 – 6 Years of age
- Maximum Body Weight: 15 – 18 Pounds
- Average Life Span: 10 – 15 Years
- Maximum Life Span: 25 Years