



# Painted Dragon



## OVERVIEW



- Scientific Name: *Laudakia stellio*
- Origin: Mediterranean
- Ease of Care: Beginner
- Potential Adult Size: 10 to 14 inches
- Life Span: 12 years
- Behaviour: Diurnal
- Diet: Insectivore
- Handling: Beginner
- Humidity: 30% - 40%

## TOP TIPS

- ✓ To keep your Painted Dragon stimulated, vary their food
- ✓ Branches should be used in the enclosure to allow the Painted Dragon to climb

## HOUSING

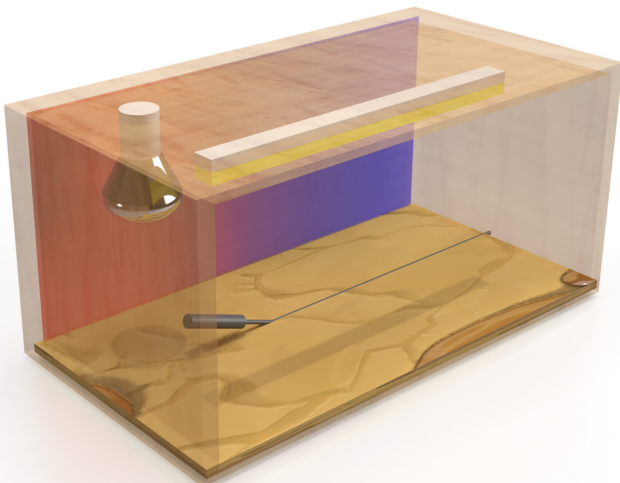
HabiStat Vivarium 48 x 24 x 24" (DVF4824)

## EQUIPMENT NEEDED

- Housing: Vivarium
- Heating: Heat Bulb
- Lighting: UV Tube (Light Cycle: 12 hours of light)
- Substrate: HabiStat Bearded Dragon Bedding, Arcadia EarthMix Arid
- Water: Water Bowl

## ENVIRONMENT

### Terrestrial Vivarium Setup



### Heating

The Painted Dragon (*Laudakia stellio*) is a diurnal reptile and requires a suitable light and heat gradient in the enclosure to simulate a complete 24-hour period.

Use an Arcadia Pro Ceramic Lamp Holder & Bracket (RADCHP) with the HabiStat Heat Bulb (HBB100) all running in conjunction with a HabiStat Dimming Thermostat High Range (HTDWHR).

Dimming thermostats are designed to regulate temperatures using a thermostat probe (also known as a sensor). Correct placement of the probe is critical to avoid overheating and injury to the animal.

Check temperatures and humidity regularly

using a reliable thermometer and hygrometer to ensure that there are no extreme fluctuations.

- Background Temp: 22°C-25°C (72°F-77°F)
- Hot Spot: 35-38°C (95-100°F)
- Night-Time Temp: 18°C-21°C (65°F-70°F)

## Lighting

Fit the Arcadia Pro T5 12% (RARTP39R) on the inside roof of the Vivarium with the Arcadia Lamp Guard Pro (RALGP4) protecting the T5. This will supply realistic UVB levels within the enclosure.

Ensure that it is fitted correctly and within the manufacturers recommend distances.

## Substrates & Decoration

Personal choice will dictate how you decorate your enclosure, but we recommend the following as examples:

- HabiStat Bearded Dragon Bedding (HSBDB10), Arcadia EarthMix Arid (RAREA10)
- HabiStat Cork Branch (HDB1), HabiStat Tea Tree Branch (HSNTB), HabiStat Grapevine (HSGV), HabiStat Log Hideout (HSNLHL) will offer shelter and enrichment within the enclosure
- Live or artificial plant decoration will provide darker areas for the animal to use as shelter

## DIET & WATER

Ensure the Painted Dragon is offered a variety of insects.

Always provide a source of fresh water using the HabiStat Sandstone Water Dish (HRSSCM).

To maintain and regulate humidity within the enclosure, mist as required.

## SUPPLEMENTATION

Painted Dragons need additional supplementation in the form of a calcium and multi-vitamin powder such as Arcadia Earth Pro-A (RAREP100) and Arcadia Earth Pro Calcium Mg (RAREPCM80).

Please follow the packaging instructions.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- This species likes to climb, so adding rocks and branches will be beneficial

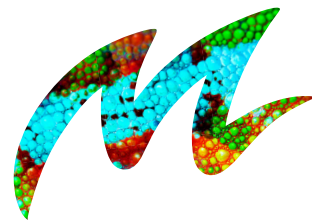
## HEALTH & HYGIENE



We recommend the following cleaning routine to keep your Painted Dragon healthy and happy:

	Water	Substrate	Enclosure
Daily	Change old water for fresh water	Spot clean	Check vents on enclosure are not blocked and allow air to pass through freely
Weekly	Disinfect water bowl or dish	Agitate substrate to prevent any bacterial build-up and remove any dirty bedding	Wipe down glass and walls with a reptile safe disinfectant
Monthly		Take out old substrate and replace with new substrate	Wipe down inside the enclosure and disinfect décor with a reptile safe disinfectant

Always wash your hands, surfaces and equipment with warm water and disinfectant immediately before and after handling or feeding your Painted Dragon, their food, enclosure and any other equipment.



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