



Rankins Dragon



OVERVIEW



- Scientific Name: *Pogona henrylawsoni*
- Origin: Australia
- Ease of Care: Beginner
- Potential Adult Size: 10 to 12 inches
- Life Span: Upwards of 10 years
- Behaviour: Diurnal
- Diet: Insects & Greens
- Handling: Beginner

TOP TIPS

- ✓ Provide a suitable basking spot
- ✓ They like to eat, so maintain a good supply of food
- ✓ Vary the food items you offer to your Rankins to keep it stimulated
- ✓ Use a sand scoop to make spot cleaning easier

HOUSING

The following are examples suitable for any age.

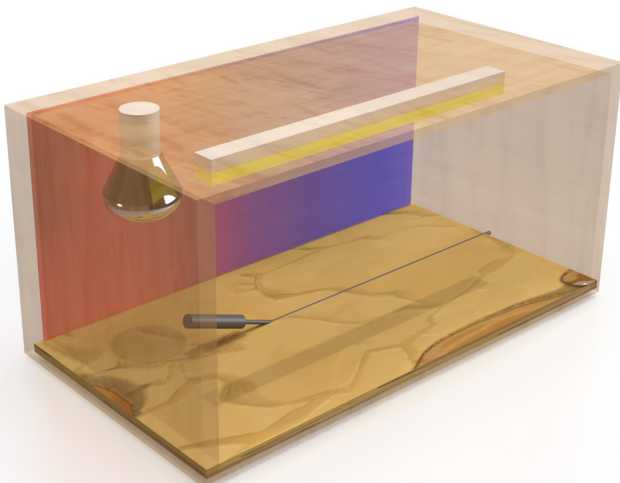
- HabiStat Vivarium - 36x24x24" - (**DVF3624**)
- HabiStat Vivarium - 48x24x24" - (**DVF4824**)

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

- Housing: Vivarium
- Heating: Heat Bulb (12 hours on/off cycle)
- Lighting: UV Tube (12 hours on/off cycle)
- Substrate: Bearded Dragon Bedding (**HSBDB10**), Arcadia EarthMix Arid (**RAREA10**)
- Water: Water Bowl

ENVIRONMENT

Terrestrial Vivarium Setup



Heating

Rankins Dragons are diurnal animals and require a suitable light and heat gradient in their vivarium.

- Background Temp: 23°C (73°F) to 30°C (86°F)
- HOT Spot: 38°C (100°F)
- Night-Time Temp: 18°C (64°F)

Provide a warmer/hot area towards the one side of the enclosure, using an overhead heat source to offer a heat gradient. Use an Arcadia Pro Ceramic Lamp Holder & Bracket (**RADCHP**) with a HabiStat Heat Bulb (**HBB100**) running through a High Range HabiStat Dimming Thermostat (**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 regularly, using a reliable dual thermometer and hygrometer to ensure that there are no extreme fluctuations.

Lighting

Fit the Arcadia Pro T5 Kit 39 watt 12% (**RARTP39R**) on the inside roof of the enclosure, with the Arcadia Lamp Guard Pro (**RALGP4**) protecting the UV tube. Ensure that it is fitted correctly and within the manufactures recommended distances.

Substrate and Decoration

Personal choice will dictate how you decorate your vivarium, but we recommend the following as a guide.

- Habistat Bearded Dragon Bedding (**HSBDB10**) or Arcadia EarthMix Arid (**RAREA10**)
- Wood and branches for climbing on
- Artificial or live plants for decoration and to provide darker areas for the Rankins Dragon to hide away if it chooses. Extra caution should be taken with Artificial plants - a hungry Rankins Dragon 'could' mistake such as being real and potentially cause injury if accidentally consumed.
- The HabiStat Tea Tree Branch (**HSNTB**) makes a great enrichment item within the enclosure, with the HabiStat Log Hideout (**HSNLHM**) making a great secure shelter.

DIET & WATER

Hatchlings through to adults should be offered appropriately sized insects.

Most juvenile and older Rankins will eat shredded leafy greens, for example - spring greens, kale, rocket, watercress, as well as wild weeds - dandelions, plantain, Sow-Thistle, and white/red dead nettles. Ensure that any food source gathered from the wild has been collected from an organic and sustainable source.

Make sure fresh water is always available for the dragon to drink via a small bowl in the cooler end of the enclosure.

SUPPLEMENTATION

Rankins 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

- Rankins Dragons shed their skin in patches, and it can sometimes take up to 1 week for a Rankins Dragon to completely rid itself of its old skin - this process is called shedding.
- A juvenile Rankins Dragon will shed its skin every few weeks, and an adult will shed as little as 2-3 times a year. You can usually tell if your Rankins Dragon is going to shed, as its skin colour will appear duller than normal, and may have a washed-out look.

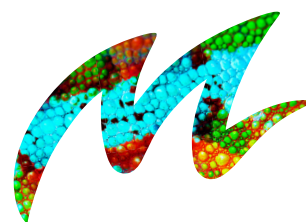
HEALTH & HYGIENE



We recommend the following cleaning routine to keep your Rankins 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 to allow any dirty bedding to be removed	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 your Rankins Dragon, their food, enclosure, and any other equipment.



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