

# Bearded dragon care the complete guide to caring for and keeping bearded drag

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**How much does a bearded dragon cost?** A bearded dragon itself can cost anywhere from \$40 to \$1000 or more depending on the type of morph you want. The initial setup costs range from \$245 to \$500+. With vet visits, feeder insects, and other ongoing costs, you can expect to spend about \$108 a month, or over \$1000 a year on bearded dragon expenses.

**What not to do with a bearded dragon?** Don't - While bearded dragons are relatively docile; they can still experience stress. You never want to overstimulate your pet by handing them off to too many different people or getting them out of their habitat in a particularly busy or loud environment.

**Do bearded dragons get attached to their owners?** Owners are discouraged from forcing bearded dragons to live together because of the risk of fighting between them. While these lizards are better off in isolation when captive, they do tend to form a bond with their owners once they develop a sense of trust for that individual.

**Can I leave my bearded dragon alone for a week?**

**Do you need 2 bearded dragons?** More than one bearded dragon can be kept in an enclosure (if it is big enough and the animals get along) but only one adult male should be present, as adult males housed together often have territorial fights. Adult females housed together also may become aggressive.

**Do bearded dragons like baths?** Playtime and bonding. Many dragons absolutely love bath time. It's a great way for them to unleash their wild side and have some

fun. It can also be a wonderful opportunity for you to strengthen your relationship with your pet.

**What is toxic to bearded dragons?** It is extremely important to never feed your bearded dragon fireflies (lightning bugs), ladybugs and Box elder bugs. All of these bugs are deemed to be extremely toxic and potentially fatal to bearded dragons.

**Why can't you kiss a bearded dragon?** Don't kiss or snuggle your bearded dragon, and don't eat or drink around it. This can spread Salmonella germs to your mouth and make you sick. Have a dedicated enclosure for your bearded dragon. Don't allow bearded dragons to roam in the same spaces where your baby or young children crawl and play.

**Where should you not touch a bearded dragon?** No-Fly Zones Just like us humans, Bearded dragons have a few places they don't like to be touched. Avoid grabbing their tails as this can seem like predatory behaviour to your Bearded dragon, which can, of course, be quite stressful.

**How do bearded dragons say "I love you"?** Bearded dragons can only experience the basic emotions of fear, aggression, and pleasure. Your bearded dragon may enjoy the simple pleasure of being with you, as they have come to associate you with providing food and care, but they can't love you in the sense that you can love them.

**How to tell if a bearded dragon likes you?**

**How to tell if your bearded dragon is unhappy?** Notable aggression from a bearded dragon – such as hissing, puffing, and biting – can indicate that they are uncomfortable. While this behavior can also be brought on by an unpleasant environment or poorly-socialized lizard, beardies are generally very docile and rarely show this kind of behavior.

**Can I leave my bearded dragons light on for 3 days?**

**What is the lifespan of a bearded dragon?** Their lifespan is usually 10 to 15 years or more, so they're quite a commitment. It's important to replicate their natural habitat as best you can. Learn more about how to care for your bearded dragon and how to keep them healthy and happy.

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**How expensive are bearded dragons?** The first cost associated with owning a bearded dragon is the purchase price. Depending on where you live and the type of bearded dragon you want, the cost can vary greatly. On average, you can expect to pay between \$50 to \$400 for a bearded dragon.

**What is the best bedding for a bearded dragon?** What is the best Bearded dragon substrate to use? To most closely resemble the natural habitat of a Bearded dragon, you can use compacted clay-like sand, which will create a fairly solid surface similar to the dry, hard ground in parts of the Australian outback where Bearded dragons originate from.

**Can bearded dragons be handled too much?** This finding suggests that handling bearded dragons for longer periods of time, even in a gentle way, may be mildly stressful for them.

**Do bearded dragons like a mate?** It is a common misconception that bearded dragons need a friend or a tank mate. Bearded dragons are solitary animals and should never be housed with another dragon. They really should never have the chance to come in contact with each other.

**Do bearded dragons recognize their owners?** Beardies love their owners. They'll recognize you, look in your eyes, beg for food, and sometimes want to be held. Unlike furry friends, beardies don't need constant attention or handling. They need alone time but will miss you if you're gone for too long.

**Should I turn off my bearded dragons light at night?** Turtles, tortoises, bearded dragons, iguanas, and chameleons are some common examples of reptiles that need UVB light. This helps prevent animals from developing hypocalcemia (or lack of calcium). UVB lights should be kept on during the day and turned off at night and should be used along with calcium supplements.

**Should I mist my bearded dragon?** Hello, Yes, beardies should be misted and bathed both. You should mist 3 or 4 times a day. As for bathing, several times a week is fine. A bath can be frightening to a youngster, so start with very shallow water.

**Can humans get sick from bearded dragons?** Bearded dragons can carry Salmonella germs in their droppings even if they look healthy and clean. You can get sick from touching your bearded dragon or anything in its environment and then touching your mouth or food and swallowing Salmonella.

**What scares bearded dragons?** Loud noise, such as outside traffic, dogs, yelling, TV, music, or a crying baby. Vibrations and rumbling from loud noises can bother your dragon almost as much as the noise itself. A new pet (even a new dragon or reptile in another tank can upset your dragon).

**What veggies can beardies not eat?** Avoid vegetables such as spinach, broccoli, and romaine as too much can be harmful, or they offer limited nutritional value.

**Are bearded dragons expensive to keep?** The set up costs can be initially high, however after this your main costs will be for food and electric. According to Athravan who posted on the Reptile Forum UK it costs around £6 a week to keep a Bearded Dragon. This is based on one adult beardie requiring two boxes of live food plus £2 worth of salad.

**Is bearded dragon a good pet?** Bearded dragons are hardy, robust, eat well, and have a varied diet (see handout “Bearded Dragons – Feeding” for more information). Bearded dragons can make great pets if cared for properly. Please do your homework and research as much as possible about this type of pet before bringing it into your life.

**How long do bearded dragons live?** Their lifespan is usually 10 to 15 years or more, so they're quite a commitment. It's important to replicate their natural habitat as best you can.

**Are bearded dragons worth it?** Beardies are a top choice among reptile enthusiasts, and for good reason. Their low-maintenance nature makes them ideal for beginner keepers. However, like other reptiles, bearded dragons do have some specific needs. First-time owners will need to learn a bit about them before taking the plunge.

**Do bearded dragons bites hurt?** Their strong jaws mean that if a bearded dragon bites you, it can hurt. However, the complete guide to caring for and keeping a bearded dragon can be found in the complete guide to caring for and keeping a bearded dragon.

dragon, smaller dragon's bites may only feel like a pinch and not draw blood, whereas a larger dragon's bites can cause a wound and be considerably painful.

**Do bearded dragons like being petted?** They have personalities just like you or me. So most of them enjoy being handled or having time with you. Some of them are a bit more standoffish. Like Agave being your beardy brooch right now as we're talking about her family.

**How often should I hold my bearded dragon?** Handling times Bearded dragons are quite docile reptiles and make great pets, you can reinforce this behaviour early on with a baby Bearded dragon by having regular handling sessions 2-4 times a day for 5-15 minutes at a time until they become comfortable.

**Will bearded dragons cuddle with you?** Bearded Dragon Loves Cuddling | Who knew bearded dragons can be so nice and cuddly!

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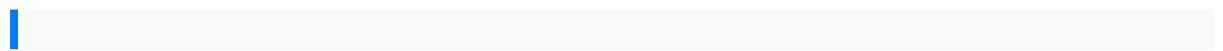
**How do bearded dragons see humans?** Because of the location of their lateral eyes, bearded dragons can see a wider range than humans can. Basically, bearded dragons can see a little bit of what's in front of them and a little bit of what's behind them at the same time. Bearded dragons have poor depth perception, but sharp long-distance vision.

**How do beardies like to sleep?** A dragon's favorite sleeping position is usually with their stomach resting on the ground or against an object and their legs splayed out. This stance is common in the wild as it allows them to quickly get up and respond to

**Is it better to have 1 or 2 bearded dragons?** Keeping two males together is just not going to work, and the first fight they have might be the last for one of them. If you are thinking of keeping a bearded dragon please think carefully before falling in love with all those attractive looking baby beardies.

**Do bearded dragons feel love for their owners?** Yes! While not effusive and certainly not as emotional as dogs, cats, and other mammals, bearded dragons are known to show signs of affection to their owners. For example, they will remain calm when handled or sit still on their owner's lap.

**Are bearded dragons happy in cages?** These lizards are known for being excellent beginner reptiles due to their docile nature and contentment with captivity.



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