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CARING FOR YOUR FRILLED LIZARD

Scientific Name: *Chlamydosaurus kingie*

Native to: Northern Australia,
Southern New Guinea

Maximum Length: Up to 3 feet

Life Span: Up to 10 years



CHARACTERISTICS:

Frilled lizards are native to Northern Australia and Southern New Guinea. These lizards are named for the large frill of skin that the lizard can project upward and outward to make itself appear larger when it feels threatened or is in danger.

CARE TIPS:

Enclosure: These arboreal lizards do best in a tall environment for climbing. The enclosure should be well ventilated with a vertical orientation. A 20-gallon terrarium is adequate for a single juvenile or a pair of juveniles, 12 inches or smaller. Adults require a larger set up approximately 4 to 6 feet tall, 3 feet deep and 5 feet long.

Substrate: A mixture of play sand and soil works well. Make sure the substrate is 2 to 3 inches deep along the bottom of your enclosure.

Habitat: Provide branches of various diameters placed vertically, diagonally and horizontally to provide plenty of perching and basking areas for your lizard.

Temperature and Lighting: Frilled lizards are basking lizards that require a good UVB source (mercury vapor or fluorescent) and basking bulbs for heat. A light cycle of 10 to 12 hours daily is required. Use a heating pad to create a temperature gradient of 85 degrees at the cool end of the enclosure and 90 degrees at the warm end with a basking spot at 115 degrees. Nighttime temperatures should be around 75 to 80 degrees. You should use a thermostat to prevent overheating and to adjust the temperatures as needed. Being from tropical climate, frilled lizards require higher humidity levels around 70%.

Food and Water: Frilled Lizards eat mealworms, crickets, roaches, silk worms, and superworms. Juveniles need to be feed twice a day. Adults should be fed twice per week. Mist the habitat regularly to maintain proper humidity and to provide drinking water. Frilled dragons often prefer to drink water droplets rather than water from a bowl.