



Frilled Dragon Care Sheet

Species Name:

Chlamydosaurus kingii

Adult Size:

90cm

Lifespan:

10 Years

Breeding Age:

2-3 years



Frilled dragons, native to the forests of northern Australia and southern New Guinea, are striking reptiles renowned for their unique appearance and behaviour.

Named for the elaborate frill around their necks, they unfurl it as a defence mechanism when threatened, creating an intimidating display. These arboreal lizards possess slender bodies and long, slender tails, aiding in agile movement through the trees. Primarily insectivorous, they hunt prey aided by their sharp teeth. Frilled dragons are solitary creatures, preferring to blend into their surroundings using their cryptic coloration. Their captivating presence and distinctive traits make them sought-after specimens in the exotic pet trade.

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Housing:

Enclosure: Provide a spacious enclosure with a minimum size of 4ft to allow your dragon to manoeuvre around the vivarium and exercise. The wooden Maxi vivarium's will provide more vertical room for your arboreal lizard to climb.

Substrate: Frilled Dragons thrive in a mid-high humidity in environment, we recommend using a substrate like orchid bark or a soil mix which absorbs water well and releases moisture throughout the day.

Temperature:

Maintain a basking spot temperature of 38-40°C.

Provide a gradient, with the cooler side around 27-29°C.

Use a heat source like a basking light and a heat mat for heating.

Night time temperatures can drop to 16-23°C.

Lighting:

Provide a UVB light source (10-12%) for at least 10-12 hours a day to support calcium metabolism and overall health.

Diet:

Feeding: Offer a varied diet of insects (crickets, roaches, mealworms), leafy greens, and vegetables.

Supplements: Dust insects with calcium and vitamin supplements 2-3 times a week.



Humidity and Hydration:

A humidity of 70% should be maintained.

Provide a shallow dish for drinking water. Mist the enclosure occasionally to maintain humidity levels and aid in shedding.

Enrichment and Handling:

Place hiding spots, rocks, and branches for climbing to create a stimulating environment.

Provide a secure hide for them to retreat and feel safe.

Handle your Frilled Dragon gently and regularly to foster trust, but be mindful of their stress levels.

Health Considerations:

Regularly monitor for signs of illness, such as lethargy, changes in appetite, or difficulty shedding.

Quarantine new reptiles before introducing them to existing enclosures.

Remember that the care requirements for Frilled Dragons may vary slightly based on individual needs, so observe your dragon's behaviour and make adjustments accordingly. Always prioritize the well-being and health of your pet by providing a well-maintained and enriched environment.

