

Bearded Dragon



What do we look like?

Just like our name says, we have spiny beards on our jaws. Male dragons will present their beards when trying to ward off predators or other rival dragons. All of us bearded dragons have a beard, but the males' beards are more pronounced and darker than females'. As adults we can average 15-17 inches in length. When we hatch we range from 3-4 inches long and grow very quickly. We are gray, brown, or an orange-brownish color over all of our semi-flattened body. Our bellies are a grayish color, and we have clearly visible spines along our sides and have a large triangle-shaped head. Our beards are our most notable characteristic, especially when we puff out our throat areas. In the last ten years, our colors, temperaments and sizes are changing. The reason for the change is that we are a popular pet species and are being bred so much that new characteristics are showing up in new generations.

Where we live is...

The inland bearded dragon is native to Australia. We like sunny, hot, and arid environments with plenty of rocks. You can also find us in semi-arid woodlands where we like to climb on logs and trees.



What we eat is...

We need a variety of things in our diet. For example: crickets, mealworms, wax worms, and occasionally pinky or fuzzy mice. Aside from the meat in our diets, we also enjoy eating vegetables too like carrots, peas, green beans and corn. Since we eat both plants and meat, we are similar to humans because we are both omnivores.



Some cool facts about us are...

- When having one of us as a pet here is what you do to give us a drink of water. In nature we get our drinking water from the rain. But when we are in a cage you need to simulate the action. All you need to do is poke a hole in the bottom of a plastic cup and set it on top of the cage and allow it to drip water into the water dish. The dripping water makes us think its raining so we drink.
- Bearded Dragon babies are nervous around humans, but they grow into a very calm, easy-going pet. We are surprisingly easy to care for.
- Male Bearded Dragons are quite aggressive toward other males. So keeping two males in the same tank isn't a good idea.
- Some of the new color patterns to Bearded Dragons are due to over-breeding. Those colors are pastel oranges, violets and reds

