

Uromastyx/Dab Lizard Care Sheet



PROFILE

Common Name: **Uromastyx / Dab lizard**

Latin Name: **Uromastyx acanthinura**

Native To: **Africa**

Size: **M:10-12" F:10-12"**

Life Span: **15-25 years**

HOUSING REQUIREMENTS

Environment:

Hailing from dry and hot areas of Africa, Uromastyx can be seen on rocky outcrops and hiding within the cracks. Enjoying hot temperatures and low humidity, Uromastyx are a true sun worshipping species.

Vivarium Size:

We recommend a minimum size wooden vivarium 36x18x18" (LxDxH). Wooden because of the insulation properties of the wood and the excellent ventilation. This is an ideal size for a baby/adolescent and can be maintained for an adult if you do not wish to upgrade the size of the vivarium.

Substrate:

Whereas you can use corn cob and beech chips to maintain a low humidity environment, we prefer the use of more naturalistic substrates to allow for digging and burrowing behaviours. A good quality desert based substrate with rocks and sandy spots is ideal for these intelligent lizards. Basking spots that retain heat are also essential for the health of your animal. Slate, rocks and dense resin or wooden ornaments will absorb heat and release it throughout the day.

Food and Water:

Natural omnivores, Uromastyx can and will eat anything in their natural environment. From leafy greens and flowers to a multitude of different insect species. For a captive diet we focus on greens, salads and legumes with nuts, using live foods as a weekly treat. Flowers and their seed pods can also be used as treats. This allows for good hydration and variation of diet in the captive environment.

Heat/Light Requirements:

As with all reptiles, Uromastyx are exothermic getting all their metabolic heat from external sources. Uromastyx are true sun worshipers and require bright basking lights and full spectrum UV lighting.

Listed below are the ideal temperatures that you will need to replicate for your Uromastyx:

Hot spot: 50 - 60°C

Cool end: 28 - 30°C

Night temperatures: 20 - 24°C

FURTHER READING:

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