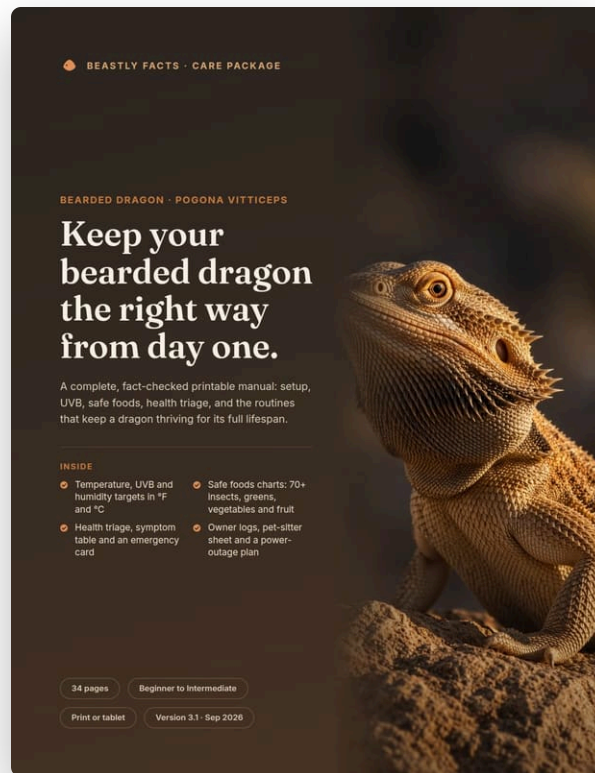


FREE SAMPLE

Bearded Dragon Care Package

The first 4 pages of the 35-page printable manual, free to keep.



In this sample: What's inside, How to Use This Package, Quick Profile & Cost Overview. The contents page shows every one of the 35 pages, so you can see exactly what the full package covers before you buy it.

Not in this sample: the 31 pages that follow, which are the full care guide, the health section, the quick reference cards, and the owner tools, checklists and logs.

The full package is \$8.99 at beastlyfacts.com/care-packages/bearded-dragon/. One purchase, and every corrected edition is a free re-download from your library. The free bearded dragon care guide it was built from is at beastlyfacts.com/guides/bearded-dragon/, and stays free.

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How to use this package

Three ways to get value from it, depending on where you are right now.

If you haven't set up yet

Read pages 4 through 12 in order before buying anything. Housing, temperature, and UVB decisions are expensive to redo. Get the enclosure size and lighting right the first time, then use the Budget & Shopping List on page 24 to buy once.

If your dragon is already set up

Jump to the Setup Checklist and Temperature Targets on page 22 to audit what you have, and the Health Red Flags section starting on page 16 if anything seems off. The Safe Foods charts on pages 10 to 12 are worth a read even for experienced keepers, since most diet problems come from a food that was fine "once in a while" becoming a daily habit.

Print these first

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| ☐ Page 22: Setup Checklist & Temperature Targets | ☐ Page 29: Pet-Sitter Sheet |
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WHY THIS PACKAGE EXISTS

Bearded dragon husbandry has moved on from a lot of what older care sheets still say. This package reflects current UVB, enclosure-size, and diet standards, cross-checked against veterinary and herpetological sources (listed on page 34), not recycled forum advice. Every temperature and dimension is given in both imperial and metric.

NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR

A reptile-experienced veterinarian. This is a husbandry reference for day-to-day care. Anything urgent or health-related is always a vet call, not a page in this book. Find a reptile vet before you need one and write the number on page 23.

SECTION 01

Quick profile

Everything at a glance before you read the detail.

Scientific name	<i>Pogona vitticeps</i> (inland or central bearded dragon)
Adult size	16 to 24 in (41 to 61 cm) nose to tail; 300 to 500 g typical, big males heavier
Captive lifespan	10 to 15 years typical with consistent care, occasionally longer
Native range	Arid and semi-arid woodland, scrubland and rocky desert of inland eastern Australia
Diet type	Omnivore, ratio shifts from insect-heavy to plant-heavy with age
Enclosure minimum (adult)	4×2×2 ft (120×60×60 cm, about 120 gal), front-opening preferred
UVB requirement	Ferguson Zone 3 open basker: linear T5 HO tube, basking-spot UVI 4.0 to 4.5
Sexual maturity	Around 12 to 18 months; females can lay infertile eggs without a male (page 15)
Handling difficulty	Beginner to intermediate; generally tolerant once settled
Conservation status	Least Concern (IUCN)

Cost overview

Initial setup

\$420 to \$860 for equipment, plus \$75 to \$200 for the first vet exam and fecal test.

Monthly ongoing

\$60 to \$130 for feeders, greens, supplements, electricity, bulbs and the yearly vet visit, averaged.

BUDGET FOR THE WORST CASE TOO

Emergency care isn't rare enough to ignore. Impaction surgery commonly runs \$800 to \$2,500; MBD treatment \$200 to \$500+. Neither is likely if you follow this package, but both are real enough to plan for.

Fun facts worth knowing

- The "beard" is a flap of spiny skin under the chin that darkens and puffs out during stress, territorial display, or breeding, not a sign of aggression by itself.
- They darken their backs to absorb heat when cool and lighten when warm. University of Melbourne researchers measured the effect in wild dragons.
- They can see ultraviolet light through a fourth type of cone cell, which is part of why lighting affects appetite and mood, not just bones.