

# Bearded Dragons For Beginners: The Ultimate Guide to Keeping Your Bearded Dragon Happy and Healthy



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Bearded dragons are a popular pet reptile that is easy to care for and can make a great pet for people of all ages. They are native to Australia and are known for their docile nature and striking appearance. Bearded dragons get their name from the spiky scales that run along their jawline, which they can puff out when they are threatened.

Bearded dragons are relatively low-maintenance pets and can be kept in a variety of habitats. They require a warm, dry environment with plenty of space to move around. Bearded dragons are omnivorous and eat a variety of insects, vegetables, and fruits.

If you are thinking about getting a bearded dragon as a pet, it is important to do your research first. Bearded dragons can live for up to 10 years, so you will need to be prepared to make a long-term commitment. You will also need to Free Download a variety of supplies, including a cage, heat lamp, UVB light, and food.

### **Choosing the Right Bearded Dragon**

When choosing a bearded dragon, it is important to select a healthy animal from a reputable breeder. Look for a bearded dragon that is active and alert, with clear eyes and no signs of illness. You should also avoid choosing a bearded dragon that is too young, as they can be more difficult to care for.

The size of the bearded dragon you choose will depend on the size of your cage. Bearded dragons can grow to be up to 2 feet long, so you will need to make sure that you have a cage that is large enough to accommodate your dragon.

## **Setting Up Your Bearded Dragon's Habitat**

The first step in setting up your bearded dragon's habitat is to choose a cage. The cage should be made of a sturdy material, such as glass or metal, and should be large enough to accommodate your dragon. The cage should also have a secure lid to prevent your dragon from escaping.

Once you have chosen a cage, you will need to add some substrate to the bottom. The substrate can be made of a variety of materials, such as sand, gravel, or reptile carpet. You will also need to add some hiding places to the cage, such as rocks, logs, or plants.

Next, you will need to add a heat lamp to the cage. The heat lamp will provide your dragon with a warm place to bask. The heat lamp should be placed on one side of the cage, so that your dragon can create a thermal gradient within the cage.

You will also need to add a UVB light to the cage. The UVB light will provide your dragon with the necessary vitamins and minerals that it needs to stay healthy. The UVB light should be placed on the opposite side of the cage from the heat lamp.

Finally, you will need to add some food and water bowls to the cage. The food bowls should be large enough to accommodate your dragon's food, and the water bowls should be large enough to provide your dragon with a constant source of fresh water.

## **Feeding Your Bearded Dragon**

Bearded dragons are omnivorous and eat a variety of insects, vegetables, and fruits. The best way to determine what your dragon should eat is to

offer it a variety of foods and see what it likes.

Some of the most common foods that bearded dragons eat include:

\* Insects: crickets, mealworms, dubia roaches, superworms \* Vegetables: collard greens, dandelion greens, mustard greens, turnip greens, carrots, squash, green beans \* Fruits: apples, bananas, blueberries, strawberries, raspberries

You should feed your bearded dragon a variety of foods to ensure that it is getting all of the nutrients that it needs. You should also avoid feeding your dragon too much, as this can lead to obesity.

## **Preventing and Treating Common Health Problems**

Bearded dragons are generally hardy animals, but they can be susceptible to a variety of health problems. Some of the most common health problems that bearded dragons experience include:

\* Respiratory infections: These infections are caused by bacteria or viruses and can cause symptoms such as sneezing, coughing, and difficulty breathing. \* Metabolic bone disease: This disease is caused by a lack of calcium and vitamin D and can lead to weakened bones and fractures. \* Impaction: This condition occurs when a bearded dragon ingests a foreign object, such as a piece of substrate or a toy. Impaction can cause a variety of symptoms, including vomiting, loss of appetite, and lethargy.

If you are concerned about your bearded dragon's health, it is important to take it to a veterinarian for a checkup. The veterinarian will be able to diagnose and treat any health problems that your dragon may have.

Bearded dragons can make great pets for people of all ages. They are easy to care for and can be a lot of fun to watch. If you are thinking about getting a bearded dragon as a pet, be sure to do your research first and make sure that you are prepared to make a long-term commitment.

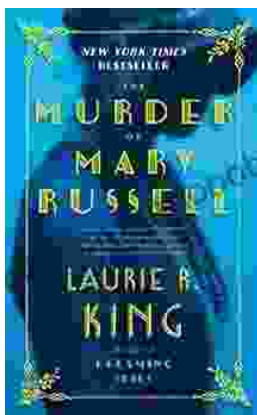


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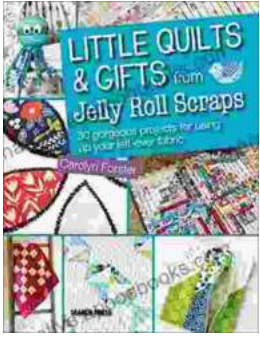
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