

# Lizards



Know what your lizard needs.



## FOOD AND WATER

- Find out about the varied diet your lizard should eat to stay healthy – this may include live insects. You may need to identify suppliers.
- Make sure fresh, clean water is provided in a suitable way for your lizard. Check if a water bowl, spraying a fine mist or a drip system is best for the animal to drink naturally.



## A GOOD HOME

- Make sure you know what special lighting (often including UV) and heat sources your lizard needs to develop normally and to allow him/her to warm up or cool down.
- Find out about how to maintain ventilation and humidity levels suitable for your lizard to help shed skin and reduce the risk of it becoming ill.



## COMPANY

- Make sure you know whether your lizard is male or female. Some lizards spend most of their time alone, other species can be grouped into different sex pairs, a small harem or small groups of the same sex.



## TO BEHAVE NORMALLY

- Find out about whether your lizard would naturally like to burrow, hide, bathe in shallow water or climb branches or rocks – so the home you provide will allow such activities.



## TO BE HEALTHY

- Get to know your lizard to help spot the signs if something is wrong and take him/her to the vet if unwell or injured.

**This is very basic information.** Find out more about what your lizard needs. Talk to us on the RSPCA advice line: 0300 1234 555 or visit: [www.rspca.org.uk/petcare](http://www.rspca.org.uk/petcare)

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## Your lizard deserves the best care possible so make sure you are also prepared to:



- find out when your lizard is naturally active – some prefer to be active at night, others during the day – and make sure the location of your lizard's home, the lighting levels and the time of day he/she is handled does not cause disturbance or harm
- check that the person who looks after your lizard when you go on holiday knows all about the care needed, including maintaining suitable lighting and heating
- take care choosing a floor covering that allows natural behaviour, like burrowing – so, if your lizard eats it, no harm is caused.



Watch out for bone deformities that can be caused by an unbalanced diet or insufficient UV lighting.

# Did you know...

the law that protects pets has changed? You have a legal responsibility to care for your lizard.

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