



## ANIMAL CARE SHEET



### Agama Lizard

Agama species are widely spread throughout areas of Africa. Agamas are most often found in semi -dessert or scrubland environments. The Spiderman agama is relatively new in the U.S. pet trade and is proving to be very popular due to its intense red and blue coloration and overly active personality.

Agamas reach an average length of 6 - 9 inches with females usually being smaller. Agama species have been known to be kept in captivity for as long as fifteen years if housed and maintained properly.

#### Housing

A minimum size of 36" x 20" x 20" should be used. Bigger is always better though. Place a lot of branches for climbing, enabling them to bask in the warm spot as well. They will need hiding places, so provide multiple items for them to hide under. Use playsand, peat moss or something similar as a substrate.

#### Food & Water

**Agamas** are carnivorous lizards. As such, they should be fed a wide variety of feeder insects. Some you can use are crickets, mealworms, silkworms, butterworms, roaches, earthworms and kingworms. Make sure the insects are gut loaded with nutritional foods, and coated with a multi-vitamin dust or spray. Provide a small water dish for the agamas to drink. You can also spray the leaves of plants in the enclosure, but this also raises humidity.

#### Temperature

Humidity levels should be kept to a minimum, around 10% to 20%. They are from dry desert areas where humidity is not a factor. Daytime temperatures should be provided in a gradient of 80 degrees F to 90 degrees F in the basking spot. Keep the temperature between 75 degrees F and 80 degrees F at night. They need a slightly lower temperature, but not too low. Use full-spectrum fluorescent lighting to provide your Red Headed Agama with needed UVB light, on a 12 hours daylight cycle.

#### Lighting

#### Humidity