

Uromastix



Uromastix Sp.

This mainly vegetarian lizard makes a wonderful pet. Uromastix are among the most beautiful reptiles regularly available. Uromastix are generally easy to care for as long as temperature requirements, which border on extreme, are met.

Adult Size

10-24" depending on species.

Life Span

15-20 years.

- Most Uromastix in the pet trade are farmed in Africa, and benefit from a de-worming. It is highly recommended to have a fecal test done by a qualified exotics vet when acquiring a Uromastix.

Habitat

- Though Uromastix are not among the largest lizards, they are very active and benefit from a minimum cage size of 36"x18"x18". Larger cages also allow for easier temperature control.
- Uromastix come from a very hot dry area.

Temperature

- 84-88F Ambient temperature
- Basking spot 115-120F. Place a large flat rock under the basking lamp as the Uromastix will bask on the rock and absorb heat from the rock.
- Achieving these temperatures sometimes requires the use of two heat lamps!

Lighting

- UBB lighting is essential for Uromastix well being.
- A 10.0% UVB bulb or a mercury vapor bulb should be on over the cage for approximately 12 hours per day.

Substrate

- Uromastix can be kept on a few different substrates. Finch seed is used by some of the top breeders in the world as the Uromastix tend to eat the seeds. Many keepers also choose to keep them on sand or even ceramic tiles.

Nutrition

- Uromastix in the wild are omnivorous, although most people keep them as vegetarians in captivity.
- Most of their diet consists of high quality leafy greens, such as spring mix, collard or dandelion greens. Along with seeds (finch) and legumes (such as rehydrated lentils)