

# How To:

## Frilled Dragon Enclosure

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# Selecting the Right Enclosure



- When selecting an enclosure for your frilled dragon, it is important to think about where the frilled dragon lives in the wild.
- Frilled dragons are found in tropical areas of Australia. They like to spend most of their time climbing high in the trees.
- Make sure you choose a tall enclosure with lots of climbing space.
- The enclosure I will be using has 42 inches of climbing space with sliding glass doors to keep the animals from escaping.



# Substrate



- After selecting your enclosure, you will need to decide what type of substrate to use.
- The most common substrates used are sand, paper towels or newspaper.
- I find newspaper is the easiest as it is inexpensive and easy to clean; however, sand looks more natural.
- I started by putting adhesive tiles on the bottom of my wooden enclosure to help keep moisture from destroying the bottom.
- I then placed a layer of newspaper over the tiles .

# Lighting and Heat



- The next step in building your frilled dragon enclosure is providing your dragon with the proper lighting and heat.
- Frilled dragons require the use of a UVB bulb.
- The temperature in the basking spot should be between 90 and 110 degrees Fahrenheit.
- There should be a part of the enclosure that is significantly colder at about 70 to 80 degrees Fahrenheit .

# Lighting and Heat Cont.



- Having a cold side within your dragon's enclosure allows the animal to adjust their body temperature.
- The temperature can be regulated using basking bulbs or heat pads; I will be using a combination of the two.
- Make sure you check the temperature of the enclosure before placing the dragons in the enclosure.

# Furniture



- Now comes the fun part - designing the enclosure.
- As mentioned earlier, frilled dragons like to climb so make sure to provide tall branches for them to climb on. I wrapped the branches with artificial vines to aid the dragons with climbing.
- Make sure all branches are sturdy and will not fall while your dragon is climbing.



# Furniture Cont.



- Make sure there is a basking spot 6 to 8 inches from the light source.
- You will also need to include a water dish and food dish in your enclosure.
- I have also included a plastic tub with moist moss to help keep the enclosure humid.

# Feeding



- Frilled dragons will eat a variety of insects such as crickets or mealworms.
- They should also be offered greens such as collard or mustard greens.
- Adult dragons should be fed every other day with insects and greens.
- Along with feeding, your dragons should be misted daily.
- The water dish should be changed as needed.



# Home Sweet Home



- Once your enclosure is ready, place your dragon in its new home.
- Observe the dragon in its new home for the first day to make sure there are no problems with the enclosure.
- Congratulations! You have successfully made a great home for your frilled dragon.