



Iguanas



Room Whiteboard	Animal ID # and cage number of each Iguana (update when Iguana come and go). Draw map of cages (showing cage #'s).
Owner Equipment	Label all owner equipment. List owner equipment on the Animal Care Schedule.
Housing	NO CEDAR SHAVINGS! 10–20-gallon Aquarium for juveniles. Larger enclosures are needed for full-sized adults. Newspaper, butcher paper or astroturf for lining materials. A natural branch to climb up toward the warmer side. All reptiles need a hiding place too. Temperature: Warmer side of habitat 90-95 degrees. cooler side 70-75 degrees. Avoid hot rocks. Room temperature should remain warm enough even in the dark. 65-70 degrees. May mist a couple of times a week. Lighting: Need a heat lamp and a UV lamp-for Vit. D. 12 hours of light and 12 hours of dark.
Handling	No handling unless necessary! Always wash hands well before and after entering the Exotics room. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Use disposable gloves and change if handled.</u> • Hold head and tail if must be moved. They can be very aggressive after natural sunbathing. They bite, claw and whip their tails in defense. *The tail can break your bones.
Dietary Needs (Owner Feed)	Follow owners' dietary instructions. Label any owner feed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90% plant based; 10% protein based • Main Diet: mostly green, leafy vegetables with some orange and yellow vegetables. Fruit should be given in very small amounts, as a treat. • * No lettuce or celery. • Protein- includes crickets, mealworms, earthworms, reptile pellets and fish chow pellets.
Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fresh water for drinking and bathing. Change water when soiled. • They can be misted a couple of times a week in addition to bathing themselves.
Daily Cleaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Always use disposable gloves and change between each cage, aquarium, etc.</u> • Remove poop and urine soiled litter. Add more litter as needed. • Use a paper towel with water for any additional cleaning.
Health Issues	Contact the Shelter Lead , if there is an iguana with a medical issue. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lethargic, not eating, small pinpoint in mouth, (later signs of mouth rot-frothy, bubbly mucus or cottage cheese like material in mouth, and rubber Jaw and inability to move back legs). • Document on Animal Care Schedule (and highlight it). • Attach cage card (Vet Needed) on clipboard and note on whiteboard. <u>Veterinary staff may not be activated.</u>
Demobilization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove Animal ID # from whiteboard, once the animal is released to owner. • When a cage is no longer needed (Exotic has left), put cage card (Dirty) on clipboard. • If appropriate, take the cage / kennel to the wash station. After cleaning, spray with Rescue Solution, and let sit for 5 minutes. • Clean food, water bowls/bottles, and housing. Rinse well with water and return to Exotic room. • Put cage card (Clean) on clipboard.