

FRILLED NECK LIZARDS

(Chlamydosaurus kingii)

Food & Water

The Frilled Necked Lizard is an omnivore. They eat mainly insects, but will consume vegetables and fruits. Frilled Neck Lizards are voracious eaters as well. Hatchlings should be fed twice a day. Crickets, superworms, butterworms and silkworms, will suffice for the meat. The salad should consist of a wide variety of vegetables and fruit: a variety of greens, sweet potatoes, carrots, split peas, and green beans. Waxworms, mealworms, pinky mice and fruit should be offered sparingly. Dust the food with a calcium/multi-vitamin supplement everyday for hatchlings and juveniles, and every second day for adults. Gut load the insects as well.

Leave a dish with water in the habitat at all times. Ensure that the water is clean, changing it everyday. You can also mist them, but they will get most of their water from the dish.

Lighting, Temperature & Humidity

As with most lizards you must have a heat gradient, as cool as 25 celsius and as hot as 34 celsius, with a basking spot that reaches around 38 degrees. Maintain the heat gradient successfully by placing thermometers at either end of the enclosure. At night, the temperature should be around 25 celsius. Do not let the temperature drop below 18 celsius. You should keep the humidity in their enclosure around 55% - 65%. Do not let it reach above 75% under any circumstances, as high humidity may cause respiratory problems. Use broad spectrum heat bulbs, and a fluorescent or other bulb with good quality UVB. Direct sunlight (not through glass) is recommended for natural vitamins as often as possible.

Housing

The substrate for young dragons should be newspaper or paper towel. Using sand may cause impaction if digested. For Adult Frilled Neck Lizards, you can continue to use the newspaper or paper towels, or a fully digestible substrate like Kritter Crumble. These lizards need a large habitat, as they are very active. A 4' x 3' enclosure will suffice for a single adult, but a larger habitat is recommended. You must include lots of items for the dragons to climb and bask on. For hatchlings to juveniles, a 3ft tank x 18" minimum is recommended, but they will need the larger enclosure rather quickly.