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COLLARED LIZARD

Crotaphytus collaris

ORIGIN: These lizards populate desert climates and rocky areas, in southern Texas and Mexico.

SIZE: Most reach a length of 8-12".

CAGING: While a 15-20 gallon tank will work for babies, you will need to upgrade tank size as your animal grows. A forty gallon tank is an adequate size for 2-4 adults. These lizards love to run, and need space to do so. If given the room, these reptiles will even stand up to their hind legs to run.

TEMPERAMENT: While these lizards can be easily tamed, they can offer quite a bite if scared or provoked. They are very territorial, and no more than one male should be housed together. Multiple lizards may share a habitat if there are plenty of basking, hiding, and eating areas. All housemates must also be relatively the same size. Collareds have been known to eat just about any live prey they can get their mouth around. They will show aggression by head bobbing or doing what looks like pushups. When agitated they will also puff their bodies in order to look larger.

SUBSTRATE: These lizards will thrive on sand or gravel as they mature, but it is recommended to be wary of any ingestible size pebble. They also like to burrow. You may use reptile carpet as long as it is kept clean, and you provide plenty of hiding spots in the different temperature zones in your tank.

TEMPERATURE: HOT! A basking spot temperature can reach 95-102 degrees. You will need to provide your pet with basking and hiding areas at different levels and in different temperature zones to allow them to regulate their body temperature correctly. A daytime temperature of 75-90 is recommended with a drop in temperature to 70 to 85 degrees at night.

LIGHT: Collared lizards need UVA and UVB rays that can be provided by specialized fluorescent tube lights. They need these special bulbs to metabolize calcium and properly process their food.

WATER: While many collared lizards will drink from a water bowl, some may refuse. These lizards will need to be misted every couple of days to ensure they are getting adequate moisture.

DIET: Young lizards are usually started on crickets or soft bodied worms no larger than $\frac{3}{4}$ the size of the lizards head. Larger specimens can be fed pinkies or fuzzies. Most of these lizards will take greens such as collard greens, mustard greens, shredded carrots and fruits like raspberries, papaya, and mango.

RECOMMENDED SUPPLIES

- Glass or plastic enclosure
- Secure lid for enclosure
- UVA/UVB fluorescent bulb
- Substrate as detailed above
- Literature about collared lizards
- Hiding and climbing areas
- Shallow water dish and food bowl
- Spray bottle
- Heat producing bulb or ceramic heat emitter
- Thermometers to monitor temperature

OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

- Night light for nighttime viewing
- Silk plants and branches
- Decorative cage background
- Heat mat approximately half size of enclosure

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