



Eastern Collared Lizard



OVERVIEW



- Scientific Name: *Crotaphytus collaris*
- Origin: Southern USA & Northern Mexico
- Ease of Care: Beginner
- Potential Adult Size: 10 to 12 inches
- Life Span: 10 years
- Behaviour: Diurnal
- Diet: Insectivore
- Handling: Intermediate

TOP TIPS

- ✓ A Vivarium is best suited for the Eastern Collared Lizard
- ✓ Vary your Eastern Collared Lizards food to keep it stimulated
- ✓ Use a sand scoop when spot cleaning

HOUSING

HabiStat Standard Vivarium 48x24x24" (HV4824)

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

- Housing: Vivarium
- Heating: Heat Bulb
- Thermostat: Dimming Thermostat (High Range)
- Lighting: UV Tube (Light Cycle: 12 hours of light)
- Substrate: HabiStat Bearded Dragon Bedding, Arcadia EarthMix Arid
- Water: Water bowl

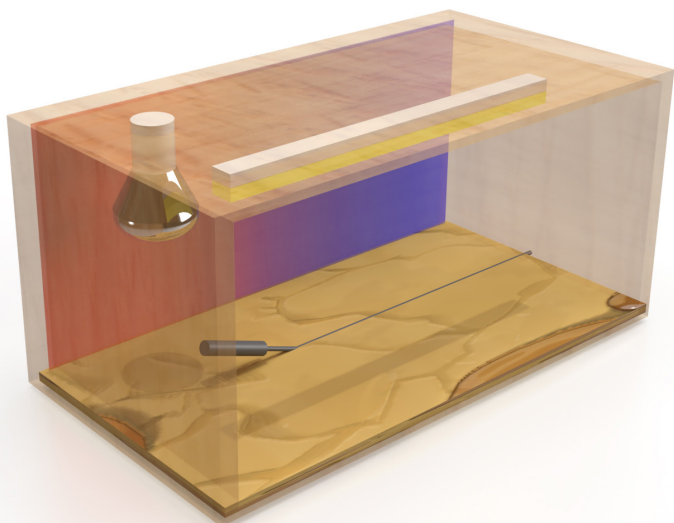
RUNNING COSTS

- Average Cost: 37p Per Day
- Average kW per day: 1.315

Calculations are based on using the recommended timings, heating, and lighting provided throughout the care sheet, and the Electricity unit rate of 28p per kWh.

ENVIRONMENT

Vivarium Setup



Enclosure Readings

- Hot Spot: 38°C (100°F)
- Background Temp: 28°C-30°C (82°F-86°F)
- Night-Time Temp: 16°C-20°C (61°F-68°F)
- Humidity: 40%-50%
- UVI: 4-6

Heating

Eastern Collared Lizards are a diurnal species and require a suitable light and heat gradient in the enclosure to simulate a complete 24-hour period.

The HabiStat Bearded Dragon Accessory Kit (HSBDAK) provides all the light, heat, and safety elements for the enclosure in one handy kit.

Use the Arcadia Pro Ceramic Lamp Holder & Bracket (RADCHP) with the HabiStat Heat

Bulb (HBB100) running through the Habistat Dimming Thermostat (HTDWHR).

Dimming thermostats are designed to regulate temperatures using a thermostat probe (also known as a sensor). Correct placement of the probe is critical to avoid overheating and injury to the animal.

Check temperatures regularly, using a reliable dual thermometer and hygrometer to ensure that there are no extreme fluctuations.

Lighting

Fit the Arcadia Pro T5 UVB Kit 12% (RARTP39R) or alternatively the Arcadia LumenIZE Pro T5 UVB Kit 12% (RARLZ39R) to the inside roof of the vivarium.

Ensure that it is fitted correctly and within the manufacturer's recommended distances, providing a UVI of 4-6.

Substrates and Decoration

Personal choice will dictate how you decorate your enclosure, but we recommend the following as a guide:

- Habistat Bearded Dragon Bedding (HSBDB10), Arcadia EarthMix Arid (RAREA10)
- Habistat Cork Branch (HDB1), Habistat Grapevine (HSGV) and Habistat Tea Tree Branch (HSNTB) will offer shelter and enrichment within the enclosure.
- Live plant decoration will provide darker areas for the animal to use as shelter

DIET & WATER

Ensure the Eastern Collared Lizard has a varied diet, with a mixture of insects.

Young/Juvenile - Several appropriately sized feeders 2 to 3 times per week such as:

- Crickets – 2nd
- Locust – 1st Hopper
- Calci Worms

Adult - Several appropriately sized feeders per week such as:

- Crickets – 4th
- Locust – Small Hopper
- Dubia Roaches – Medium

Always provide a source of fresh water. The Habistat Sandstone Water Dish (HRSSCM) will provide a safe and sturdy option.

To maintain and regulate humidity within the enclosure, mist as required.

SUPPLEMENTATION

Following a supplementation regime that involves calcium and multivitamin powders such as Habistat Pure Calcium (HMC40), Habistat Reptavite (HMRV40), Habistat Repton (HMR40) and Arcadia Earth Pro-A (RAREP100) will be beneficial to the health and wellbeing of the animal.

ADDITIONAL INFO

- Eastern Collared Lizards can move very fast if they are startled or feel threatened. Any handling should be done with caution.
- Eastern Collared Lizards love to dig, so a deep substrate is essential.

HEALTH & HYGIENE



We recommend the following cleaning routine to keep your animal healthy and happy:

| | Water | Substrate | Enclosure |
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| Daily | Change old water for fresh water | Spot clean | Check vents on enclosure are not blocked and allow air to pass through freely |
| Weekly | Disinfect water bowl or dish | Agitate substrate to prevent any bacterial build-up and remove any dirty bedding | Wipe down glass and walls with a reptile safe disinfectant |
| Monthly | | Take out old substrate and replace with new substrate | Wipe down inside the enclosure and disinfect décor with a reptile safe disinfectant |

Always wash your hands, surfaces and equipment with warm water and disinfectant immediately before and after handling or feeding your animal, their food, enclosure and any other equipment using HabiStat Anti-Bac Spray (HABS) for any surface and HabiStat Hand Sanitiser (HABG) for hand hygiene.

HANDLING & CARE



While this species is generally placid and will tolerate gentle handling, this can at times be very stressful for the animal, so any handling should only be done in short periods.

Things to look out for that will need veterinary assistance:

- Skin shedding problems (retained shed)
- Eyes discolouration or not opening
- Going off food
- Loose bowel movements

Should your animal display any signs of distress, changes in regular behaviour, or anything visually different, please seek help from your Reptile Veterinarian.

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DATA MONITORING



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Complete this Sheet at the same time every day e.g. 12pm

| | Hotspot Temp 38°C (100°F) | Background Temp 28°C-30°C (82°F-86°F) | Humidity Day 40%-50% | UVI 4-6 | Night Time Temp 16°C-20°C (61°F-68°F) | Feeding |
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