

# Painted Dragon



## OVERVIEW



- Scientific Name: *Laudakia stellio*
- Origin: Mediterranean
- Ease of Care: Beginner
- Potential Adult Size: 10 to 14 inches
- Life Span: 12 years
- Behaviour: Diurnal
- Diet: Insectivore
- Handling: Beginner
- Humidity: 30% - 40%

## TOP TIPS

- ✓ To keep your Painted Dragon stimulated, vary their food
- ✓ Branches should be used in the enclosure to allow the Painted Dragon to climb

## EQUIPMENT NEEDED

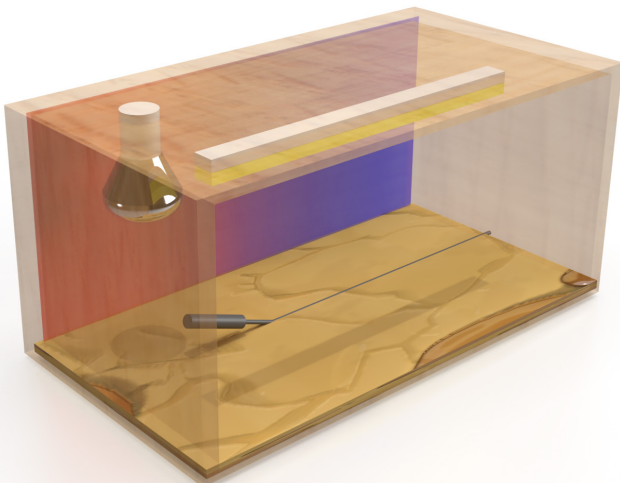
- Housing: Vivarium
- Heating: Heat Bulb
- Thermostat: Dimming Thermostat (High Range)
- Lighting: UV Tube (Light Cycle: 12 hours of light)
- Substrate: HabiStat Bearded Dragon Bedding, Arcadia EarthMix Arid
- Water: Water Bowl

## HOUSING

HabiStat Standard Vivarium 48 x 24 x 24" (HV4824)

## ENVIRONMENT

### Terrestrial Vivarium Setup



### Heating

The Painted Dragon (*Laudakia stellio*) is a diurnal reptile and requires a suitable light and heat gradient in the enclosure to simulate a complete 24-hour period.

Use an Arcadia Pro Ceramic Lamp Holder & Bracket (RADCHP) with the HabiStat Heat Bulb (HBB100) all running in conjunction with a HabiStat Dimming Thermostat High Range (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 and humidity regularly

using a reliable thermometer and hygrometer to ensure that there are no extreme fluctuations.

- Background Temp: 22°C-25°C (72°F-77°F)
- Hot Spot: 35-38°C (95-100°F)
- Night-Time Temp: 18°C-21°C (65°F-70°F)

## Lighting

Fit the Arcadia Pro T5 12% UVB Kit (RARTP39R) or alternatively the Arcadia LumenIZE Pro T5 12% UVB Kit (RARLZ39R) on the inside roof of the Vivarium. This will supply realistic UVB levels within the enclosure.

Ensure that it is fitted correctly and within the manufacturers recommend distances providing a UVI or 4-6.

## Substrates & Decoration

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

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

## DIET & WATER

Ensure the Painted Dragon is offered a variety of insects.

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

- Crickets – 3rd
- Locust – Small Hopper
- Calci Worms

**Adult** – Several appropriately sized feeders per week such as:

- Crickets – Large
- Locust – 3rd Hopper
- Dubia Roaches – Large

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 INFORMATION

- This species likes to climb, so adding rocks and branches will be beneficial

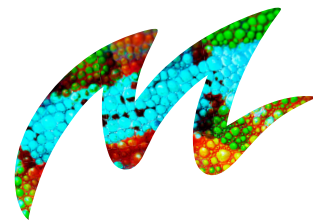
# HEALTH & HYGIENE



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

	Water	Substrate	Enclosure
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 Painted Dragon, their food, enclosure and any other equipment using HabiStat Anti-Bac Spray (HABS) for any surface and HabiStat Hand Sanitiser (HABG) for hand hygiene.



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# DATA MONITORING



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

	Hotspot Temp 35-38°C (95-100°F)	Background Temp 22°C-25°C (72°F-77°F)	Humidity 30%-40%	UVI 4-6	Night Time Temp 18°C-21°C (65°F-70°F)	Feeding
Monday						
Tuesday						
Wednesday						
Thursday						
Friday						
Saturday						
Sunday						