



Bosc Monitor Rehoming Package

About Boscs

The Bosc Monitor, also known as the Savannah Monitor (*Varanus exanthematicus*) is a large bodied monitor from Eastern and Northern Africa. An adult Bosc Monitor can exceed five feet in length, although three to four foot is more average. They can weigh up to 2kg and are prone to obesity in captivity, with an almost unrivalled appetite.



Whilst they're not complicated to care for, we consider these an intermediate reptile species. This is due to their sourcing, size and patience requirements.

Bosc Husbandry

Daily Chores

- Fresh water daily
 - Spot clean daily
- (Full clean once a month)
- Spray daily
 - Use F10 Veterinary Disinfectant



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Vets and Insurance

- Exotics Vets are not easy to find, here in Brighton we use Coastways in Kempton as they have an exotic vet called Celine. It is essential you find an **exotic vet**.
- There is insurance you can get for your reptile through Exotic Direct.

<https://exoticdirect.co.uk/>

Bosc Monitor Diet

A common misperception about savannah monitors is that they need bird and mammal prey as a regular part of their diet. However, birds and particularly mammals are very high in fat and/or calories compared to insects, which is a common contributor to severe obesity among captive savannah monitors.

However, wild savannah monitors are known to occasionally eat carrion and lizard eggs, so occasionally offering a lean young adult rodent, bird, or chicken egg for diversity is fine.

In captivity food options include - Locust, snails, earthworms, fruit, veg and frozen thawed mice, boiled eggs and chicks.

You also want to ensure your feeder bugs have been gut loaded (fed) before offering to your reptile. We use Arcadia Reptiles Insects Fuel.

Bugs - Every other day
Frozen prey - Once a fortnight



Supplementing your Bosc's Diet

The use of high-quality reptile supplements in the correct amounts at the correct frequencies will help to ensure optimum bone health and skin health for your reptile, and help to avoid a plethora of nutrition-related illnesses such as metabolic bone disease.

EarthPro-A at every feed on all food items, CalciumPro Mg at every 4th feed, A quality full-spectrum powder with D3 and A can be offered at feed 6 or 8. We then carry on with this cycle.

Check out the feeding schedule using the link below

<https://www.arcadiareptile.com/earthpro/feeding-programme/>



Minimum rehoming Requirements for a Bosc Monitor

You can source all enclosures, equipment, electrics and decor from us as we run a shop.

8ft x 3ft x 3ft Vivarium

Arcadia Reptile ProT5 54W 12% Kit £75

100W Arcadia Reptile Halogen £15

80W Arcadia Reptile Deep Heat Projector £21

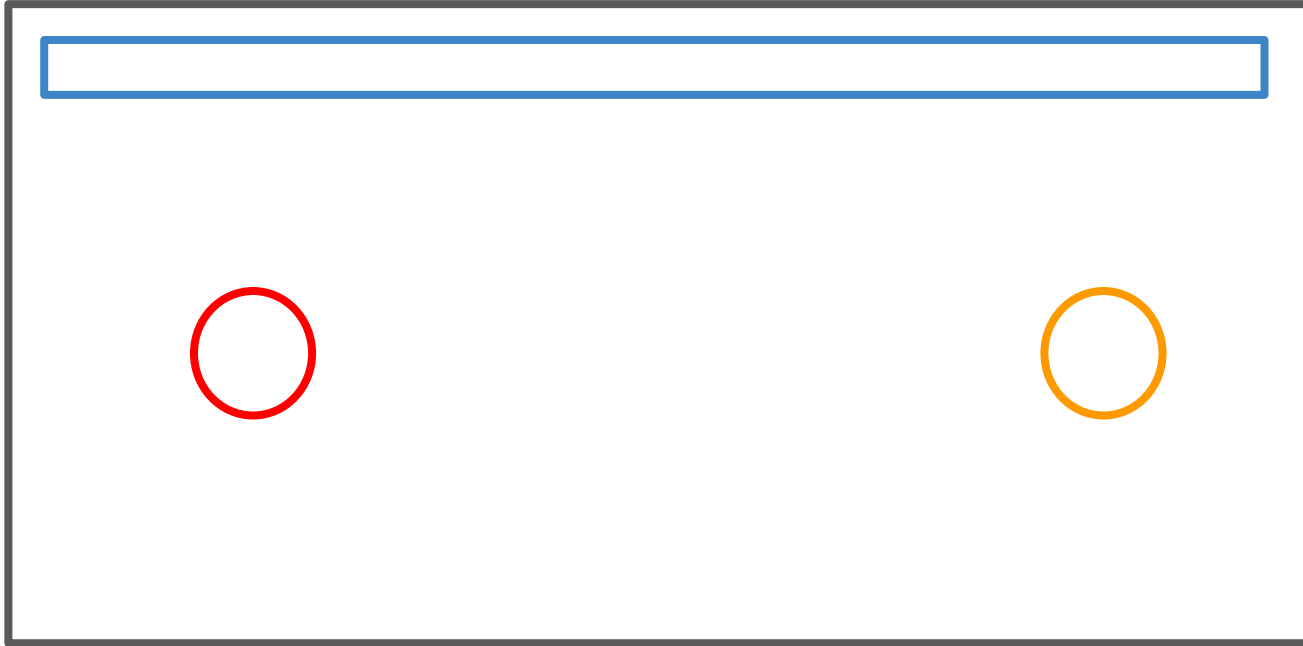
Dimming thermostat £55 (you will need 2 thermostats)

Arcadia Reptile Ceramic bulb holder and plug £15 (you will need 2 bulb holders)

Habistat Heat Cage £15 (you will need 2 cages)

Substrate and decor is up to you. We advice a Sand X Soil mix as substrate and a minimum of 2 hides and a water dish.

When installing the electrics in your enclosure, you want to create a warm side and cooler side. The halogen and UVB create the warm side. While the ceramic provides a boost to ambient temps when needed



UVB unit



Halogen



Deep Heat Projector

When you buy everything from us, we can set up your enclosure free of charge