



# Chinese Water Dragon Rehoming Package

# Chinese Water Dragon Information

Chinese Water Dragons originate from Thailand, southern China, and the surrounding area. They can be handled, though tend to be skittish and will need taming, and feed on both vegetation and live insects. Although they are moderate in body size their tail adds a lot of length and they are very active, so require a large, arboreal enclosure that they can run around and actively climb in.

**Keeping Chinese Water Dragon is difficult**, but their beautiful colors and exciting behavior make them a popular choice among reptile enthusiasts. **Water Dragon lizards require large enclosures, controlled temperature, hydration, and constant attention to their diet.**



# Chinese Water Dragon Husbandry

## Daily Chores

- Fresh water daily
  - Spot clean daily
  - Spray Daily
- (Full clean once a month)
- 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 Kemptown 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/>

# Chinese Water Dragon Handling

Water Dragons require patience and lots of work to get them to a handleable place.

Correct handling technique will help you establish trust and bond with your Chinese Water Dragon. You will need to learn how to correctly hold an Chinese Water Dragon, when to handle it and how to approach it for handling.

**We offer handling sessions to help people gain confidence before adopting the reptiles. Ask a staff member for more information.**

Handle Chinese Water Dragons with care and respect, avoiding sudden movements or loud noises. Chinese water dragons can snap their tails as a defense mechanism and need time to adjust to new environments and establish trust with their owners. Regular interaction and socialization can help them become more comfortable with human handling.

## Handling Gloves

Handling your Lizard should be fun and rewarding. But sometimes, your lizard can try to bite or scratch you (can be accidentally, too) when handling. It might be a good idea to get thick gloves for handling your lizard, to help you feel more confident when handling and taming your lizard.

# Chinese Water Dragon Diet

Chinese Water Dragons should be fed on an insect-based diet containing things like Calciworms, waxworms, locust, cockroaches and occasionally pinkie mice. A small amount of fruit and vegetation can be offered, but it should only make up about 10% of their diet.

We always include a large sized water bowl in the enclosure. You might never see the lizard drink from it but it should be there as a back-up. You might notice the lizard use it for bathing, this is usually to cool down or to help loosen it's shedding skin. Both the food dish and water bowl should be kept on the cool side of the enclosure to prevent it from evaporating too quickly.

There are also diets such as Arcadia Reptiles Insectigold which is a great addition to your dragon's diet.

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



## CAN BE FOUND IN THE SUPERMARKET

SPRING GREENS  
LAMB'S LETTUCE  
ROCKET  
PAK CHOI  
CRESS  
WATERCRESS

## CAN BE FOUND IN THE GARDEN

DANDELION  
CLOVER  
PLANTAIN  
PAINSYS  
BITTER CRESS  
GARLIC MUSTARD



# Supplementing your lizards 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 on every feed with CalciumPro Mg every 4th feed on all items. A quality powder with D3 and A at feed 6 or 8 as a cycle.

Check out the feeding schedule using the link below

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



# Minimum rehoming Requirements for a Chinese Water Dragon

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

4ft x 2ft x 4ft Vivarium Minimum

Arcadia Reptile ProT5 39W 12% Kit £65

75W Arcadia Reptile Halogen £15

50W Arcadia Reptile Deep Heat Projector £21

Dimming thermostat £55 (you will need 2 thermostats)

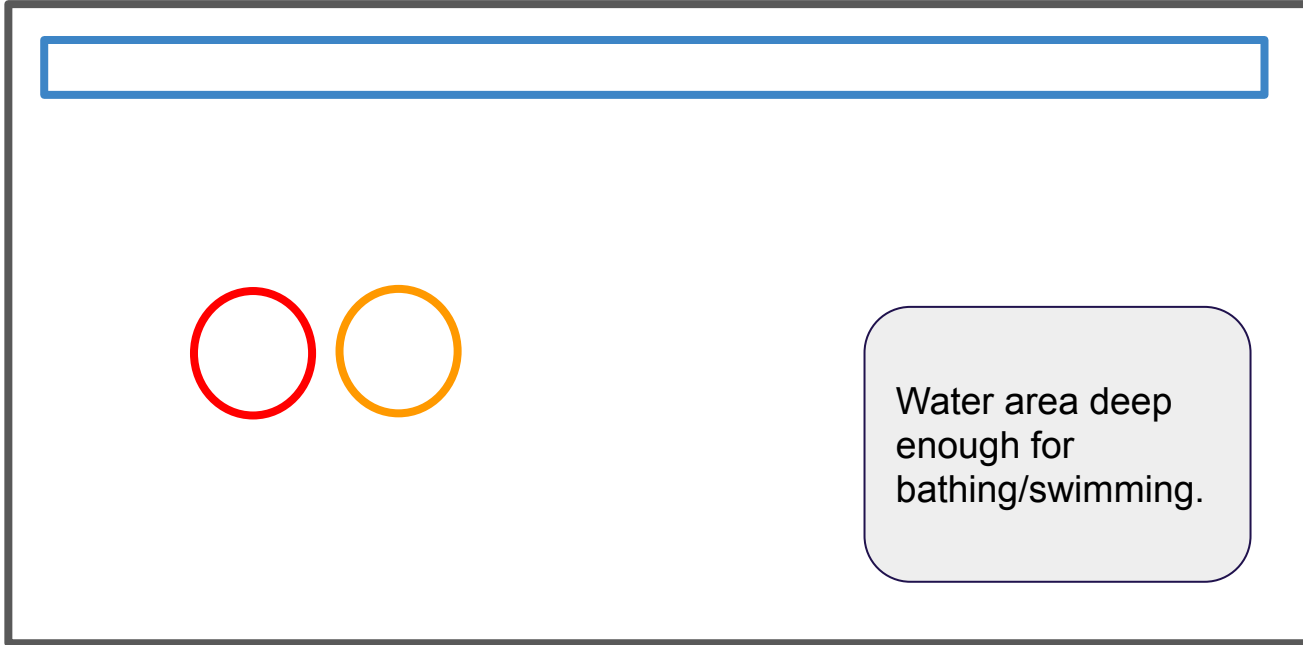
Arcadia Reptile Ceramic bulb holder and plug £15 (you will need 2 bulb holders)

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

**Dragons require large water areas in their enclosure. This needs to be deep enough to bath, ideally swim.**

Substrate and decor is up to you. We advise a Sand X Soil mix as substrate and a minimum of 2 hides and a water dish. Ensure Plants are safe for consumption.

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