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AGAMAS

North-west Bearded Dragon

Pogona mitchelli

Pogona mitchelli is a slender, diurnal bearded dragon of about 40 cm from tropical north-western Australia, with a weak beard and stronger spines on the neck than *Pogona minor*. Its care follows its closest relatives: heat, strong UVB, a diggable substrate and mostly insects.

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KEY FACTS

THE ANIMAL

Adult size	**30-40 cm** total length incl. tail
Lifespan	**10-15 years**
Active	**By day**
Lifestyle	**Terrestrial and burrowing**
Habitat	**Savanna**
Difficulty	**Intermediate**

CARE

Min. enclosure	**120 × 60 × 60 cm** L × W × H for 1 adult
Temperature, day	**24-37 °C**
Basking spot	**40-45 °C**
Temperature, night	**18-24 °C**
Humidity	**30-60%**
Water	**Water dish**
UVB	**Essential** Ferguson zone 3
Diet	**Insects and plants**
Kept	**Singly**

BREEDING

Reproduction	**Egg-laying**
Clutch size	**5-19 eggs**
Clutches per year	**2-4**
Incubation	**58-64 days** at 29 °C

PROTECTION AND PAPERWORK

CITES	**Not listed**
EU annex	**Not listed**
IUCN	**Not Evaluated (NE)**

Care at a glance

THE ENCLOSURE
Little is known about the care of *Pogona mitchelli*. The climate in the range is hot all year with a short wet season and a long, dry period with cool nights.

TEMPERATURE
Heat with at least two halogen spots above the basking spot. The surface there should be 40-45 °C measured with an infrared thermometer, and the hot spot should be at least as large as the whole animal.

HUMIDITY AND WATER
Humidity should be 30-60 %, measured at the cool end, and the enclosure must be able to dry out between mistings.

LIGHTING AND UVB
Pogona mitchelli is diurnal and needs very bright, white light and strong UVB. Use a T5 HO tube with 10-14 % UVB in a reflective fitting over the warm side, parallel to the heat lamps.

FEEDING
The diet of *Pogona mitchelli* is not documented. *P. minor* is mostly insectivorous, and the feeding plan is borrowed from it: Hatchlings (under 3 months): insects 2-3 times daily and greens daily.

BEHAVIOUR AND HANDLING
Pogona mitchelli is diurnal and basks a lot. Like other bearded dragons, it uses body language: males bob their heads at rivals and females, and waving a foreleg is a sign of submission. The beard display is weak.

NATIVE RANGE
Australia.

The full guide with map and updates: herpy.org/agamer/pogona-mitchelli