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## Nullarbor Bearded Dragon

# *Pogona nullarbor*

*Pogona nullarbor* is a medium-sized bearded dragon of about 30-35 cm with a short snout and short tail, known only from the Nullarbor Plain in southern Australia. It is reddish brown to orange-brown with pale cross-bands and several rows of large spines along the flanks, and it is very rarely kept in captivity.

Family: Agamidae  English name: Nullabor Bearded Dragon  Former name: *Amphibolurus nullarbor*

KEY FACTS

### THE ANIMAL

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| Adult size | **30-35 cm**<br>total length incl. tail |
| Lifespan | **10-15 years** |
| Active | **By day** |
| Lifestyle | **Terrestrial and burrowing** |
| Habitat | **Semi-desert and savanna** |
| Difficulty | **Intermediate** |

### CARE

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| Min. enclosure | **120 × 60 × 60 cm**<br>L × W × H for 1 adult |
| Temperature, day | **24-37 °C** |
| Basking spot | **40-45 °C** |
| Temperature, night | **13-24 °C** |
| Humidity | **30-50%** |
| Water | **Water dish** |
| UVB | **Essential**<br>Ferguson zone 3 |
| Diet | **Insects and plants** |
| Kept | **Singly** |

### BREEDING

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| Reproduction | **Egg-laying** |
| Sexually mature | **6-12 months** |
| Clutch size | **14-20 eggs** |
| Incubation | **75-85 days**<br>at 28-30 °C |

### PROTECTION AND PAPERWORK

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| CITES | **Not listed** |
| EU annex | **Not listed** |
| IUCN | **Least Concern (LC)** |

## Care at a glance

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| THE ENCLOSURE | Little is known about the care of *Pogona nullarbor*, because the species is hardly kept outside Australia. |
| TEMPERATURE | Heat with at least two halogen spotlights over the basking spot. The surface there should be 40-45 °C measured with an infrared thermometer, and the warm patch must be at least as large as the whole animal. |
| HUMIDITY AND WATER | Humidity should be 30-50 %, measured at the cool end, and the enclosure must be able to dry out, because the species lives in a dry region. Stagnant, wet air and a wet substrate cause illness. |
| LIGHTING AND UVB | *Pogona nullarbor* depends on strong, white light, which promotes appetite and activity. The basking spot should be the brightest place, and 75-100 % of the length of the enclosure should be lit. |
| FEEDING | *Pogona nullarbor* is fed like other medium-sized bearded dragons: mostly insects and a daily supplement of greens. The diet in the wild is not documented for the species. |
| BEHAVIOUR AND HANDLING | *Pogona nullarbor* is diurnal and basks a lot. Its behaviour has not been studied for the species; the other species in the genus head-bob at rivals and wave a foreleg as a sign of submission, and the same can be expected here. |
| NATIVE RANGE | Australia. |