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Medium to Large Lizards

(That live in damp habitats and are carnivorous)

e.g.

Water Dragons, Basilisks & Sailfins

An Introductory Information Leaflet

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Hot Spot

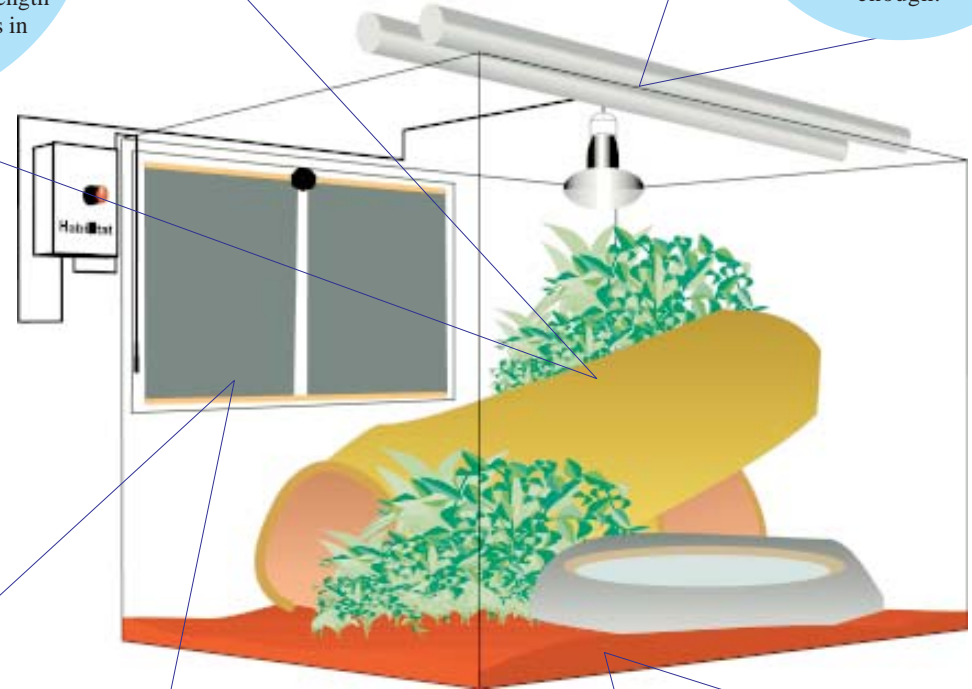
A local area of higher temperature may be created with an *Reptile Basking Spot lamp* or a small *Pearlco* ceramic. Use them in conjunction with a *HabiStat* thermostat for precise control. Protect the animals with an intervening wire mesh. Hot spots should be maintained for the same day length as the lights, fourteen hours in summer, ten in winter.

Cleanliness and Hygiene: A routine cleaner for all nonporous surfaces would be *Vetaclene*, followed by a thorough rinse. Any little graze or blemish on the animals themselves would benefit from the first aid afforded by dabbing the wound with *Vetadine*. As far as human hygiene is concerned, *Vetasept Surgical Scrub* will clean hands and surfaces while *Vetasept Hand Rub* will allow adequate cleansing and disinfection even in cases when water is unavailable.

Ultra Violet Light.

A fluorescent tube that emits UV light is essential for healthy lizards. A tube like *Reptile D₃* or *Natural Sunlight* could be used as these emit white light as well. About fourteen hours per day in summer, ten in winter is enough.

Cage Decor: Use Rain Forest Substrate as a base as it will stand up to the periodic spraying with water these lizards need. A large *Repti-rock* water dish could be used to provide a 'pond'. Cork bark tubes or wooden branches could be used to make an interesting three dimensional display. While draping *Repti-Vines* in the cage will provide refuges the lizards can hide in or move through to loosen shedding skin. *Repti-rock* caves would lend even more functionality and security.



A Cage suitable for keeping Medium to Large Lizards that are associated with water

Background Heat

Use a heat mat between half and two thirds the size of the cage to provide background heating. The hottest spot in the cage should not be above 32°C while the coolest should not be below 24°C. Use a *HabiStat Mat - Stat* if the temperature is too hot but put the whole cage in a cooler place if the temperature is not cool enough.

Food: Crickets, Locusts, Mealworms, and as a special treat Waxworms. Supplement livefoods by dusting insects with *Repton* or by feeding *Cricket Diet Plus*, *Mealworm Diet Plus* but not both. Water should be fresh and changed every day. These lizards may also eat a small amount of fresh sweet fruit and leafy salad.

Cage Set Up

The cage should be set up to allow an active arboreal lizard plenty of scope to climb, bask in a hot spot and under UV light, move to a cooler spot and hunt for food. The lizards should also be able to secrete themselves into refuges and rub themselves against something when shedding their skin.