

# Blue-Tongue Skink

*Tiliqua spp.*

## CARE SHEET



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**Average Size** 20 - 24 inches long      **Average Life Span** 15 – 20 years

**Diet** Blue-Tongue Skinks are omnivores. Offer a variety of live insects including crickets, mealworms, waxworms, superworms, and cockroaches. Vegetation includes turnip greens, collard greens, mustard greens, and fruit in small amounts.  
**Never Feed Lettuce! It contains no nutrition, only water and cellulose.**

**Feeding** Feed babies daily. Adults should also eat daily, although they will likely eat less than a baby. Feed a 50/50 mix of insects and vegetation. Dust food with calcium powder daily & a multivitamin once a week. Feed them the amount they will eat in 10 minutes.

**Housing** Blue-Tongue Skinks may be kept alone or in pairs. Never house two males together in the same tank. Two females generally get along well. A male and female will likely breed if housed together.

**Size** - An adult must have a minimum cage size of 36" Long x 18" Deep x 16" High.

**Substrate** - Shredded aspen by ZooMed is a perfect substrate. Blue-Tongue Skinks love to burrow. Shredded aspen provides a fluffy substrate easy for burrowing and cleaning. Provide 3-6 inches of substrate.

**Habitat** - Blue-Tongue Skink's are from Australia and Indonesia. They are ground dwellers and love to hide. Provide plenty of hiding places along with flat basking surfaces. Some keepers provide a humidity box to aid in shedding.

**Temperature** - A Blue-Tongue Skink's basking spot should be 95° F. The cool end of the tank can be as cool as 70° F.

**Watering** - Provide a bowl of fresh drinking water at all times. Misting the enclosure is beneficial although not required.

**Lighting** - Since this is a diurnal species, it requires two light bulbs. One is the heat lamp which also emits UVA. The second is a UVB lamp. The UVB lamp will specifically say UVB on the box. If the box doesn't say UVB, its not UVB.

**Plant and Fish bulbs are not UVB bulbs.**