



Blue-Tongue Skink

Tiliqua spp.

Care Sheet

Average Size

20 - 24 inches long

Average Lifespan

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 some fruits 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

Habitat - Blue-Tongue Skinks 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. Blue-Tongue Skinks may be kept alone or in pairs. If housed together Blue-Tongue Skinks should be of similar size to avoid injury. 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 - Due to humidity requirements an absorbent substrate is desired. Peat moss or coconut fiber are preferred. Peat Moss and coconut fiber are fluffy substrates easy for burrowing and holds some humidity if desired. Provide 3-6 inches of substrate.

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.

Humidity - Misting the enclosure is beneficial although not required. Humidity levels should be between 25% - 45% depending on locality.

Watering - Provide a bowl of fresh drinking water at all times.

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.



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