



Forest Armadillo Lizard

Cordylus tropidosternum

Care Sheet

Average Size

8 – 12 inches long

Average Lifespan

7 – 12 years

Diet

Forest Armadillo Lizards are insectivores. Offer a variety of live insects including crickets, mealworms, waxworms, and cockroaches.

Feeding

Feed babies and adults daily, although some keepers will feed adults every other day. Dust food with calcium powder daily & a multivitamin once a week. Feed them the amount they will eat in 10 minutes.

Housing

Habitat - Forest Armadillo Lizards come from a sub-tropical environment with plenty of hiding spots, including cork bark tubes and leaf litter. Forest Armadillo Lizards may be kept alone or in pairs. If housed together Forest Armadillo Lizards 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 20" Long x 10" Deep x 12" High, also known as a 10-gallon tank. A screen lid is recommended for safety.

Substrate - Due to humidity requirements an absorbent substrate is desired. Peat moss or coconut fiber are preferred.

Temperature - A Forest Armadillo Lizard's basking spot should be 95°F. The cool end of the tank can be as cool as 70°F.

Humidity - Mist the environment once to twice a day with a spray bottle. Humidity levels should be between 40% - 60%.

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, it's not UVB.

Plant and Fish bulbs are not UVB bulbs.

