

Bayntons Reptiles

Winter Care Sheet



Hi guys, just something to think about!

Beginning of winter is surely here and hydration in your dragon is important. The dragon would normally get hydration from their greens; however, they do not always eat the greens, especially young ones.



Put room temperature water in a spray bottle, lightly squeeze the trigger and allow the droplets to fall just below their eye line towards their snout or run it down the glass for them to see. Not all will drink from still water as it is bred into them that still water means sickness. If the dragon is thirsty it will smash up the droplets.

Be assured dragons have noticed and sensed the change, being winter. You have noticed the drop in air temperature and so have they. Their general well-being is telling them to brumate, meaning hibernate. We try to keep them awake for their first winter, their body clock is telling them to *snooze*, whereas the captive lifestyle and environmental is saying *stay awake*. This will always create different degrees of stress. The first thing which is usually affected is their appetite and greens tend to be hard to get them into so young and while so cold.

The key is to manage & limit the stress for the dragon. If we do not, through this period, sorry to say it is not uncommon for a dragon to get elevated counts of coccidia or pinworm.

Through this period just focus on maintaining your dragon's protein, calcium and vitamins, woodies, BSFL, superworms, Wombaroo are all awesome, plus I like to feed my creepy crawly feeders all sorts of goodness week before feeding to my dragons.

End of summer I like to top it off with a hopper or pinkie mouse, obviously in conjunction with the correct application of heat/UV. When Summer pops around get your dragon outside in the summer sun, rain, and allow him/her to climb. The stimulation is great! Let your dragon chase food, not just hand feed all the time, mix things up... you don't like everything same old!

- NO RED LIGHTS
- NO HEAT MATS
- NO HEAT ROCKS
- NO BARK
- OR ANYTHING YOUR DRAGON CAN EAT AND GET IMPACTED

Be aware of Pet Shops, I have seen too much!

I hope this information helps!

DRAGON LOVE!

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