

# Baby Green Iguana Care Guide

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## Basic Info

Species: Iguana iguana (Green Iguana)

Lifespan: 15-25+ years in captivity

Adult Size: 4-6+ feet including tail

Temperament: Intelligent, territorial, and can become tame with regular handling

Best for: Experienced reptile keepers with large enclosures and long-term commitment

## Enclosure Setup

Tank Size:

- Babies: 40-75 gallon tall enclosure minimum
- Adults: Custom enclosures 6-8 ft tall, 6-10 ft long
- Vertical space is critical for climbing and thermoregulation

Temperature & Heating:

- Basking spot: 95-100°F
- Ambient air temp: 80-88°F
- Night: Do not drop below 75°F for babies
- Use ceramic heat emitters or basking bulbs with thermostats

Humidity:

- Maintain 60-80% humidity
- Mist 2-3 times daily or use an automatic mister
- Provide a large water bowl or humidifier for ambient moisture

Lighting:

- High-output UVB (T5 HO 10.0 or Arcadia 12%) required
- Provide 12-14 hours of light per day
- Ensure full basking access within 12-18 inches of UVB bulb

Substrate:

- Newspaper, reptile carpet, or bioactive mix for advanced setups
- Avoid loose substrate like mulch or sand for young iguanas

#### Décor & Enrichment:

- Strong branches, hammocks, basking shelves, plants
- Provide vertical climbing and hiding opportunities

## **Diet & Feeding**

#### Feeding Frequency:

- Feed daily

#### Diet:

- 80-90% dark leafy greens (collard, mustard, dandelion, turnip)
- 10-15% other veggies (squash, bell pepper, green beans)
- Fruits as a treat (berries, mango, papaya, melon - 1-2x/week)
- No animal protein or insects - strictly herbivorous

#### Supplementation:

- Calcium without D3: 4-5x/week
- Multivitamin: 1x/week
- Provide cuttlebone or calcium dish in enclosure

#### Water & Hydration:

- Large water bowl for soaking and drinking
- Mist regularly to encourage hydration

## **Handling & Behavior**

#### Handling:

- Start with short, calm handling sessions
- Support entire body - avoid tail grabbing
- Use gloves if nervous - young iguanas can whip or scratch

#### Behavior to Expect:

- Diurnal and basking-oriented

- Will climb, tail whip, or puff if frightened
- Tame iguanas can be affectionate and curious over time

## **Supplies Checklist**

- Large vertical enclosure (4-6 ft minimum height for babies)
- Basking bulbs and UVB fixture
- Thermostat and digital thermometers
- Humidifier or misting system
- Large water bowl for soaking
- Safe substrate (newspaper or carpet)
- Strong branches and hides
- Daily leafy greens and calcium supplement

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