



Rankin's Dragon Care Guide

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Basic Info

Species: *Pogona henrylawsoni* (commonly called Rankin's or Lawson's Dragon)

Lifespan: 8-10 years in captivity

Adult Size: 10-12 inches

Temperament: Friendly, active, and social - similar to bearded dragons

Best for: Beginners and those with limited space

Enclosure Setup

Tank Size:

- Minimum 20-30 gallon tank for one adult
- Low and wide tanks preferred for basking and floor space

Temperature & Heating:

- Basking spot: 100-105°F
- Cool side: 75-85°F
- Night temps: 65-72°F
- Use a basking bulb and ceramic heat emitter if needed

Lighting:

- UVB required (T5 ReptiSun 10.0 or Arcadia 12%)
- Provide 10-12 hours of light daily

Humidity:

- Maintain 30-40% humidity
- Ensure proper ventilation and avoid over-misting

Substrate:

- Paper towels, tile, reptile carpet, or excavator clay
- Avoid loose sand or calcium sand

Décor & Enrichment:

- Provide basking rocks, logs, branches, and hides
- Enclosure should allow for climbing and digging behaviors

Diet & Feeding

Feeding Frequency:

- Juveniles: Feed 2-3 times daily
- Adults: Feed once daily or every other day

Primary Foods:

- Live insects: dubia roaches, crickets, black soldier fly larvae, silkworms
- Vegetables: collard greens, mustard greens, squash, carrots, bell peppers
- Occasional fruit: berries, mango, apple slices

Supplementation:

- Calcium with D3: 3-5 times/week
- Multivitamin: 1-2 times/week
- Dust insects lightly before feeding

Water & Hydration:

- Provide a shallow water dish (change daily)
- Light misting may help with hydration and shedding

Handling & Behavior

Handling:

- Rankin's Dragons are generally easy to handle
- Start slow and support their full body during handling

Behavior to Expect:

- Diurnal and basking-prone
- May wave, head bob, or dig
- Very social and curious, often watch human activity

Supplies Checklist

- 20-30 gallon tank with secure lid
- Basking bulb and UVB light
- Under-tank or overhead heating setup
- Digital thermometers for basking/cool zones
- Substrate (tile, paper towels, or clay)
- Feeding tongs, calcium and multivitamin powders
- Water and food dishes
- Insect and veggie supply

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