

TOP TEN THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW BEFORE PURCHASING THAT IGUANA!

- 1.** That cute little 6-inch iguana will double in size every year until it reaches between 5 and 6 feet in total length!
- 2.** An iguana is a strict vegetarian throughout its life (no animal protein!)
- 3.** If properly cared for, an iguana can live over 20 years!
- 4.** Most things pets stores tell you to buy for your iguana can actually harm the iguana. Some examples include hot rocks, reptibark, hammocks, small aquariums (50 gallons and under) and dry or canned food.
- 5.** Although inexpensive at first, an iguana owner can easily spend hundreds of dollars each year in veterinarian costs, food, increased electric bills, and supplies.
- 6.** An iguana is a wild animal and may bite, scratch, or whip people with its tail (really hurts ... believe me!)
- 7.** Iguanas require strict diets of fresh, high calcium vegetables and fruits. And no, lettuce is not high in calcium.
- 8.** Without natural sunlight or light from UVB producing bulbs (such as Reptisun, Vitalite, or the Iguana Light) an iguana will not adsorb calcium from the food.
- 9.** Without calcium the iguana will die a slow and agonizing death from Metabolic Bone Disease (similar to human rickets).
- 10.** Iguanas require high humidity in their environment daily (80%). Remember, they are native to the rainforest.



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