

## Bearded Dragon Facts

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- In nature, Bearded Dragons will stand on their rear legs to run from danger.
- The Bearded Dragon will bob its head as a sign of aggression.
- Bearded Dragons are native to Australia.
- Bearded Dragons are omnivorous, meaning they eat both plants and insects.
- When a Bearded Dragon flares its dewlap, the loose skin around its neck, out of aggression, the "beard" will turn dark to pitch black.
- Another way that Bearded Dragons fend off aggressors is to open their mouth and hiss making themselves look bigger and meaner.
- To show submission to a larger Bearded Dragon, a smaller Bearded Dragon will raise one of its front legs and move it in a circular motion.
- A female can lay up to 20 eggs in a clutch, which is the name for a group of reptile eggs.
- A Bearded Dragon can live up to 10 years.
- Bearded Dragons are generally docile reptiles, meaning that they are more likely to want to be held than other reptiles.
- They are cold-blooded, meaning their body temperature is that of the air around them.
- Bearded Dragons like to climb.
- The Bearded Dragon's tail makes up almost half its length.
- In the wild, Bearded Dragons tend to bask in the sunlight during the day, unless it is very hot, when they will seek underground burrows.

- Fireflies are highly poisonous to Bearded Dragons.
- Sometimes, Bearded Dragons will open their mouths to let out excess body heat if they are too warm.
- Bearded Dragons will shed their skin on a regular basis.
- Bearded Dragons are able to see in color, the same way that humans do.