

## Reptile pet practices survey – items related to lizard care and management

C1 Thinking about your lizards. Do your lizards have names?

- Yes
- No

### Answer If C1 Yes Is Selected

C1a We are now going to ask you questions about one of your pet lizards. Please pick the lizard whose name starts with the letter closest to 'A'. Please keep this specific lizard in mind when answering the following questions.

### Answer If C1 No Is Selected

C1b We are now going to ask you questions about one of your pet lizards. Please choose one of the lizards of the species that you have most of. Please keep this specific lizard in mind when answering the following questions.

C2 What species is this lizard? (Please write both common name and Latin name, if known). \_\_\_\_\_

C3 What sex is this lizard?

- Male
- Female
- Don't know

C4 How old is this lizard?

- Less than 1 year
- 1 to 2 years
- 3 to 10 years
- 11 to 20 years
- Over 20 years old
- Don't know

C5 Please write your lizard's length, from snout to vent, in cm. \_\_\_\_\_

C6 How old was this lizard when you first acquired it?

- Less than 1 month
- 1 to 4 months
- 4 to 12 months
- Over 12 months
- Don't know

C7 Where did you get this lizard?

- Bred it myself
- Licensed Breeder
- Specialist/Herp pet shop
- Gift
- Regular pet shop
- Other (please write) \_\_\_\_\_

C8 What was the purchase price of your lizard (not including the enclosure and other start-up costs)?

- Nothing/free
- Less than \$50
- \$51 - \$100
- \$101 - \$300
- \$301 - \$500
- \$501 - \$800
- \$801 - \$1,000
- More than \$1,000
- Don't know

C9 What was the total purchase price of your lizard's enclosure and other start-up costs, not including the lizard itself?

- Nothing/free
- Less than \$50
- \$51 - \$100
- \$101 - \$500
- \$501 - \$1,000
- More than \$1,000
- Don't know

C10 How much do you expect to spend on caring for this lizard over the course of its entire life, including initial set-up of the enclosure?

- Less than \$500
- \$501 - \$1,000
- \$1,001 - \$5,000
- \$5,001 - \$10,000
- \$10,001 - \$20,000
- More than \$20,000
- Don't know

C11 When did you set up the enclosure and the required environmental parameters for keeping this lizard?

- Long before purchasing the lizard
- Shortly before purchasing the lizard
- At the same time that I purchased the lizard
- Shortly after purchasing the lizard
- Long after purchasing the lizard

C12 How many lizards that are roughly the same size as this lizard currently share the enclosure?

- None
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- More than 7 (please write) \_\_\_\_\_

C13 How many lizards that are very different in size from this lizard currently share the enclosure?

- None
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- More than 7 (please write) \_\_\_\_\_

C14 What is the climate of your lizard species' natural habitat?

- Tropical
- Semi-tropical
- Temperate
- Cool/montane
- Arid
- Other (please write) \_\_\_\_\_
- Don't know

C15 My lizard is a:

- Burrowing lizard
- Tree-dwelling (arboreal) lizard
- Rock-dwelling (saxicolous) lizard
- Ground-dwelling (terrestrial) lizard
- Aquatic/semi-aquatic lizard
- Other (please write) \_\_\_\_\_
- Don't know

C16 My lizard is most active:

- During the day
- At night
- Both during the day and at night
- At dawn and dusk
- Not 100% sure

C17 Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with these statements about this lizard.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
I consider my lizard to be a member of my family	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My lizard is well cared for relative to lizards in other homes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am confident in my ability to take good care of my lizard	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Taking care of my lizard is more difficult than I expected it to be	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Taking care of my lizard is one of my highest priorities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

C18 Do you allow/intend to allow this lizard to breed?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Answer If C18 No Or Don't know Is Selected

C19 If you do not intend to allow this lizard to breed or are unsure of your intentions, what precautions do you take to ensure that there is no accidental mating?

- There is only one lizard in the enclosure
- All lizards in the enclosure are the same sex
- Other (please write) \_\_\_\_\_
- I do not take any precautions

Answer If C18 Yes Or Don't know Is Selected

C20 If you do allow this lizard to breed now or in the future, what do/will you do with this lizard's offspring? Please select all that apply

- Sell them to individual buyers
- Keep them
- Sell them to a licensed pet shop/dealer
- Sell them online (e.g. herp forums)
- Other (please write) \_\_\_\_\_
- Don't know

C21 If children visit or live in your home (including yourself if you are under 18), to what extent are they supervised when they interact with this lizard?

- Children are not permitted to handle and/or feed the lizard but may look on while an adult handles it
- Children are permitted to handle and/or feed the lizard, but an adult remains right next to the children during all interactions
- An adult remains in the same room with the child whenever the child handles and/or feeds the lizard
- An adult may leave the room while children handle and/or feed the lizard, but will regularly check in on the children and lizard
- Children are permitted to handle and/or feed the lizard without adult supervision
- Not applicable

C22 How often do you or anyone else handle this lizard?

- Once per day or more
- 2 to 6 times per week
- Once per week
- A few times per month
- Once per month
- Less than once per month
- Never

Answer If C22 Never Is Not Selected

C23 How careful are you to avoid causing your lizard stress, discomfort, or accidental injury during handling?

- Extremely careful
- Very careful
- Moderately careful
- Not very careful
- Not careful at all

C24 Since you acquired your lizard, has it ever lived in a colony with other lizards?

- Yes
- No

Answer If C24 Yes Is Selected

C25 When you first acquired your lizard, how long did you wait before adding it to the colony?

- I immediately added this lizard to the colony
- Less than 1 week
- 1 to 2 weeks
- 3 to 4 weeks
- 5 to 7 weeks
- 8 weeks or longer
- Not applicable/lizard was first in colony

Answer If C25 Not applicable/lizard was first in the colony Is Not Selected

C26 How did you quarantine this lizard before adding it to the colony?

- I kept it in a separate enclosure in the same room
- I kept it in a separate enclosure in a different room
- Other (please write) \_\_\_\_\_

Answer If C24 Yes Is Selected

C27 If your lizard became sick, when would you remove it from the colony?

- Immediately
- After 1 day
- After 2 to 6 days
- After 1 week
- Only if it died
- Not applicable/lizard currently lives alone

C28 To what extent is your lizard protected from contact with vermin and other household pets?

- Extremely well protected
- Very well protected
- Moderately well protected
- Not very well protected
- Not protected at all

C29 To what extent is your lizard able to retreat from excessive sight or sound intimidation from other animals?

- Completely
- Mostly
- Moderately
- Not very much
- Not at all

C30 Please rate the extent to which each item describes your lizard's enclosure. My lizard's enclosure:

	Does not describe at all	Does not really describe	Moderately describes	Describes very well	Completely describes
is escape-proof	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
is well-ventilated	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
provides access to direct sunlight	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
has smooth walls	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
provides shade at all times	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
provides a hiding place for my lizard	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
provides continuous, unrestricted access to clean water	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
is protected from airborne contaminants	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
protects my lizard from extremes in temperature	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
is protected from sudden or excessive noise	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
provides enough space for my lizard to move around	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
provides an environment for my lizard to explore	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
is easy for me to access and clean	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
is completely solid	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
has a secure lid/door fitted with latches, hooks, or clasps	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
is waterproof	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
regularly has visible condensation on the walls	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
is regularly exposed to vibrations (e.g. from loud music or construction)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
has a higher temperature at one end than the other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
is well-drained	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
provides areas that are permanently covered and dry	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

C31 Do you have an outdoor enclosure for your lizard?

- Yes  
 No

Answer If C31 Yes Is Selected

C32 Is the climate of your lizard species' natural habitat similar to the climate where you live?

- Yes  
 No  
 Don't know

Answer If C31 Yes Is Selected

C33 Please rate the extent to which each item describes your lizard's outdoor enclosure. My lizard's outdoor enclosure:

	Does not describe at all	Does not really describe	Moderately describes	Describes very well	Completely describes
has walls that are built at least 50cm into the ground or has a cement slab covering the bottom	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
is tall enough to prevent escape	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
has a tall barrier angled 45 degrees inward at the top of the enclosure	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
is near shrubs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
is able to be accessed by unsupervised people	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
gives protection from possible predators, including birds and domestic pets	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

C34 Please list the dimensions of your lizard's enclosure in cm? Please provide approximate dimensions if you are unsure of the exact size.

Height \_\_\_\_\_  
 Length \_\_\_\_\_  
 Width \_\_\_\_\_

C35 How often is your lizard exposed to:

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Quite often	Very often
Aerosol sprays	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Smoke	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Vapours	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Chemical fumes from cleaning products	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Deodorants	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hair sprays	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

C36 What type of light is primarily used to light your lizard's enclosure?

- A 'reptile' UVB-emitting fluorescent tube
- A regular fluorescent bulb
- A halogen bulb
- Lighting in the room provides light for the lizard's enclosure
- An NEC blacklight
- Natural sunlight
- LED lighting
- Other (please write) \_\_\_\_\_
- None

C37 How many hours of light per day do you provide for your lizard? If it varies with the seasons, please average across the year.

- 0 - 4 hours
- 4 - 8 hours
- 8 - 12 hours
- 12 - 16 hours
- 16 - 20 hours
- 20 - 24 hours

C38 Do you seasonally change the environmental conditions (e.g. temperature, lighting, humidity) provided to your lizard?

- Yes
- No

C39 Is there a thermometer in your lizard's enclosure?

- Yes
- No

C40 What is the air temperature inside the warmest part of your lizard's enclosure?

- Less than 5°C
- 5 - 10°C
- 11 - 15°C
- 16 - 20°C
- 21 - 25°C
- 26 - 30°C
- 31 - 35°C
- 36 - 40°C
- Over 40°C
- Don't know

C41 What is the air temperature inside the coolest part of your lizard's enclosure?

- Less than 5°C
- 5 - 10°C
- 11 - 15°C
- 16 - 20°C
- 21 - 25°C
- 26 - 30°C
- 31 - 35°C
- 36 - 40°C
- Over 40°C
- Don't know

C42 How do you control the temperature in your lizard's enclosure?

- Reptile heating pad under or behind enclosure
- Water heater placed in water section
- Radiant heat source spot/heat lamp
- Infrared spotlight
- Halogen lighting
- Other (please write) \_\_\_\_\_
- None

Answer If C42 Radiant heat source spot/heat lamp Is Selected

C43 Is your lizard able to touch or access the heat source?

- Yes
- No

C44 Is your lizard's heat source controlled by a thermostat?

- Yes
- No

Answer If C44 No Is Selected

C45 How often do you check the temperature in your lizard's enclosure?

- Once per day or more
- 2 to 6 times per week
- Once per week
- A few times per month
- Once per month
- Less than once per month
- Never

C46 How often do you monitor the humidity level in your lizard's enclosure?

- Once per day or more
- 2 to 6 times per week
- Once per week
- A few times per month
- Once per month
- Less than once per month
- Never

C47 How do you measure the humidity level in your lizard's enclosure? Please select all that apply.

- Hygrometer
- I check the substrate for moisture
- I check for visible condensation on the walls of the enclosure
- I check for changes in the lizard's behaviour
- Other (please write) \_\_\_\_\_
- I do not measure the humidity level in my lizard's enclosure

C48 What is the humidity level range in your lizard's enclosure?

- Less than 30%
- 30% to 40%
- 41% to 50%
- 51% to 60%
- 61% to 70%
- 71% to 80%
- Over 80%
- Don't know

Answer If My lizard is a: Aquatic/semi-aquatic lizard Is Selected

C49 Does your lizard's enclosure have a body of water deep enough for your lizard to fully immerse itself?

- Yes
- No

Answer If My lizard is a: Aquatic/semi-aquatic lizard Is Selected

C50 Does your lizard's enclosure have a water filter?

- Yes
- No

Answer If Does your lizard's enclosure have a water filter? Yes Is Selected And My lizard is a: Aquatic/semi-aquatic lizard Is Selected

C51 How often do you change or clean the water filter?

- Once per month or more
- Once every 2 to 3 months
- Once every 4 to 6 months
- Once every 7 to 12 months
- Less than once per year
- Never

C52 How often do you change your lizard's water?

- Once a day or more
- Every 2 to 3 days
- Every 4 to 6 days
- Once per week
- Less than once per week

C53 How often do you clean your lizard's water bowl?

- Once a day or more
- Every 2 to 3 days
- Every 4 to 6 days
- Once per week
- Less than once per week
- N/A - water is not in a bowl

C54 Is the water in the enclosure easy for you to find and access?

- Yes
- No

C55 Is the heaviest inhabitant of your lizard's enclosure able to tip over the water bowl?

- Yes
- No
- N/A - water is not in a bowl

Answer If What is the climate of your lizard species' natural habitat? Tropical Or Semi-tropical Is Selected

C56 How often do you mist your lizard's enclosure?

- Twice per day or more
- Once per day
- Every 2 to 3 days
- Every 4 to 6 days
- Once per week
- Less than once per week
- Never

C57 What material is on the bottom of your lizard's enclosure? Please select all that apply.

- Pit peat
- Gravel
- Soil
- Sand
- Stone
- Bark
- Aspen/wood shavings
- Kritter Krumble/coconut husk shavings
- Newspaper
- Other (please write) \_\_\_\_\_



C58 What do you regularly feed your lizard? Please select all that apply.

- Cockroaches
- Flies/fly pupae
- Snails
- Shrimp
- Mealworms
- Crickets
- Pellets
- Grasshoppers
- Wax worms
- Silkworms
- Earthworms
- Fruit and vegetables
- Fish
- Dog food
- Cat food
- Mice
- Other (please write) \_\_\_\_\_

C59 How do you primarily decide how much to feed your lizard each week?

- Common sense
- Advice from a regular vet
- Advice from a specialist/herp vet
- Advice from a regular pet shop employee
- Advice from a specialist/herp pet shop employee
- Friends or family
- Books
- The internet
- How hungry the lizard appears
- I feed my lizard whenever it is convenient for me
- Other (please write) \_\_\_\_\_

C60 What is the source of the insect food you provide for your lizard?

- Regular pet shop
- Specialist/herp pet shop
- I breed them at home
- I capture them myself
- Other (please write) \_\_\_\_\_
- I never feed insects to my lizard

Answer If C60 I breed them at home Or I capture them myself Is Selected

C61 How careful are you to ensure that the insect food you provide from home has not encountered any insecticides?

- Extremely careful
- Very careful
- Moderately careful
- Not very careful
- Not careful at all

C62 Do you ever feed live vertebrates (e.g. live mice) to your lizard?

- Yes
- No

C63 Do you supplement your lizard's diet with vitamins and calcium?

- Yes
- No

C64 How confident are you that you would know if your lizard was underweight or overweight?

- Extremely confident
- Very confident
- Moderately confident
- Not very confident
- Not confident at all

C65 How would you describe your lizard's body condition?

- Extremely underweight
- Somewhat underweight
- Neither overweight nor underweight
- Somewhat overweight
- Extremely overweight
- Don't know

C66 If this lizard developed symptoms of a potential health problem, when do you think you would first notice them?

- The same day the symptoms started
- The day after the symptoms started
- 2 to 6 days after the symptoms started
- One week after the symptoms started
- More than one week after the symptoms started
- I probably would not notice
- Not sure

C67 What do you look for when examining your lizard for potential health problems? Please select all that apply.

- Posture and attitude
- Activity level
- Response to stimuli (including handling)
- Withdrawal reflex
- Ability to 'right' itself
- Assessment of its body condition
- Assessment of its state of hydration
- Appetite and dietary history
- Observing faecal matter for any abnormalities
- Skin discolourations
- Haemorrhages/skin ulcerations
- Unusual behaviour
- Other (please write) \_\_\_\_\_
- I do not examine my lizard for health problems

C68 If your lizard developed symptoms of a potential health problem, how long would you wait before consulting a veterinarian?

- I would consult a veterinarian immediately
- A few hours
- One day
- 2 to 3 days
- 4 to 6 days
- One week
- More than one week
- I would not consult a veterinarian