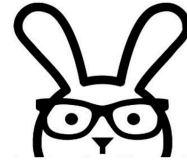


# Blue-Tongue Skink Care



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- ***Tiliqua scincoides scincoides***
- Lifespan: 15-20 years in captivity
- Sexual maturity: 18-36months
- Gestation: 3-5 months; ovoviviparous
- Solitary species
- Tail autonomy
- New animals should be quarantined for minimum 3 months... ideally 6 months

## Enclosure

- Minimum 1.2-1.8m long and 0.45-0.6m high
- Active species! Terrestrial but need some climbing opportunities
- Need places to hide
- Water bowl big enough to submerge
- Substrate: soil/sand mixes, coconut coir, bioactive
- Temperature gradient
  - 24-38deg (higher end for inland species)
  - Basking temp: 32-38deg
  - Night temperature no less than 20deg
  - Heat mats not suitable
- Humidity: 25-40%
  - Can have higher at times
- Arcadia proT5 10-12%
  - 10-12hour daylight
  - 20-30min unfiltered sunlight 2-3 times per week is beneficial

## Diet

- Omnivores
- Juveniles: 50% diet is insects
- Adults
  - 50% vegetables, 40% protein, 10% fruit
  - Variety is key (alternate protein sources)
  - Adults fed every 2-3 days
  - Gut loaded insects (+ dusted), lean mince, hard boiled eggs etc.
  - Dog food is not recommended as has been linked to kidney issues

## Brumation

- Do not go to sleep, just become more sluggish
- Due to decrease temperature and daylight hours
- May not eat, drink or defecate or move for several weeks
- Vet check recommended beforehand