

# Most Common TYPES OF PET LIZARD

Reptiles make fascinating pets for all ages and lizards are perfect for novice owners, too. If you are new to lizard husbandry, it makes sense to go with common lizards that won't require specialized care or equipment—and that makes them excellent pets for children.

## Bearded Dragon

Aspiring owners can't go wrong with Bearded Dragons. Since these lizards are larger than others—usually between 14- and 24-inches in length—they are easier to handle. Pet "beardies" often live around 15 years, are friendly, sociable, and able to recognize and bond with owners.



## Chameleon

Chameleons encompass a group of around 200 species of cute, pet lizards. These little guys are fascinating. Chameleons are recommended for advanced handlers, not children, as they have distinct needs and are susceptible to dehydration and injury.

## Leopard Gecko

The Leopard Gecko is lauded as the most popular lizard in this country; a great choice for beginners. Leopard geckos are among those pet lizards that are nocturnal, meaning they sleep all day and are awake at night. They are very resilient without the prevalent issues or health conditions of other lizards.



## Crested Gecko

Crested geckos are an interesting breed of pet lizards, resembling a snake more than other kinds of geckos. They are clever and crafty so make sure to contain them in a secure tank. Crested geckos are friendly and happy to be handled, but be careful—this breed of geckos is easily injured if mishandled or dropped.

## Blue Tongue Skink

A blue-tongued skink is a great lizard for a beginner, usually growing to 15- to 20-inches long. This breed is mellow and will eat about anything, including insects, produce or commercial lizard food. They can be defensive and quick to hide, so avoid loud noises or sudden movement, and you'll have a happy skink.



Lizards can be the perfect pet for beginners and more experienced owners. Like any animal brought into your home, they require dedication, patience and respect. Consider these five most-common pet lizards when looking for the companionship and commitment of a pet.