

Savanna Monitor

Varanus exanthematicus

Distribution: Central S. Africa

Size: 3' - 4'

Natural habitat: Inhabits the desert scrubland habitats in Central South Africa. The adults require quite large enclosures of at least 72" x 24" x 24" when kept in captivity.

Behavior: Most will become tame with regular handling. Likes dark areas available for hiding.

Captive environment: Use full spectrum lighting 12-14 hours per day. Provide a basking area with access to a cooler zone. Provide several climbing areas on branches, logs, & plants.

Temperature: Day temperature should be gradient from 80 to 95 degrees F. Maintain night temperature range between 65-72 degrees F.

Humidity: This species requires only low levels of humidity.

Water requirements: Use only a small water bowl for drinking. Ventilate habitat well.

Nutritional requirements: This carnivore will accept quality dog or cat food & eggs. Feed appropriate sized rodents (mice, hamsters, rats). Always offer variety for proper nutrition. Eats variety of larger worms (earthworms, meal/wax worms). Dust food with calcium and vitamins.

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