

 4-10 years

 3 feet

 Advanced

 80-120° F

 Insects, Worms



Savannah monitors are fastly becoming one of the more popular pet reptiles. When they are kept in the proper environment, they are very hardy and relatively easy to care for. They can also become quite tame with handling. Remember when purchasing that these monitors can reach over 3 feet when fully grown, so you will need an enclosure appropriate for an animal of that size. These guidelines are the basic necessities for your new pet. Please do your research and consult your veterinarian for further guidance.

TANK SET UP

Savannah monitors must have space to roam, yet have the proper heat and humidity in their cages. A 20 gallon long tank with a screen top for young monitors, and a 40 gallon breeder tank for larger juveniles is recommended. For full grown Savannahs, a 90 gallon, 120 gallon, or larger habitat is recommended.

BEDDING

Savannah monitors like to dig, and substrates such as Excavator Burrowing Clay and EcoEarth mixed with forest floor bedding, make acceptable substrates. We want to mimic the natural habitat in their captive environment.

TEMPERATURE

Savannahs need a 110-120°F basking spot, with an ambient temperature in the 90's. The cool side of the tank should be 80°F. Night temperatures may drop to 74-80°F. Use a red night bulb if necessary. Repti-therm under tank heaters keep the warm side at a constant temperature and promote better digestion.

LIGHTING

Savannah monitors do need UVB and UVA lighting. Use basking light wattage according to the size of the enclosure. You may also use a full spectrum PowerSun bulb with both UVA and UVB lighting.

HUMIDITY

Savannah monitors require moderate humidity between 40%-50%. You can achieve this by having a moist hide in their enclosure, and a water dish large enough for the lizard to fully submerge in. You will want to soak your monitor in lukewarm water once or twice a week, to ensure proper hydration and encourage shedding.

FEEDING

Savannah monitors require a high protein diet. Feed a variety of foods such as crickets, roaches, and mealworms, all dusted with D3 Calcium. For an older, larger monitor, include larger insects, rodents, and eggs.

ACCESSORIES

Use low, wide rocks under the heat and UVB bulbs to act as a natural heat pad, with branches and a moist moss hide on the cool side of the tank

CLEANING

Spot clean the tank daily. Wash all accessories weekly with a gentle cleaner, replacing substrate as needed.