



PHILIPPINE SAILFIN DRAGON CARE

Hydrosaurus Pustulatus

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Hatchling Care

- **Enclosure**
 - I keep up to three hatchlings in an enclosure that is roughly 24"x12"x18"
 - Thick absorbent paper towel substrate
 - A basking ledge with a fake terrarium vine leading up to it (allowing the hatchling to easily climb up)
 - Visual barriers covering the back and sides of the enclosure and a visual barrier (I use thick black electrical tape) covering the bottom 20-30% of the front. This allows the sailfins to "duck down" and feel secure in their enclosure if they get suddenly frightened
- **Temperatures and Humidity**
 - Basking temperature of 95-105 F provided by a Mercury Vapor Bulb (also provides necessary UVB)
 - Ambient temperature between 78-82
 - Humidity kept around 70% with mistings a minimum of once per day
- **Feeding**
 - For the first couple of months they primarily feed on crickets (dusted once per week with calcium powder)

- As soon as the hatchling is well established begin offering a variety of insects (dubia, butter worms, wax worms, etc.) in a shallow (just high enough to prevent the insects from crawling out, but shallow enough to allow good line of sight for the young sailfin)
- When the sailfin is about 2-3 months old I begin offering chopped greens and fruit (escarole, romaine lettuce, other leafy greens, carrots, papaya, and strawberries) twice per week mixed with insects
- At about 3-4 months of age I'm feeding about 75% insects and 15% leafy greens and 10% fruits and veggies. As the young sailfin gets older the % of their diet that is made up of greens increases. By about 1-year-old about 30% of their diet should be leafy greens, 50% insects, and 10-20% fruits.

Adult Care

- **Enclosure**

- I recommend a minimum enclosure size of 7'x3'x4' for a pair of adult Philippine Sailfin Dragons
- I prefer to use a mix of about 50% peat moss, 30% cypress mulch, and 20% sand for substrate
- I like to offer about 6" of substrate for the sailfins as this seems to be enough to provide enough depth for proper nesting behavior
- I have plenty of branches allowing the sailfins to climb and bask in different areas of the enclosure
- Visual barriers covering the back and sides of the enclosure and a visual barrier (I use thick black electrical tape) covering the bottom 10-12" of the front. This allows the sailfins to "duck down" and feel secure in their enclosure if they get suddenly frightened

- **Temperatures and Humidity**

- Basking temperature of 95-105 F provided by a Mercury Vapor Bulb (also provides necessary UVB)
- Ambient temperature of 78-82
- Humidity around 70% with regular mistings

- **Feeding**

- As adults I'd feed 70% of their diet leafy greens, 15% insects, and 15% fruits and veggies
- I dust their food lightly with calcium powder (w/ D3 if kept indoors) twice per week
- Once every two weeks I feed adults a frozen/thawed hopper mouse. I believe whole prey items are a great addition to a sailfin's diet as it provides a large amount of nutrients they would likely not otherwise ingest