

Argentine Tegu

Scientific Name: *Tupinambis merianae*/*Tupinambis rufescens*

Native to: Argentina

Maximum Length: 3 -5 feet

Life Span: 15 – 20 years

Characteristics:

Argentine Tegus are large reptiles, with some species reaching a total length of around four feet, and a weight of approximately fifteen pounds. Tegus are omnivorous, foraging for a wide range of foods and come from South America.

Care tips:

Enclosure: Tegus are very active creatures whom need as much space as possible we recommend an enclosure with a minimum of 4 by 6 feet.

Substrate: Coconut husk course chips or pure cypress mulch

Habitat: Tegus should be provided with a place to bask and a safe hiding spot or two as well as a large water dish.

Temperature and Lighting: Warm side should be 95 – 110F degree while the cool side should be 75 – 85F degrees. UVB lighting must be provided. Tegus enjoy a humidity level between 75 – 90%

Food and Water: Crickets, mealworms, and some fruits. As adults they will eat mice, fish, eggs, fruits, and rats.