

# Mindy



**Species**

Bearded Dragon Lizard (*Pogona vitticeps*)

**Habitat:**

Native to Australia. Lives in desert, scrubland, sometimes open woodland areas.

**How we look after our pet:**

Large tank (vivarium) with stones, branches, plants, to climb on and hide under. A spotlight to keep warm, and a UV light to give her all the goodness she would get from the sun.

**Food:**

Omnivorous—cricket & other small bugs, also plants. We feed salad, fruit and vegetables.

**Characteristics:**

‘Beard’ which she can puff up when scared or angry. Scaly skin. Long tail and claws for climbing. Long tongue for catching food.

**Why we love Mindy:**

Mindy is a lovely lady. She is kind and gentle with everyone. She loves to be outside on a warm day and can take surprisingly good leaps in to the air when she sees a fly buzz by!

## Mindy's's Story

Mindy came to live with Rachael in 2018, when she was about 4 years old.

She is very inquisitive and likes meeting new people. Sometimes she will sit so still while you stroke her, that people have to ask if she is real. Other times, she just cannot keep still and wants to climb all over you!

Mindy has a big vivarium at home, with rocks and branches to climb on and hide under. She has a uv light to give her body the Vitamin D she would get from the sunshine, and a spotlight to keep her vivarium at the right temperature, but in the summer she loves to be outside in the real sun. She likes to have a good look at the other animals, even the cat who wants to play with Mindy's crickets and locusts, but we don't let them meet properly and usually keep the cat out!

Bearded Dragons like Mindy can be very sociable and good natured towards people, but it is important to make sure you can look after one properly if you are considering getting a pet. Their home can be quite expensive to set up, they need access to a specialist reptile vet, you will need to keep live crickets and locusts to feed your lizard, and they can be a 15 year commitment.

