



## Thinking of adopting a reptile from us?

Have a read of our adoption requirements below!

Our aim is to create the perfect match between the animal and adopter. All rehoming will be at the discretion of the rehoming officer, to ensure you adopt a suitable reptile for your lifestyle and experience.

### Essential criteria

- ✓ **We do not rehome any animals as children's pets.** An adult over 18 years old must be fully responsible for the animal's care.
- ✓ **Animals must be appropriately housed in a suitable vivarium proportionate to their size.** *N.B We do not rehome any reptiles to be housed in RUB's.*

### About our reptiles

- ✓ **Our adoption fee varies per species.** This cost includes a full health check by an exotic vet, 30 day quarantine period, faecal sample testing for all parasites and treatment where required.
- ✓ **If you wish to view one of our reptiles please contact staff at the RSPCA Adoption Centre located in Pets at Home in Stockport on 0161 480 4754.**
- ✓ **You can place a reserve on an animal once you have met them.** Animals can only be reserved for 14 days after the meeting has taken place so please only approach us when you are completely ready to adopt.

### Housing

If you have your own vivarium we will ask for pictures and measurements and what heating, UV and thermostat you have prior to reserving an animal. This is because we can only reserve an animal for a maximum of 14 days.

### **These are our current minimum requirements:**

#### **A bearded dragon will require:**

A vivarium with a length of 120cm x height 60cm x width 60cm. There needs to be a thermal gradient of 38-42° at the warm end and 22-26° at the cool end. Temperatures must be controlled by using a thermostat. A 10-12% UV bulb must also be provided.

#### **A corn, king and milk snake will require:**

The snake must be able to fully stretch out in the vivarium. Allow at least a third of the snake's length for width and height measurements for your vivarium. For example, a 150cm long snake will need a vivarium with a length of 150cm x height 50cm x width 50cm. The snake will require a thermal gradient of 28-30° at the warm end and 20-24° at the cool end. Temperatures must be controlled using a thermostat. Ideally a 2-7% UV bulb should also be provided.

#### **A leopard gecko will require:**

A vivarium with a length of 60cm x height 40cm x width 30cm. There needs to be a thermal gradient of 28-30° at the warm end and 24-26° at the cool end. Temperatures must be controlled by using a thermostat. A 2-7% UV bulb must also be provided.

### Adoption Fees

#### **Our current adoption fees:**

Bearded Dragon- £30  
Corn Snake- £30

Milk snake- £30 -£40  
King snake- £30 -£40  
Leopard Gecko- £20-£30

The adoption fee only partially covers some of our costs for food, heating and veterinary treatment, additional donations are welcomed.

### **Home visit**

- ✓ We aim to do home visits within one week of a reservation being placed. This allows time to set up the vivarium for your chosen species. *If you are privately renting please make sure you have written permission from your landlord to keep a pet in the property.*

### **At the home visit we are looking to see that:**

- You have a good understanding about the financial implications and commitment involved in adopting your chosen species.
- That the animal will be able to express their natural behaviour in the housing you are providing.
- Our visitors will endeavour to answer any questions you may have so please make a list!

### **After the home visit**

- ✓ **The outcome of the home visit will be shared with you within 24 hours.** If the home visit is successful we expect you to collect your animal within 7 days.
- ✓ **When you collect your animal**, you will need to provide a form of identification such as a driver's license or a household bill with current address.
- ✓ **Make sure you have all your supplies ready before collecting your reptile.**
- ✓ **Please ensure your temperatures have been consistently maintained for 3 days prior to collection.**
- ✓ **Please bring along with you a suitable container and your adoption fee.** *We recommend using RUB's with air holes drilled in the sides) or for the transportation of snakes, a bag that can be tied at the top, for transportation of snakes.*
- ✓ When you adopt an animal you will be required to complete a form making you the new keeper of the animal. You will be given medical history of your animal and any other relevant information.

### **Our promise to you**

- ✓ We are here for you for the life of your animal – if you have any questions please get in touch.
- ✓ Your home visitor will contact you 4-6 weeks after the adoption to find out how you are all getting on.