



Mali Uromastix

Scientific name



What is the history of my relationship to man?

The Mali Uromastix is considered an ideal species to choose as a pet because they readily adapt to a captive environment.

Habitat / Climate

Desert to jungle
mild to hot climate

Where am I from? .

North Africa, the Middle East and across south-central Asia and into India This area spreads across 5000 miles and 30 countries. They occur at elevations from sea level to well over 3000 feet.



Other family members:

Oman Spiny-tailed Lizard
Fringed lizard

Who are my relatives?

Bell's Dabb Lizard Iranian Mastigure, Sahara Mastigure,



Breeding Potential

5 to 40 eggs

How am I born?

Mom will lay 5 to 40 eggs. Eggs are laid approximately 30 days following copulation with an incubation time of 70-80 days.

How long does it take me to grow up and how long do I live?

Neonates weigh 4-6 grams and are about 2 inches snout to vent length. We rapidly gain weight during the first few weeks following hatching.

2 inches of total growth each year until around the age of 8-9 years.

Breeding Season

A	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
N	E	A	P	A	U	U	S	E	C	O	E
	B	R	Y	N	L	L	E	P	T	V	C

What kind of family life do I have?

We spend most of our waking hours basking in the sun, hiding in underground chambers at daytime or when danger appears. We tend to establish ourselves in hilly, rocky areas with good shelter and accessible We generally sleep in our burrows with our tails closest to the opening, in order to thwart intruders.

Names for:

Male
Female
Neonate

What do I eat and when do I eat?

Captive uros' diets must be predominantly herbivorous, consisting of endive, dandelion greens, Bok Choy, and escarole. Lettuce has almost no nutritive value, but can be given once in a while as a water source. They can consume de-thorned cacti with their powerful jaws, especially if they need water.

Who are my predators?

They are regularly eaten, and sold in produce markets, by local peoples.



Comments:

Uromastix are burrowing lizards, and need substrate deep enough to burrow in, or a low structure under which to hide. In the wild, these lizards' burrows can reach 10 feet in length.

