

How to train a dragon



Have you found yourself in charge of a dragon egg with no idea how to look after it once it has hatched? Dragons are very tricky animals to control so you must follow these instructions! Be warned, if the training does not start when the dragon is young, then it will be even more difficult to tame.

You will need the following equipment:

- Small pen made from metal, wood or concrete
- A back scratching stick
- Fish heads
- A clear, confident voice.



A suitable dragon's pen

Method:

1. Firstly, it is important that you handle the baby every day so that it becomes used to human contact.
2. As soon as the young dragon is calm, put four or five handfuls of smelly fish heads on the ground near you. This will make them follow you.
3. After this, you'll need to teach the dragon to fly. You will need to be able to pick the young reptile up from behind, making sure you put your legs on each side of the animal. Use a clear voice to say "Stay".
4. Once you are able to handle the dragon carefully, you must now hold the beast up in the air and again say in your clear voice, "Fly".
5. Next, make sure that you have built a strong cage or pen for the dragon to sleep in during the day. As everyone knows, dragons are nocturnal (they sleep in the day and are awake at night) so they need somewhere safe to sleep in during the day. They sleep between 10 and 12 hours.
6. Finally, it is important that you have a back-scratching stick! Any sudden movements might scare these animals! Use the stick to gently scratch the top of the dragon's head but be careful as dragons can be very angry!

Remember that all of these steps must be done while the dragon is young or they may not work! You might need two people to help you with the dragon.



Questions

1. What do these instructions explain? (1 mark)

2. When should you start the training? Why? (1 mark)

3. List two pieces of equipment you will need. (2 marks)

4. Circle the correct endings to these sentences.

a) You should handle the baby... (1 mark)

every week.	every year.	every day.	every hour.
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b) You need four or five handfuls of... (1 mark)

smelly fish heads.	fresh fish.	tasty fish.	dragon food.
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c) Pick the reptile up... (1 mark)

from in front of it.	from the side.	from above.	from behind.
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5. Answer true or false to these statements. (4 marks)

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You should use an unclear voice to say "Stay".		
You should build a strong cage or pen.		
Dragons sleep in the day.		
Dragons sleep between 15 and 20 hours.		

6. What piece of equipment do you use to scratch the dragon? (1 mark)

7. What might happen if you make a sudden movement? Why? (2 marks)

8. Why might you need two people? (2 marks)



Answers

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2. When should you start the training? Why? (1 mark)

When they are young because otherwise it will be even more difficult to tame.

3. List two pieces of equipment you will need. (2 marks)

Choose two from the following: Small pen made from metal, wood or concrete / A back scratching stick / Fish heads / A clear, confident voice.

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a back-scratching stick

7. What might happen if you make a sudden movement? Why? (2 marks)

It might scare the dragon because they don't know what you are going to do to them.

8. Why might you need two people? (2 marks)

Because the dragon will become quite big and heavy so you might not be strong enough on your own OR the dragon can be dangerous so it would be safer with two people.

