



The Great Gecko Experience
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LEOPARD GECKO CARE SHEET

SIDE A: New Pet Start-Up & Tank Setup

■ 1. Enclosure Selection

- **Tank Size:** Choose a minimum 20-gallon long tank for an adult, though a 40-gallon breeder is highly recommended for optimal activity.
- **Orientation:** Use a horizontal terrarium since leopard geckos are strictly ground-dwelling lizards.
- **Screen Top:** Ensure a secure mesh screen cover to allow for proper airflow and overhead heating.

■ 2. Heating & Environment

- **Warm Side:** Target a surface temperature of 88°F to 92°F using a regulated under-tank heat mat or overhead deep heat projector.
- **Cool Side:** Maintain a temperature between 75°F to 80°F to allow self-regulation.
- **Thermostat:** Always connect your heating elements to a digital thermostat to prevent dangerous overheating.
- **Lighting:** Provide a low-percentage UVB lighting kit for 10–12 hours a day to simulate a natural daytime cycle.

■ 3. Substrate & Decor

- **Safe Substrate:** Use paper towels, slate tile, or a specialized arid soil mix. Avoid loose sand for young geckos.
- **The Three Hides:** Place one warm hide, one cool hide, and one centrally located humid hide filled with damp moss.
- **Climbing Items:** Add low-profile slate rocks, cork bark, and artificial branches to enrich their environment.

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SIDE B: Daily Care & Husbandry

■ 1. Feeding & Nutrition

- **Live Prey:** Feed high-quality insects like gut-loaded crickets, dubia roaches, and mealworms.
- **Supplementation:** Dust insects with Calcium with D3 every other feeding, and a reptile Multivitamin once a week.
- **Feeding Schedule:** Feed babies and juveniles every day, and healthy adults 2 to 3 times a week.

■ 2. Hydration & Moisture

- **Water Bowl:** Provide a shallow water dish with fresh, clean water at all times.
- **Humid Hide:** Spray the interior of the humid hide daily to maintain moisture for safe skin shedding.
- **Ambient Humidity:** Keep the room's ambient humidity low (30% to 40%) to prevent respiratory issues.

■ 3. Handling & Health Checkpoints

- **Acclimation:** Wait 5 to 7 days before handling a newly brought home gecko so it can adjust to its new surroundings.
- **Tail Safety:** Never grab a gecko by its tail, as they can voluntarily drop it when frightened.
- **Signs of Health:** Look for bright eyes, an alert posture, clear skin, and a plump, thick tail.

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CRESTED GECKO CARE SHEET

SIDE A: New Pet Start-Up & Tank Setup

■ 1. Enclosure Selection

- **Tank Size:** Choose a minimum 20-gallon high vertical terrarium for an adult.
- **Orientation:** Use a strictly vertical enclosure to accommodate their natural arboreal climbing habits.
- **Airflow:** Select a tank with cross-ventilation or a mesh top to balance air circulation and humidity.

■ ■ 2. Heating & Environment

- **Ideal Temperature:** Maintain standard room temperatures between 72°F to 78°F.
- **Danger Zone:** Avoid temperatures above 80°F, which can quickly cause fatal heat stroke in this species.
- **Supplemental Heat:** Use a low-wattage ceramic heat emitter on a thermostat if your room drops below 65°F at night.
- **Lighting:** Provide low-intensity ambient lighting or 7% UVB during daytime hours to establish a healthy circadian cycle.

■ 3. Substrate & Decor

- **Moisture Substrate:** Use coconut fiber, cypress mulch, or a bioactive soil blend to successfully hold humidity.
- **Lush Cover:** Fill the upper half of the tank with heavy foliage, silk plants, and hanging vines for privacy and security.
- **Climbing Elements:** Install magnetic feeding ledges, cork bark tubes, and bamboo branches across the enclosure.



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SIDE B: Daily Care & Husbandry

■ 1. Feeding & Nutrition

- **Primary Diet:** Feed a complete powdered crested gecko diet formula (CGD) mixed with water to a ketchup-like consistency.
- **Diet Rotation:** Replace the CGD mix every 24 to 48 hours to keep it fresh and prevent mold growth.
- **Live Insects:** Offer gut-loaded, calcium-dusted crickets or roaches once or twice a week for physical exercise and enrichment.

■ 2. Hydration & Moisture

- **Misting Routine:** Heavy-mist the entire enclosure every evening to raise humidity levels to 70%–80%.
- **Dry-Out Period:** Allow the tank humidity to drop down to 50% during the day to prevent bacterial and fungal growth.
- **Drinking Source:** Crested geckos prefer licking water droplets directly off leaves, but you should still provide a small water dish.

■ 3. Handling & Health Checkpoints

- **Acclimation:** Leave your new gecko undisturbed for at least 2 weeks until it is eating regularly.
- **Sticky Feet:** Handle them gently and let them hand-walk ("ladder") from one palm to the other.
- **Tail Warning:** Crested geckos do not regrow their tails if dropped, so avoid loud noises or sudden grabs.