

Shopping list– The Basics

- Appropriately size habitat (10 gal. or larger for adult size)
- Screen top
- Substrate (calcium sand)
- Hiding cave
- Spray bottle for misting
- Reptile cage thermometers
- Food & water dishes
- Live crickets, mealworms or waxworms
- Cricket keeper with water gel and calcium dust
- Climbing decor
- Daytime bulb & fixture
- Nighttime bulb and fixture
- Timer for light fixtures
- Under-tank heater mat
- Hydrometer
- Cage cleaner

Habitat

Housing needs to be well ventilated. The appropriately size habitat should be a 10 gal. or larger.

Place an under tank heater on one side of the habitat. Turn under-tank heater off for 12 hours a night as long as room temperature does not drop below 65 degrees.

Place a daytime heat bulb over the habitat to provide warmth. Turn off after 8-12 hours. A nighttime bulb can be added to view your pet at night.

Humidity level needs to be kept between 10-30% (with a moist retreat). A hydrometer will help you keep the desired level. Keeping the water dish full and misting every other day, will help with the humidity level.

Temperature for leopard geckos:

- Day– Cool side: 75-85 °F
- Day– Warm Side: 85-95 °F
- Night: 65-75 °F
- Place a thermometer at each end of the habitat to monitor.

Use 2-3" of reptile calcium sand for a substrate. Spot clean once a week.

Get to know your Gecko

- **Average adult size:**
Up to 10" long
- **Average life span:**
15-20 years with proper care
- **Diet:**
Insectivore
- **Age group:**
Great for ages 10 and up
- **Habitat:**
Desert
- **Behavior:**
Nocturnal

Nutrition

Crickets & mealworms can be fed to your leopard gecko. Make sure to dust and feed the insects special supplements so your leopard gecko can receive extra nutrients.

Leopard geckos should be fed at nighttime daily to every other day. Offer only enough they can consumed by the morning.

Leopard Geckos will drink water from a shallow dish and also lick moisture from their skin and habitat. Empty and refill water dish daily.

Health

Signs of a healthy leopard gecko:

- Clear, alert eyes
- Sheds regularly during growth
- Body and tail are rounded, filled out
- Eats and drinks normally
- Clear nose and vent
- Well-formed droppings every 2 days

Warning signs to watch for:

- Runny droppings or red streaks in droppings for more than two days.
- Eating or drinking less or weight loss
- Swelling
- Paralysis of limbs or tail
- Mucus in mouth or nose
- Shedding problems or discolored skin

If you notice any of these warning signs, speak with a sales associate or veterinarian.

Experience Level: beginner

Leopard Gecko

care guide



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Always supervise children when they are interacting with your leopard gecko.

Give your pet 3 to 4 days to adjust to his new surroundings, then try holding him for short amounts of time. Take care to never handle him by the tail– it could break off.

This care guide contains only general information and tips for proper care. Speak with a Pet Depot sales associate or veterinarian with questions concerning your pet's health.

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