



# Jungle Bob's Care Sheet

## Leopard Geckos

(*Eublepharis macularius*)

### General Information

Leopard Geckos are hardy, easy to handle, breed readily, and don't need the large set-up of animals like Bearded Dragons.

The Leopard Gecko is found in southeastern Afghanistan, western India, Pakistan, Iraq, and Iran. It inhabits desert fringes and brushy grasslands in regions of wildly fluctuating temperatures.

Leopard Geckos reach 8-12 inches in length and are various shades of yellow in color. Black spots mark the bumpy skin. Youngsters are banded in yellow and brown. A startling array of color morphs have been established by breeders. The Leopard Gecko and its relatives are the only geckos to have movable eyelids (the eyelids are fused into a transparent cap in other species).

### Housing

A single gecko may be kept in a MINIMUM of a 10 gallon terrarium (20"x10"), but ideally a 20-gallon long terrarium (30"x12") would be best. "Reptilite" Calcium sand works well as a substrate for adult, while a cage liner or cage carpet are used for babies.

Leopard Geckos do not need a UVB light source, as they absorb Vitamin D3 from their diet. They fare best at a temperature gradient between 70F and with a basking temperature of 88-90 F. Large enclosures will allow your pets to thermo-regulate by moving from hot to cooler areas. The substrate must remain dry, but a cave stocked with moist sphagnum moss, as well as a dry shelter, should be provided. A under-tank heat pad, ceramic heater or red/black reptile night bulb should be used to maintain temperatures after dark, when Leopard Geckos are most active.

## **Diet**

Your gecko's diet should contain a variety of invertebrates, including crickets, meal worms, roaches, black soldier fly larvae and the occasional wax worms, butter worms, and/or goliath worms. Insects should themselves be provided with a nutritious diet before being offered to your pets (all of our feeders are well fed or "gutloaded").

Leopard Geckos also need a calcium and vitamin supplement. A Calcium/VitaminD3 supplement should be used on all meals offered to babies and reduced to 3-4 times per week for adults. A vitamin/mineral powder should be employed 2-3 times weekly.

## **Cleaning and Handling**

The terrarium should be cleaned as necessary, with fecal matter and left over food being removed daily. The substrate should be completely changed once each month (Every 1-2 weeks for a cage carpet). The inside of the terrarium can be cleaned out with an appropriate reptile cage cleaner.

Leopard Geckos accept gentle handling readily, but like all lizards will defend themselves by biting if handled roughly. Always wash your hands before and after handling any animal.

**Jungle Bob's Reptile World**  
**984 Middle Country Rd.**  
**Selden, NY 11784**  
**631-737-6474**

[info@junglebob.com](mailto:info@junglebob.com)  
[www.JungleBobsReptileWorld.com](http://www.JungleBobsReptileWorld.com)



**@JungleBobsReptileWorld**