

Crested Gecko



Rhacodactylus ciliatus

Crested Geckos make wonderful pets due to their calm nature, ease of care, and small size. Crested geckos were thought to be extinct until 1994 when they were rediscovered after a tropical storm, a few specimens were exported to Europe and the United States where they thrived in captivity. Due to this species readiness to breed in captivity they are now one of the most commonly kept reptiles in the world.

Adult Size 6-8"

Life Span 20-30 years

Habitat

- A 12"x12"x18" terrarium is suitable for a baby to juvenile crested gecko.
- A 18"x18"x24" terrarium is suitable for a pair of adults.
- The humidity in the terrarium should be maintained between 60-80% by lightly misting every morning with a heavier misting every night.

Temperature

- Crested Geckos do not require any supplemental heating, they will generally thrive at room temperature (65F to 82F)

Lighting

- Crested geckos do not require any specific lighting, however there is new evidence that they may benefit from low doses of UVB (2.0%).

Substrate

- Crested Geckos should be kept on a substrate that will hold humidity such as coconut choir (plantation soil, eco-earth etc...)

Nutrition

- Crested geckos are omnivorous (frugivorous) geckos.
- Many commercial crested gecko diets exist (such as Repashy). These diets are specifically designed to meet the nutritional needs of crested geckos.
- Insects such as crickets should be offered 2-3 times per week. Insects should be dusted with a high quality reptile vitamin supplement.
- Some keepers offer baby foods such as apricot, peach, papaya ...etc...