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Anole

Including: Green Anole, Blue Anole, Brown Anole, White Lipped Anole, etc.

Anolis carolinensis, Anolis Gorgonae, Anolis Sagrei, Anolis Coelestinus, etc.

Lifespan: 3 to 6 years.

Size: Up to 8 inches long, with their tail being most of the length. White Lipped Anoles can get up to 12 inches.

Sexing: Males grow to be larger than females and have larger dewlaps.

Enclosure: The minimum size for keeping 1 to 2 Anoles is a 12x12x24 all-glass tank (terrarium) with a screen top. For 3 or more Anoles, a 18x18x24 or 18x18x36 enclosure would be more appropriate. The screen top should fit the tank snugly to prevent the Anoles from escaping.

Pisces recommends: ExoTerra All-Glass Terrariums.

Hiding/Climbing Spots: Anoles love to climb; provide plenty of plants and branches for your Anole to climb on. Provide a water dish large enough for the animal to curl its entire body into for bathing and to help with shedding.

Humidity: The enclosure should be well ventilated and misted well to keep the humidity high (60% to 75%) and to aid the process of shedding and prevent health problems. Use a hygrometer to maintain a constant humidity level. Provide a water dish large enough for the animal to curl up in to help aid the shedding process. **Pisces Recommends: Exo Terra Misting bottle or a Misting System**

Substrate: The bottom of the enclosure should have a barely moistened forest substrate. Leaf litter and moss is great to add to and maintain the humidity levels. **Pisces recommends: ExoTerra Plantation Soil, Zoomed Reptisoil and Jurassic ABG mix**

Heat: Maintain a temperature of as low as 18-20°C at night to as high as 31 °C during the day on the basking spot (65 °F to 85 °F). An ambient temp of 21-24°C is recommended. Use a heat bulb on one portion of the tank so the animal can escape the warm area if they need to. **Pisces recommends: ExoTerra and Arcadia bulbs and fixtures.**

UV Lighting: Use of a full spectrum T5 bulb for 10-12 hours per day is required. UVB bulbs lose effectiveness and need to be replaced every 8-12 months. ***Pisces recommends: Arcadia T5 Pro D3+ 6% UVB kit or Arcadia Compact 7% UVB bulb with Ceramic clamp lamp***

Feeding: Feed (2-3-week-old) crickets every other day for adults and every day for juveniles

Vitamins & Supplements: Every other feeding, dust crickets with a quality reptile vitamin and mineral powder. Dust with calcium powder every feeding. ***Pisces recommends: Repashy Calcium Plus and Supervite.***

Handling: Anoles are small and quick moving, and it is not advised that you handle them unless absolutely necessary (i.e. moving them to clean their tank). If you do need to handle your Anole, grasp him gently in a loose fist. They lose their long tails easily, so be very careful of them.

Safe Handling of Reptiles*: As with all living creatures, reptiles can carry microorganisms (including Salmonella) which can make people ill. To reduce the chances of infection, always follow these safe handling steps:

- Always wash your hands thoroughly after you handle your pet, its food and anything it has touched.
- Keep your pet in a habitat designed for it; do not let your pet reptile roam around the home without proper supervision.
- Keep your pet, its food dishes and cage components out of the kitchen.
- Don't nuzzle or kiss your pet.
- Infants, children under 5 years of age, pregnant women, the elderly, and those with a compromised immune system have a greater risk of infection. Extra caution should be taken when they are in contact with any animal. Children under 5 should handle reptiles only under adult/parent supervision.

Your New Pet: It is the responsibility of any pet owner to provide their pet with regular veterinary care to maintain their pet's health and to prevent illness. Should you experience any problems with your new pet, contact Pisces Pet Emporium. We will make every effort to assist you, but we may refer you to a qualified veterinarian if the problem is beyond our ability to treat. A pet is a large responsibility and should not be purchased without due consideration. Pets should never be released into the wild.

Pisces Recommended Setup:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Glass terrarium (Exo Terra Small Tall 18x18x24 for 1-3 anoles). ❑ Expo Terra branches and jungle vines for climbing ❑ Plants (live or Exo Terra/Pangea artificial hanging plants and Komodo artificial jungle canopy plants) ❑ Exo Terra Misting bottle or MistKing system ❑ Exo Terra/Zoomed or Pet-Tekk water dish (big enough to soak) ❑ Jurassic sphagnum moss or terrarium moss for humidity ❑ NewCal pets cork branches ❑ Zoomed/Jurassic cork rounds and flats | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Exo Terra Plantation Soil, Zoomed Reptisoil and Jurassic ABG mix for substrate ❑ Exo Terra 100w Daylight Basking Lamp & Flukers 8.5in Dimmable Deluxe Clamp Lamp ❑ Arcadia T5 Pro D3+ 6% UVB kit or Arcadia Compact 7% UVB bulb and Arcadia ceramic clamp lamp ❑ Repashy Supervite multivitamin ❑ Repashy Calcium Plus ❑ Crickets/mealworms ❑ Exo Terra digital thermometer and hydrometer or combometer |
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