

# PISCES

## PET EMPORIUM

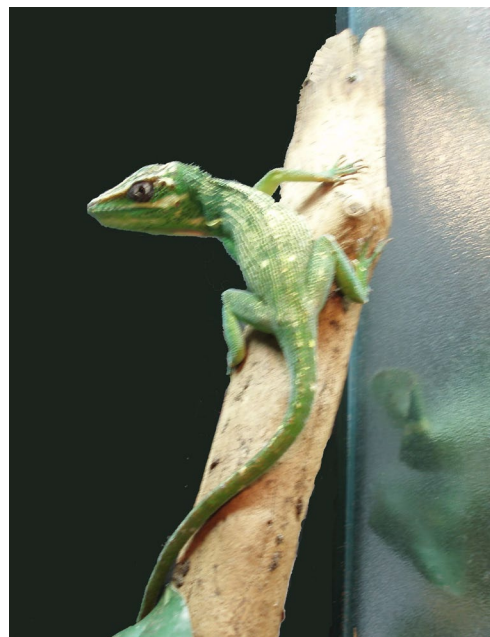


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### Cuban Knight Anole

*Anolis Equestris*

**Lifespan:** 7-12 years.

**Size:** Average adult length is 12" to 20" (with the tail being almost 2/3 of the total length).

**Sexing:** Males grow to be larger than females and have larger dewlaps. They are also more colourful than females.

**Enclosure:** The minimum size for keeping one Anole is a standard 40-gallon all-glass tank (terrarium) with a screen top, such as an Exo Terra 18 inch x 18 inch x 24 inch. For 3 or more Anoles, a 100-gallon tank 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, although a moving water source is recommended.

**Humidity:** Anoles do better with moderate to high humidity (60% - 80%). To measure and maintain humidity use a Hygrometer.

**Substrate:** The bottom of the enclosure should have a thick, humid forest substrate. Do not use sand. Anoles can ingest sand, causing intestinal blockages. ***Pisces recommends: Exo-terra Plantation Soil.***

**Heat:** Maintain a temperature of as low as 21 °C at night to as high as 32 °C during the day (70 °F to 90 °F). 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 bulbs and fixtures.***

**UV Lighting:** Use of a full spectrum 5.0 bulb for 12 hours per day is required. Fluorescent bulbs lose effectiveness and need to be replaced every 6-8 months.

**Feeding:** Feed (4-5-week-old) crickets every other day. Provide a secondary diet of mealworms, wax worms, and pinky mice sparingly.

**Vitamins & Supplements:** Every other feeding, dust crickets with a quality reptile vitamin and mineral powder. ***Pisces recommends: Rep-Cal Herptivite Multi-Vitamin.***

**Handling:** Anoles have thin, fragile skin and handling is highly stressful. Keep handling to a minimum.

**Other:** Anoles can change color from a vibrant green to a dark olive green, or even a dark brown. This change in color occurs when the Anole is stressed or cold. A color change to a very pale green indicates that the Anole is too warm. Avoid housing multiple mature males together.

**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.

**Recommended Books:** Pisces recommends *Anoles, Basilisks and Water Dragons* (Barron's Books).

#### Recommended Supplies:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Glass terrarium (tall is best, 18x18x24").</li> <li>❑ Screen top</li> <li>❑ Branches for climbing</li> <li>❑ Plants (live or artificial)</li> <li>❑ Misting bottle</li> <li>❑ Water dish</li> <li>❑ Plantation Soil</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Heat Bulb &amp; Fixture</li> <li>❑ Fluorescent Light &amp; Fixture</li> <li>❑ Rep-Cal Herptivite Multi-Vitamin</li> <li>❑ Rep-Cal Calcium Supplement</li> <li>❑ Crickets</li> <li>❑ Thermometer</li> <li>❑ Hygrometer</li> </ul> |
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**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.



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