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Desert Arboreal Geckos

Including: Bibrons Gecko, Crocodile Gecko, etc.

Pachydactylus bibroni, Tarentola mauritanica, etc

Lifespan: 8 to 10 years.

Size: 6 to 8 inches.

Sexing: Males have large pores in a “V” shape that can be easily spotted; females do not have these.

Enclosure: Arboreal Geckos do best in a tall arboreal setup. For 1-3 adult Geckos, a 20-gallon terrarium is adequate, for more geckos, use a larger tank. ***Pisces recommends: ExoTerra All-Glass Terrariums.***

Hiding/Climbing Spots: These Geckos are diurnal and can be very active during the day. Provide lots of foliage for climbing and hiding, as well as several climbing areas, logs and plants. Cork bark is excellent.

Humidity: The enclosure should be well ventilated and misted well to keep the humidity moderate (Up to 40%) 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.

Substrate: Loose, moist forest substrate with Sphagnum Moss in parts to help with humidity. ***Pisces recommends: Exo-terra Plantation Soil.***

Heat: Maintain a temperature of as low as 18 °C at night to as high as 29 °C during the day (65 °F to 85 °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: Desert Arboreal geckos feed on appropriately sized crickets and worms. Feed them as many 3-4 week crickets as they will eat every other day.

Vitamins & Supplements: Dust crickets with a vitamin powder supplement every other feeding. ***Pisces recommends: Rep-Cal Herptivite Multi-Vitamin.***

Handling: Geckos should be held in a loose fist when they must be handled. Geckos are better left alone because they are very fast and can lose their tails when put under stress.

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 Supplies:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Glass terrarium (tall is best). ❑ Screen top (if not included with terrarium) ❑ Branches for climbing ❑ Plants (live or artificial) ❑ Misting bottle ❑ Water dish ❑ Plantation Soil | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Incandescent Bulb & Fixture ❑ Fluorescent Light & Fixture ❑ Rep-Cal Herptivite Multi-Vitamin ❑ Rep-Cal Calcium Supplement ❑ Crickets ❑ Thermometer ❑ Hydrometer |
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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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