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PET EMPORIUM

Giant Bent Toed Gecko

Cyrtodactylus Irianjayaensis

Lifespan: 10 to 15 years.

Size: Up to 14 inches

Sexing: Sexing Giant Bent Toed Geckos is easier when they are fully grown. Males have very visible bumps on either side of the vent, and females do not.



Photo by Pisces Pet Emporium

Enclosure: Geckos do best in a tall arboreal setup. For 1-2 adult Geckos, a 20-gallon terrarium is adequate. ***Pisces recommends: ExoTerra All-Glass Terrariums.***

Hiding/Climbing Spots: These Geckos are nocturnal and can be very active during the night. 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 high (60% to 80%) and to aid the process of shedding and prevent health problems. Use a hygrometer to maintain a constant humidity level.

Substrate: **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 recommended. Fluorescent bulbs lose effectiveness and need to be replaced every 6-8 months.

Feeding: Giant Bent Toed geckos feed on appropriately sized crickets and worms. Feed them as many suitably sized 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: Giant Bent Toed Geckos can be handled with care as they have sensitive skin, but are happy to perch quietly on people once used to being handled. They don't run much but they do leap sometimes. They can have very sharp claws so be careful when moving them off your skin. Also be careful of their tails as they will come off if touched too roughly.

Other: Geckos turn dark colors when they are cold or stressed.

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 *Geckos* (Barron's books).

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 ❑ Eco Earth | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Moss ❑ 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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