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Jackson's Chameleon

Chamealeo Jacksonii

Lifespan: Males Up to 9 years and females 4-6 years.

Size: 9 to 14 inches long.

Sexing: Males have 3 large horns on their head and are slimmer than females.

Enclosure: Young males and adult females can be housed in a 18x18x36 enclosure, but adult male Jackson's Chameleons should be housed in a 24x24x48 glass tank or the 24x24x48 Reptibreeze screen enclosure which is recommended. ***Pisces Recommends: Zoomed Reptibreeze enclosures and Large Exo Terra Glass enclosures***

Hiding/Climbing Spots: Chameleons love to climb. Provide a lot of plants and vines for them to climb and hide on. Cork branches, jungle vines and rainforest branches are excellent to use in their enclosures. Live plants are highly recommended to aid in humidity levels, but artificial plants can be used as well.

Humidity: The enclosure should be well ventilated and misted well to keep the humidity high at night (85% to 95%) and let it drop to as low as 30% - 40% during the daytime hours. Too humid all the time can kill your chameleon. Use a hygrometer to maintain a constant humidity level. If housed in a mesh tank, a humidifier or fogger can help keep humidity at an acceptable level. Chameleons will not drink still water very often, so a waterfall, or some sort of drip system is recommended. ***Pisces recommends: Zoo Med Repti-Fogger and MistKing System***

Substrate: Loose Forest substrate with Sphagnum Moss in parts to help with humidity. Repti liner can be used for juveniles, but it can mold quickly so more maintenance will be needed to keep it clean. ***Pisces recommends: Exo-terra Plantation Soil or Zoomed Reptisoil***

Heat: Maintain a temperature of as low as 16 °C at night to as high as 25°C ambient temps during the day (60 °F to 75 °F with a basking spot if between 82 to 84°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 and Arcadia bulbs and fixtures.***

UV Lighting: Use of a full spectrum T5 bulb for 8-12 hours per day is required. UVB bulbs lose effectiveness and need to be replaced every 8-12 months. ***Pisces recommends: Arcadia T5 Pro 6% UVB kit or Arcadia Compact 7% UVB bulb & Arcadia 150w Ceramic Clamp Lamp***

Feeding: Offer food everyday, you can skip a day without causing any harm, but do not make a habit of it. Jackson's Chameleons feed on appropriately sized crickets and worms and will eat pinkie mice when offered on occasion. Place food in a cup or dish for easier hunting.

Vitamins & Supplements: Dust crickets with calcium supplement every 1-2 feedings. And a multivitamin every week or so. Be sure to alternate the use of calcium supplement with and without Vitamin D₃ to prevent overdose. ***Pisces recommends: Pangea pangeacal and Repashy Supervite multivitamin.***

Handling: Jackson's can be handled, use extreme gentleness. Some may be reluctant to be handled, if they appear stressed and show a lot of black in their coloration, put them back in their terrarium and try again later.

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"> ❑ Terrarium (18x18x36 Zoomed Reptibreeze) ❑ Exo Terra branches and jungle vines for climbing ❑ Plants (live is recommended but Exo Terra or Pangea artificial hanging plants can also be used) ❑ Mistking System and Zoomed Reptifogger to maintain humidity (highly recommended) ❑ Exo Terra/Zoomed or Pet-Tekk small water dish but most will not drink from standing water ❑ Exo Terra water fall or Aquascape 70gph circulation pump with tubing to make a DIY drip system for drinking(if it doesn't drink from Mistking) ❑ Jurassic sphagnum moss or terrarium moss | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Jurassic leaf litter and other rainforest litter ❑ Zoomed Reptisoil or Exo Terra plantation soil 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 & Arcadia 150w Ceramic Clamp Lamp ❑ Repashy Supervite multivitamin ❑ Pangea pangeacal calcium supplement ❑ Crickets (2-4wk) ❑ Magnaturals magnetic food ledge for worms ❑ Exo Terra digital thermometer and hydrometer or combometer |
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