



4921 Skyline Way N.E.
 Calgary, Alberta T2E 4G5
 Phone: (403) 274-3314 Fax: (403) 275-6296
www.piscespets.com
 Email: pisces@piscespets.com

Lifespan: Average of 10 to 15 years



Photo by Pisces Pet Emporium

Leaf Tail Gecko

Including: Fringed Leaf Tail, Lined Leaf Tail, Satanic Leaf Tail, Mossy Leaf Tail, etc

Uroplatus fimbriatus, Uroplatus lineatus, Uroplatus phantasticus, Uroplatus Sikorae Sameiti, etc.

Size: Up to 14 inches, Satanic Leaf Tails are smaller.

Sexing: Sexing Leaf Tail Geckos is easier when they are fully grown. Males have hemi-penile bulges that can be easily spotted; females do not have these. Both males and females will have spurs, although they will appear larger on males. Certain species have extra, alternative ways of sexing them.

Enclosure: Leaf Tail Geckos do best in a tall arboreal setup. For 1-2 adult Leaf Tail Geckos, a 18x18x24 is ideal but bigger will be needed for certain species and trios. 1-3 adult Satanic Leaf Tails can be housed in a 18x18x24. Live bioactive setups are recommended. **Pisces recommends: ExoTerra All-Glass Terrariums.**

Hiding/Climbing Spots: Leaf Tail Geckos are nocturnal and are very active during the night. They thrive best in full bioactive setups. Provide lots of foliage, preferably live plants and lots of sticks and branches for climbing. Cork bark is an excellent addition to their terrariums.

Humidity: The enclosure should be well ventilated and misted well to keep the humidity high (65% to 85%) and to aid the process of shedding and prevent health problems. Add a hygrometer to maintain a constant humidity level. MistKings are excellent at maintaining correct humidity.

Substrate: **Substrate:** Loose, moist forest substrate with Sphagnum Moss in parts to help with humidity. **Pisces recommends: Zoomed Reptisoil. Jurassic ABG Mix or Zilla Jungle Mix**

Heat: Maintain a temperature of as low as 18 °C (65 °F) at night to as high as 22°C-24°C (Mid 70s) during the day. Use a heat bulb on one portion of the tank so the animal can escape the warm area if they need to. Research the species you are interested in to identify the optimum temperature as this genus is very fragile and heat sensitive. **Pisces recommends: ExoTerra or Arcadia bulbs and fixtures.**

UV Lighting: Use of a full spectrum T5 for 8-12 hours per day is recommended. UVB bulbs lose effectiveness and need to be replaced every 6-10 months. ***Pisces Recommends Arcadia Pro T5 Rainforest kit (6%)***

Feeding: Leaf Tail geckos feed on appropriately sized crickets and worms. Feed them as many suitably sized crickets as they will eat every other day for adults and every day for babies/juveniles.

Vitamins & Supplements: Dust bugs with a vitamin powder supplement every other feeding. ***Pisces recommends: Repashy Calcium Plus, Rep-Cal Herptivite Multi-Vitamin, Pangeacal***

Handling: Leaf Tail shouldn't be handled unless necessary. Only handle when doing health checkups or cleaning enclosures as they are very fragile and can drop their tails if startled.

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:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Exo Terra Glass terrarium (Small Tall 18x18x24 for mossy leaf tails or satanic leaf tails and Small X-Tall 18x18x36 for larger species like giant leaf tails). ❑ Exo Terra and NewCal Pet Branches for climbing ❑ Exo Terra jungle vines ❑ Zoomed/Jurassic Cork rounds/flats ❑ Plants (live is recommended) ❑ Exo Terra Misting bottle will suffice but a MistKing system is advised ❑ Exo Terra or Zoomed small water dish ❑ Zoomed Reptisoil, Jurassic ABG mix, or Zilla Jungle Mix for substrate ❑ Hydroballs for drainage layer ❑ Exo Terra screen layer divider ❑ Jurassic sphagnum moss or terrarium moss for humidity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Arcadia T5 Pro 6% UVB kit ❑ Exo Terra 75watt Daylight basking lamp & Flukers 5.5in Deluxe Clamp Lamp (if needed but generally not required) ❑ Repashy Supervite multivitamin ❑ Repashy Calcium Plus ❑ Crickets (size dependent on space between geckos' eyes) ❑ Exo Terra digital Thermometer, hydrometer or combometer ❑ Aqua Scape spray foam for background ❑ Fish safe silicone to add substrate to foam background ❑ Jurassic leaf litter ❑ Zoomed Reptifogger can be used for extra humidity if Mistking is not used |
|--|---|

*Reprint of this handout only with permission of and full credit to Pisces Pet Emporium *Safe handling information courtesy of PIJAC Canada*