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Long Tailed Grass Lizard

Takydromus sexlineatus

Lifespan: 3 to 6 years.

Size: Up to 12 inches with most of that length being their tail.

Sexing: Males have a large swelling at the base of the tail; females do not.

Enclosure: The minimum size for keeping 1 to 2 Long Tailed Grass Lizards is 18x18x24 glass enclosure. For 3 or more Long Tailed Grass Lizards, a 18x18x36 or a 24x18x24 would be ideal. The screen top should fit the tank snugly to prevent the Long-Tailed Grass Lizards from escaping.

Pisces recommends: ExoTerra All-Glass Terrariums.

Hiding/Climbing Spots: Long Tailed Grass Lizards love to climb; provide plenty of plants and branches for your Long-Tailed Grass Lizard 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 but shallow enough so they can get out easily. Branches, jungle vines and cork rounds/flats are excellent to provide for your lizard.

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. Provide a water dish large enough for the animal to curl up in to help aid the shedding process. **Pisces Recommends: Exo Terra Misting bottle or a Misting system**

Substrate: The bottom of the enclosure should have a barely moistened forest substrate. Do not use sand. Loose moist forest substrate with added sphagnum moss or terrarium moss is recommended. **Pisces recommends: ExoTerra Plantation Soil, Zoomed Reptisoil and Jurassic ABG mix**

Heat: Maintain a temperature of as low as 19 °C (65 °F) at night to as high as 30°C (86 °F) during the day under the basking light. An ambient temperature of 22-24°C is recommended. 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 8-10 hours per day is required. UVB bulbs lose effectiveness and need to be replaced every 8-12 months. **Pisces recommends: Arcadia T5 Pro D3+ UVB kit or Arcadia Compact 7% UVB bulb & Arcadia 150W Ceramic clamp lamp**

Feeding: Feed (2-3-week-old) crickets every other day for adults and every day to babies and juveniles.

Vitamins & Supplements: Every other feeding, dust crickets with a calcium supplement and a multivitamin supplement once a week. ***Pisces recommends: Repashy Calcium Plus or Pangea pangeacal and Repashy Supervite multivitamin***

Handling: Long Tailed Grass Lizards are small and quick moving, and it is not advised that you handle them unless absolutely necessary (i.e. moving them to clean their tank). If you do need to handle your Long-Tailed Grass Lizard, grasp him gently in a loose fist and let him go where he wants to. They can drop their long tails easily, so be very careful of them.

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:

- ❑ Glass terrarium (Exo Terra Small Tall 18x18x24).
- ❑ Jurassic/Zoomed cork rounds and flats
- ❑ Exo Terra/Newcal/Jurassic branches for climbing
- ❑ Plants (live or Exo Terra and pangea artificial hanging plants and Komodo jungle canopy plants)
- ❑ Exo Terra misting bottle or Mistking System
- ❑ Exo Terra/Zoomed/Pet-Tekk medium water dish (big enough to soak but shallow)
- ❑ Exo Terra plantation soil, Zoomed Reptisoil or Jurassic ABG mix for substrate
- ❑ Exo Terra 75w Daylight Basking lamp & Flukers 5.5in Dimmable Deluxe Clamp Lamp
- ❑ Arcadia T5 Pro D3+ 6% UVB kit or Arcadia Compact 7% bulb with Arcadia Ceramic clamp lamp fixture
- ❑ Repashy Supervite multivitamin
- ❑ Pangea pangeacal
- ❑ Crickets (2-3wk)
- ❑ Exo Terra digital thermometer and hydrometer or combometer
- ❑ Jurassic sphagnum moss or terrarium moss for added humidity
- ❑ Jurassic leaf litter

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