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Arboreal Geckos

Including: Golden Gecko, White Lined Gecko, Fan Footed Gecko, Flying Gecko, etc. Gekko ulikovskii, Gekko Vittatus, Ptyodactylus hasselquisti, Ptychozoon sp., etc.

Lifespan: Up to 10 years or more.

Size: 6 to 8 inches generally.

Sexing: Sexing Arboreal Geckos is easier when they are fully grown. Males have hemi-penile bulges that can be easily spotted; females do not have these.

Enclosure: Arboreal Geckos do best in a tall arboreal setup. For 1-2 adult geckos, an 18x18x24 terrarium is adequate, for more geckos, use a larger tank. *Pisces recommends: ExoTerra All-Glass Terrariums.*

Hiding/Climbing Spots: Arboreal Geckos are nocturnal and are 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. Mist Kings can be added to automatically maintain humidity.

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

Heat: Maintain a temperature of as low as 18°C at night to as high as 24°C during the day (65 °F to 78°F). Use a heat bulb on one portion of the tank so the animal can escape the warm area if they need to. Never exceed 80°F. *Pisces recommends: ExoTerra and Arcadia bulbs and fixtures.*

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

Feeding: Arboreal geckos feed on appropriately sized crickets and worms. Feed them as many 4–5-week crickets as they will eat every other day. Most will also eat Pangea/Repashy gecko diets

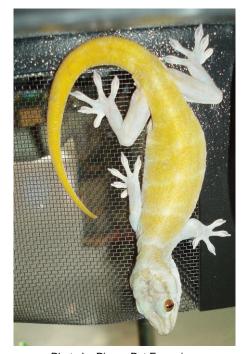


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Vitamins & Supplements: Dust crickets with calcium daily and a vitamin powder supplement every other feeding. *Pisces recommends: Repashy Supervite, Repashy Calcium Plus*

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

Other: Geckos fire up and down 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.

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:

- □ Exo Terra Glass terrarium (Exo Terra Small Tall 18x18x24").
- Exo Terra/NewCal Pet branches and cork branches for climbing
- Plants (live or Exo Terra/Pangea artificial hanging plants and Komodo Jungle canopy plants)
- Exo Terra misting bottle or a MistKing System setup
- Exo Terra/Zoomed or Pet-Tekk small water dish
- Zoomed Reptisoil, Zilla Jungle Mix, or Jurassic ABG mix substrate
- Jurassic sphagnum moss or terrarium moss for humidity
- Exo Terra 50W Daylight Basking Lamp & Flukers 5.5in Dimmable Deluxe Clamp Lamp fixture
- □ Arcadia T5 Pro D3+ 6% UVB kit

- Repashy Supervite
- Repashy Calcium Plus
- Crickets/worms (size of feeder dependent on size of animal)
- Exo Terra digital thermometer, hydrometer or combometer
- Magnaturals magnetic gecko feeding ledge or Pangea acrylic feeding ledge for gecko diet
- Jurassic leaf litters
- Wipeout glass cleaner/disinfectant

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