

# African Fat-Tailed Gecko

*Hemitheconyx caudicinctus*



## CARE SHEET

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**Average Size** 6 - 9 inches long      **Average Life Span** 15 - 20 years

**Diet** African Fat-Tailed Geckos are strict insectivores. Offer a variety of live insects including small crickets, small mealworms, small waxworms, and cockroach nymphs. Some African Fat-Tailed geckos will eat store bought food such as freeze dried crickets and worms.

**Feeding** Feed babies and adults daily, although some keepers will feed adults every other day. Dust food with calcium powder daily & a multivitamin once a week. Feed them the amount they will eat in 10 minutes. Worms can be left in the food bowl.

**Housing** African Fat-Tailed Geckos may be kept alone or in pairs. Never house two males together in the same tank. Two females generally get along well. A male and female will likely breed if housed together.

**Size** - An adult must have a minimum cage size of 20" Long x 10" Deep x 12" High, also known as a 10 gallon tank. A screen lid is recommended for safety.

**Substrate** - Due to humidity requirements an absorbent substrate is desired. Peat moss or coconut fiber are preferred.

**Habitat** - African Fat-Tailed Geckos come from a tropical environment. Provide a hiding spot along with flat basking surfaces. African Fat-Tailed Geckos also need access to a high humidity shedding box. This will allow them to properly shed their skin.

**Temperature** - An African Fat-Tailed Gecko's basking spot should be 90°F. The cool end of the tank can be as cool as 70°F.

**Watering** - Provide a bowl of fresh drinking water at all times. Mist the environment once to twice a day with a spray bottle.

**Lighting** - Since this is a nocturnal species, it requires only one light bulb. This is the heat lamp which also emits UVA. There is no current proof that the animal requires UVB light, although some keepers prefer to provide UVB.