

Crested Gecko

Rhacodactylus ciliatus

CARE SHEET



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Average Size 6 - 7 inches long

Average Life Span 15 - 20 years

Diet Crested Geckos are omnivores. The most commonly used food for Crested Geckos is Repashy Superfood's Crested Gecko Diet, which is a powder that contains vitamins, minerals, protein, bee pollen, spirulina and other nutritious foods for Crested Geckos. Crested Gecko diets can also be supplemented with a variety of live insects including crickets, mealworms, waxworms, silkworms, tomato hornworms, and cockroaches.

Feeding Constant access to the Crested Gecko diet should be available. The diet can be left in the enclosure for 2-3 days before changing as long as it is kept moist. Live insects can be fed once a week as a supplement and should be dusted with calcium powder for each feeding.

Housing Crested Geckos may be kept alone or in groups. Housing multiple males together should only be done with caution and tend to be more successful doing so in large enclosures. 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, coconut fiber or Tropical Mix available at The Tye-Dyed Iguana are suitable.

Habitat - Crested Geckos come from New Caledonia. The environment should consist of diagonal and horizontal branches for perching as well as foliage for hiding. Cork bark rounds are often desired as hiding places.

Temperature - Although they come from a tropical environment, Crested Geckos prefer cooler temperatures. During the day, temperatures in the upper 70s and low 80s are ideal. This can drop to the low mid 70s at night. Crested Geckos will become stressed if exposed to temperatures above 85. In most cases, room temperature will be adequate.

Watering - A small water bowl should be offered. Make sure this is not deep as babies can easily drown if they fall in. Spray the cage with water once or twice a day.

Lighting - Since this is a nocturnal species, lighting is not required. For live planted terrariums or aesthetics light may be used. There is no current proof that this animal requires UVB light, although some keepers prefer to provide UVB.