

Giant Day Gecko

Phelsuma grandis

CARE SHEET



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Average Size 8 - 12 inches long

Average Life Span 6 - 8 years

Diet Giant Day Geckos are omnivores. The most commonly used food for Giant Day 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 Giant Day Geckos. Giant Day 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 Giant Day Geckos may be kept alone or in groups. 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 30" Long x 12" Deep x 12" High, also known as a 20 long tank. An optimal size is a cage that allows for climbing such as ZooMed's 18" x 18" x 18" glass enclosures.

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 - Giant Day Geckos come from Madagascar. 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 - Giant Day Geckos prefer a basking spot of 90°F. The cool end of the enclosure should be kept at 70° - 75°F. Take caution with the basking spot as a tall narrow cage will make the temperature gradient difficult, if not impossible to achieve.

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 diurnal species, it requires two light bulbs. One is the heat lamp which also emits UVA. The second is a UVB lamp. The UVB lamp will specifically say UVB on the box. If the box doesn't say UVB, its not UVB.

Plant and Fish bulbs are not UVB bulbs.

