

Jackson's Chameleon

Chamaeleo jacksonii

CARE SHEET



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Average Size 6 - 8 inches long

Average Life Span 6 - 8 years

Diet Jackson's Chameleons are insectivores, although they eat mostly insects. Offer a variety of live insects including crickets, mealworms, waxworms, and cockroach nymphs. Some lizards will eat store bought food such as freeze dried crickets and worms. Since this food source doesn't move, not all geckos will acknowledge its presence.

Feeding Feed babies twice daily. At 2-3 months of age you can reduce to once daily. Adults can eat daily, although some keepers feed every other day. Dust food with calcium powder daily & a multivitamin once a week. Feed them the amount they will eat in 10 minutes.

Housing Chameleons must be kept alone. They can be kept in groups as babies for the first three months of their life. At three months of age, they must be separated. Chameleons must be kept in screen cages, no exceptions.

Glass Cages = Dead Chameleons

Size - An adult must have a minimum cage size of 16" Long x 16" High x 20" Deep.

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 - Jackson's Chameleons come from Kenya and are tree dwellers. Provide dense foliage and several different sized climbing branches.

Temperature - Jackson's Chameleons need a basking spot of 85°F. The cool end of the tank can be as cool as 70°F.

Watering - Chameleons DO NOT drink standing water. They only drink moving or dripping water. As a result, your chameleon enclosure must be sprayed heavily three times a day. The leaves and decorations should be dripping wet when done spraying. The chameleon will drink the dripping water.

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.