



# Ornate Curly-Tail Lizard

*Leiocephalus schreibersi*

## Care Sheet

### Average Size

8 - 9 inches long

### Average Lifespan

7 - 10 years

### Diet

Ornate Curly-Tail Lizards are insectivores. Offer a variety of live insects including crickets, mealworms, waxworms, and cockroach nymphs.

### 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

**Habitat** - Ornate Curly-Tail Lizards are from the Caribbean and Dominican Republic. They are ground dwellers and love to hide. Provide plenty of hiding places along with flat basking surfaces. Some keepers provide a humidity box to aid in shedding. Ornate Curly-Tail Lizards may be kept alone or in pairs. If housed together lizards should be of similar size to avoid injury. 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 30" Long x 12" Deep x 12" High, also known as a 20 Long.

**Substrate** - Ornate Curly-Tail Lizard's love to dig and burrow. To accommodate this behavior, substrates such as peat moss or coconut fiber are preferred. Provide 3-6 inches of substrate.

**Temperature** - A Ornate Curly-Tail Lizard's basking spot should be 90°- 95°F. The cool end of the tank can be as cool as 70°F.

**Humidity** - Misting the enclosure once daily to help with humidity. Humidity levels should be between 30% - 55%.

**Watering** - Provide a bowl of fresh drinking water at all times.

**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, it's not UVB.

**Plant and Fish bulbs are not UVB bulbs.**



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