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Panther Gecko

Paroedura pictus

Care Sheet

Average Size

4 - 8 inches long

Average Lifespan

10 - 15 years

Diet

Panther Geckos are strict 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 - Panther Geckos come from Madagascar. The environment should be kept warm and humid. Provide a hiding spot along with flat basking surfaces. Panther Geckos may be kept alone or in pairs. If housed together geckos 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 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.

Temperature - A Panther Gecko's basking spot should be 85°F. The cool end of the tank can be as cool as 70°F.

Humidity - Mist the environment 2 - 3 times a day. Humidity levels should be between 60% - 70%.

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

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.

Plant and Fish bulbs are not UVB bulbs.



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