



Cuban False Chameleon

Anolis barbartus

Care Sheet

Average Size

10 - 13 inches long

Average Lifespan

7 - 10 years

Diet

Cuban False Chameleons are insectivores. Offer a variety of live insects including crickets, mealworms, waxworms, and cockroach nymphs. In the wild their diet consists primarily of snails. We recommend feeding 2 snails per week. Do not collect snails from outside. Wild collected snails may have internal parasites.

Feeding

Feed babies and juveniles 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

Habitat - Cuban False Chameleons are native to the tropical climate of Cuba where they inhabit broadleaf forests. The environment should be kept warm and humid. Provide plenty of foliage for hiding along with various branches for climbing. Cuban False Chameleons may be kept alone or in pairs. If housed together Cuban False Chameleons should be of similar size to avoid injury. Never house two males together in the same enclosure. 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 36" Long x 18" Deep x 16" High. Bigger is better.

Substrate - Due to humidity requirements an absorbent substrate is desired. Peat moss, sphagnum moss, or coconut fiber are preferred.

Temperature - A Cuban False Chameleon's basking spot should be 90-95°F. The cool end of the tank can be as cool as 70°F.

Humidity - Mist until the cage and decorations form water droplets and begin to drip. The misting allows the Cuban False Chameleons to drink from water droplets as well as raise the humidity in the enclosure. Cuban False Chameleons require a daytime humidity between 60% - 70%.

Watering - Always provide a bowl of fresh drinking as well as at least a twice a day misting.

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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