



Cuban Knight Anole

Anolis equestris

Care Sheet

Average Size

12 - 20 inches long

Average Lifespan

7 - 15 years

Diet

Cuban Knight Anoles are insectivores. Offer a variety of live insects including crickets, mealworms, waxworms, and cockroach nymphs. They will also eat small rodents such as pinkie mice.

Feeding

Feed babies and juveniles once daily. Adults should also eat daily, although they may not eat as much as a younger Cuban Knight Anole. Dust food with calcium powder daily & a multivitamin once a week. Feed them the amount they will eat in 10 minutes.

Housing

Habitat - Cuban Knight Anoles come from tropical climates such as Cuba and South Florida. The environment should be kept warm and humid. Provide plenty of foliage for hiding along with various branches for climbing. Cuban Knight Anoles may be kept alone or in pairs. If housed together anoles 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 36" Long x 18" Deep x 16" High, also known as a 40 Breeder or a 50-gallon tank. A larger tank is preferred such as a 75 gallon tank.

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

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

Humidity - Cuban Knight Anoles also require high humidity. The cage should be sprayed once to twice daily with a spray bottle. Spray until the cage and decorations are dripping. Humidity levels should be between 60% - 80%.

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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