



# House Gecko

*Hemidactylus frenatus*

## Care Sheet

### Average Size

3 – 5 inches long

### Average Lifespan

3 – 5 years

### Diet

House Geckos are insectivores. Offer a variety of live insects including crickets, waxworms, and cockroach nymphs.

### Feeding

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

### Housing

**Habitat** - House Geckos come from Asia. Due to the pet trade, they have been found in many parts of the world that have warm, humid environments. Provide plenty of foliage for hiding along with various branches for climbing. House Geckos may be kept alone or in pairs. If housed together House 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 House Gecko's basking spot should be 80°- 85°F. The cool end of the tank can be as cool as 70°F.

**Humidity** - House Geckos 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% - 75%.

**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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