



Jackson's Chameleon

Trioceros jacksonii

Care Sheet

Average Size

6 - 8 inches long

Average Lifespan

6 - 8 years

Diet

Jackson's Chameleons are insectivores. Offer a variety of live insects including crickets, mealworms, waxworms, and cockroach nymphs.

Feeding

Feed babies twice daily. At 2-3 months of age you can reduce to 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 - Jackson's Chameleons come from Kenya and are tree dwellers. Provide dense foliage and several different sized climbing branches. Chameleons must be kept alone. They can be kept in groups as babies for the first three months of their life. At three months of age, they must be separated. Chameleons must be kept in screen cages, no exceptions.

Glass Cages = Dead Chameleons

Size - An adult must have a minimum cage size of 16" Long x 16" High x 20" Deep.

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

Temperature - Jackson's Chameleons need a basking spot of 85°F. The cool end of the tank can be as cool as 70°F.

Humidity - Humidity levels should be between 50% - 80%.

Watering - Chameleons DO NOT drink standing water. They only drink moving or dripping water. As a result, your chameleon enclosure must be sprayed heavily three times a day. The leaves and decorations should be dripping wet when done spraying. The chameleon will drink the dripping water.

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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