



# Panther Chameleon

*Furcifer pardalis*

## Care Sheet

### Average Size

10 - 18 inches long

### Average Lifespan

6 - 8 years

### Diet

Panther Chameleons are omnivores, although they eat mostly insects. Offer a variety of live insects including crickets, meal worms, wax worms, silk worms, tomato hornworms, and cockroaches. Vegetation includes turnip greens, collard greens, and mustard greens.

### 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** - Panther Chameleons come from Madagascar 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 Panther Chameleons**

**Size** - An adult must have a minimum cage size of 30" Long x 30" High x 16" Deep.

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

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

**Humidity** - Mist the cage 2-3 times daily. Humidity levels should be between 60% - 70%.

**Watering** - Chameleons DO NOT drink standing water. They only drink moving or dripping water. As a result, your chameleon enclosure must be sprayed heavily once 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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