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Tripoli Gecko

Tropiocolotes tripolitanus

Care Sheet

Average Size

1.5 – 2 inches long

Average Lifespan

3 – 5 years

Diet

Tripoli Geckos are strict insectivores. Offer a variety of live insects including crickets, fruit flies, small mealworms, and tiny cockroach nymphs.

Feeding

Tripoli Geckos should be fed daily. Dust food with calcium powder daily & a multivitamin once a week. Feed them the amount they will eat in 10 minutes. Worms can be left in the food bowl.

Housing

Habitat - Tripoli Geckos come from arid, rocky areas in North Africa. The environment should be kept hot and dry. Provide multiple hiding spots along with flat basking surfaces. Tripoli geckos also need access to a high humidity shedding box. This will allow them to properly shed their skin. Tripoli Geckos may be kept alone or in small groups. If housed together geckos should be of similar size to avoid injury. 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 - Acceptable substrates are ground walnut shell, sand, or cage carpet. The main concern with walnut shell and sand is the possibility of impaction. If the gecko consumes large amounts of the substrate, it could cause intestinal blockage. Cage carpet is the safest option, however, it is difficult to clean easily. Ground walnut is the preferred substrate of The Tye-Dyed Iguana.

Temperature - A Tripoli Gecko's basking spot should be 95°F. The cool end of the tank can be as cool as 70°F.

Humidity - Some keepers mist their geckos two to three times a week with a spray bottle in the evenings. Humidity levels should be between 20%-30%.

Watering - Provide a bowl of fresh drinking water at all times.

Lighting - Since this species tends to be constantly active and from desert regions 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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