



Veiled Chameleon

Chamaeleo calytratus

Care Sheet

Average Size

14 - 20 inches long

Average Lifespan

6 - 8 years

Diet

Veiled 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 - Veiled Chameleons come from Yemen 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 Veiled 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 - Veiled Chameleons need a basking spot of 100°F. The cool end of the tank can be as cool as 70°F.

Humidity - Humidity levels should be kept around 50%.

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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