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Gargoyle Gecko Care Guide

Gargoyle geckos are hardy, fascinating reptiles that make excellent pets for beginners and experienced keepers alike. They come in a variety of colors and patterns and typically live **15–20 years** with proper care.

Housing

- **Enclosure:**
 - A **12x12x18-inch vertical tank** is the minimum size for one adult gecko. Larger enclosures are recommended for multiple geckos.
 - Use a secure screen lid for ventilation.
 - **Substrate:**
 - Use **coconut fiber, reptile bark, or paper-based bedding** (all available at Wet Pets N Critters). These help maintain humidity.
 - **Decor:**
 - Add **branches, cork bark, and artificial plants** for climbing and hiding.
 - Provide at least **two hides**: one on the warm side and one on the cool side.
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Temperature & Humidity

- **Temperature:**
 - Daytime: 72–78°F
 - Nighttime: 68–72°F
 - Gargoyle geckos do not need high heat; room temperature is usually fine. If your home is cool, use a **low-wattage heat source** (available at Wet Pets N Critters).
 - **Humidity:**
 - 50–70%
 - Mist the enclosure lightly in the evening to maintain humidity. A **humidity gauge** helps monitor levels.
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Lighting

- Gargoyle geckos do not require UVB lighting, but **low-level UVB** can be beneficial and is optional.
- Maintain a **12-hour light/dark cycle** using natural light or a low-wattage bulb on a timer.

Diet

Gargoyle geckos are **omnivores** and thrive on a **commercial gecko diet** (available at Wet Pets N Critters). Offer this as their staple food.

For variety, you can also provide:

- **Insects** such as small crickets or dubia roaches (dust with **calcium and vitamin D3 powder** 2–3 times a week).
- Occasional small amounts of pureed fruit (as a treat only).

Feed adults **every other day** and juveniles **daily**.

Water

Provide a shallow **water dish** with fresh water daily. Gargoyle geckos also drink water droplets from misting.

Cleaning & Maintenance

- Spot-clean waste as needed.
- Replace substrate and disinfect the enclosure with a **reptile-safe cleaner** every 4–6 weeks.
- Clean water and food dishes daily.

Handling

Gargoyle geckos can be handled gently, but they are best observed more than handled. Allow them to climb on your hands without gripping them too tightly.

Health Tips

A healthy gargoyle gecko should:

- Be active, especially in the evening
- Have clear eyes and healthy skin
- Shed regularly and fully

If you notice weight loss, refusal to eat, or incomplete sheds, consult a reptile-savvy veterinarian.

Supplies Checklist (Available at Wet Pets N Critters)

- Vertical glass enclosure with screen lid
- Coconut fiber, reptile bark, or paper bedding
- Gecko diet
- Calcium and vitamin D3 powder
- Water dish
- Humidity gauge

- Misting bottle
 - Branches, cork bark, and artificial plants
 - Reptile-safe cleaner
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