



## Wet Pets N Critters

### Crested Gecko Care Guide

Crested geckos are fun, easy-to-care-for reptiles that are ideal for both beginners and experienced keepers. They come in many colors and patterns and typically live **10–15 years** with proper care.

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### Housing

- **Enclosure Size:**
    - A **12x12x18-inch vertical tank** is ideal for one adult. Larger enclosures allow more space for climbing and exploring.
  - **Enclosure Type:**
    - Use a **glass terrarium** with a **secure screen lid** for ventilation.
  - **Substrate:**
    - Use **coconut fiber, reptile bark, or paper-based bedding** (available at Wet Pets N Critters) to help maintain humidity.
  - **Decor:**
    - Provide **branches, cork bark, vines, and artificial plants** for climbing and hiding.
    - Include 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: 65–72°F
    - Crested geckos thrive at room temperature—**no heat lamp is usually needed** unless your home is cooler.
  - **Humidity:**
    - 60–80%
    - Mist the enclosure lightly once or twice a day and monitor with a **humidity gauge**.
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### Lighting

- Crested geckos do not require UVB, but a **low-level UVB (5.0)** can be beneficial and is optional.

- Maintain a **12-hour light/dark cycle** using natural light or a low-wattage bulb.
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## Diet

Crested geckos are **omnivores** and thrive on a **commercial crested gecko diet** (available at Wet Pets N Critters).

- Feed **crested gecko food** 4–5 times per week.
  - Offer **live insects** like small crickets or dubia roaches (2–3 times per week). Dust insects with **calcium and vitamin D3 powder** (also available at Wet Pets N Critters).
  - Provide a shallow **water dish** with fresh water daily.
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## Cleaning & Maintenance

- Spot-clean waste daily.
- Replace substrate every 4–6 weeks.
- Clean the enclosure with a **reptile-safe cleaner** (available at Wet Pets N Critters) monthly.
- Clean food and water dishes daily.

## Handling

Crested geckos are generally calm and easy to handle, but they can **jump**! Handle gently and over a soft surface. Support their body and avoid grabbing their tail—it may drop off (this is normal, but it won't grow back).

## Health Tips

A healthy crested gecko should:

- Be active and alert, especially at night
- Have clear eyes and smooth skin
- Shed regularly and completely

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

## Supplies Checklist (Available at Wet Pets N Critters)

- Vertical glass enclosure
- Screen lid
- Coconut fiber, reptile bark, or paper-based bedding
- Branches, cork bark, vines, and artificial plants
- Commercial crested gecko diet
- Calcium and vitamin D3 powder
- Small crickets or dubia roaches
- Shallow water dish
- Misting bottle
- Humidity gauge

- Reptile-safe cleaner