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Leopard Gecko Care Guide

Leopard geckos are one of the most popular reptiles for beginners. They are hardy, easy to care for, and can live **10–20 years** with proper care.

Housing

- **Enclosure:**
 - A **20-gallon tank** is a good size for one adult leopard gecko.
 - Use a secure **screen lid** for proper ventilation.
- **Substrate:**
 - Use **reptile carpet, coconut fiber, or reptile-safe loose substrate** (available at Wet Pets N Critters). Avoid sand, as it can cause impaction if swallowed.
- **Hides:**
 - Provide at least **three hides**: one on the warm side, one on the cool side, and one humid hide (lined with damp moss or coconut fiber for shedding).
- **Decor:**
 - Add rocks, branches, and reptile-safe decor for enrichment.

Temperature & Lighting

- **Basking Area:** 88–92°F
- **Cool Side:** 75–80°F
- **Nighttime:** Can drop to 70–75°F
- Use an **under-tank heat mat** (available at Wet Pets N Critters) for belly heat, which is essential for digestion.
- Leopard geckos do not require UVB lighting but benefit from a regular **12-hour light/dark cycle** using a low-wattage bulb or room light.

Use a **digital thermometer** to monitor temperatures.

Humidity

Leopard geckos prefer **30–40% humidity**.
Provide a **humid hide** to help with shedding. Mist the hide lightly as needed.

Diet

Leopard geckos are insectivores. Feed a variety of live insects, such as:

- Crickets
- Mealworms
- Dubia roaches

Dust insects with **calcium and vitamin D3 powder** (available at Wet Pets N Critters) at every feeding. Feed adults **every other day** and juveniles **daily**.

Provide a **shallow dish of water** and refresh it daily.

Cleaning & Maintenance

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

Handling

Leopard geckos are generally docile and easy to handle. Handle them gently and regularly to build trust. Support their entire body and avoid sudden movements.

Health Tips

A healthy leopard gecko should:

- Have clear eyes
- Be active and alert
- Eat regularly
- Shed in complete pieces

If your gecko stops eating, has trouble shedding, or shows signs of weight loss, consult a reptile-savvy veterinarian.

Supplies Checklist (Available at Wet Pets N Critters)

- 20-gallon tank or larger
- Screen lid
- Under-tank heat mat
- Digital thermometer
- Reptile carpet, coconut fiber, or safe loose substrate
- Three hides (warm, cool, humid)
- Calcium and vitamin D3 powder
- Water dish

- Live insects (crickets, mealworms, dubia roaches)
 - Reptile-safe cleaner
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