



Crested & Gargoyle Gecko Care Sheet

The Crested & Gargoyle Gecko are one of the easiest reptiles to care for! These arboreal geckos do great at room temperature and are fruit eaters. They are excellent climbers and are capable of leaping surprisingly far distances.

Crested Geckos can drop their tail if threatened, and while this does not affect the health of the gecko, they will never regrow it. They come from New Caledonia and were thought to be extinct until they were rediscovered in 1994.

The Gargoyle Gecko is closely related to the Crested Gecko and hails from the islands of New Caledonia. These geckos are generally very laid back and easy to handle. Like the Crested Gecko, they can drop their tails when threatened, but they will regrow them!

- **Adult Size:** Approx 8 inches.
- **Life Expectancy:** 15 years.
- **Enclosure Size:** A terrarium 18x18x24 is the perfect size for an adult, if you get a juvenile start with a 12x12x18 terrarium and then upgrade as it grows. Putting a juvenile in a larger enclosure can really stress the animal out, they do not feel safe in such large surroundings and may not come out of their hiding spot to find their food.
- **Lighting:** These geckos do not require any heat or UV although they would benefit from UV if offered. They still require a day/night cycle so having them in a living room or bedroom where they would get natural light from windows would be sufficient to create this cycle.
- **Temperature:** Room temperature (68-72 degrees F) is best. Crested & Gargoyle geckos **do not** tolerate temperatures over 85 degrees F or lower than 65 F.
- **Humidity:** 50-70%. Mist your gecko once or twice a day to maintain humidity. These animals do not drink standing water, so misting provides droplets for them to drink. Offering a waterfall will provide moving water as well as maintain humidity. Coco fibre is a great substrate to help maintain humidity.
- **Basic Enclosure Setup:** A glass enclosure with a secure lid, plenty of leaves, branches, and ledges for climbing, a waterfall or shallow water dish, 1-3 inches of substrate (co co fibre or moss are good options), thermometer, arboreal food dish, and a feeding cup for insects if you choose to offer the occasional insect.

- **Feeding:** We recommend Repashy or Pangea Crested Gecko diet for feeding your gecko. It is a fruit based diet with all the proper vitamins and minerals for a healthy gecko. You can also offer your Gecko crickets dusted with a calcium supplement once or twice a month, although if they are eating Repashy/Pangea feeding insects is not necessary. Offer fresh food every evening as these animals are nocturnal.
- **Maintenance:** Offer fresh water every day, remove any feces, and mist once or twice a day. If you are keeping up with your daily maintenace you should only need to do a full clean of the enclosure every 3 to 4 months.