

Leopards succeed in a hot, dry, but humid environment.

Temperature:

- Basking at 95-115F
- Daytime warm side at 85-90F Daytime cool side at 80-85F
- Nighttime at 80-83F

Humiditu:

Hot side: 40-60% RH

Cool side: 60-80% RH

A puc enclosure would meet both the temperature and humidity requirement without much intervention.

Tousing needs

Starter enclosure:

4x2x2 feet PVC closed-chamber

Lighting:

- Basking floodlamp T5 High Output UVB strip LEDs (optional)

Heatina:

Nighttime supplemental heat source on thermostat

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Substrate:

3-inch deep orchid bark

Decor:

- **Humid hide**
- Basking slate
- Shallow water bowl

Maintenance:

- Hot- and cool-side hygrometers
- Temperature gun UV meter (optional)



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Species: Stigmochelys Pardalis

Lifespan: ~ 50-80 years

Size: ~ 10-18 inches

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Hydration

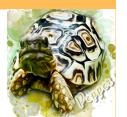
- Ensure proper humidity is met
- Always have clean water available
- Soak your tortoise 15-30 minutes daily for as long as you can keep it up

Enrichment: a happy tortoise is not a stressed tortoise

- Provide cuttlebone
- Have more than one hiding spot
- Switch up or add more feeding areas to encourage exploration
- Rearrange housing decor at least once a year
- Reduce handling, especially during their first year with you

Tortoise keeping is a commitment. It is important that not only proper care is maintained but also you must learn your pets' behaviors to ensure you spot changes in their day-to-day life. A small change in their behavior could lead to a life-or-death situation we do not want them to experience.

ALWAYS DO MORE RESEARCH TO ENSURE YOU MEET THE NEEDS OF YOUR BELOVED LEOPARD TORTOISE



Multilian

Leopard tortoises are herbivores feeding on high-fiber, low-protein diet.

Daily meals should consist of:

- 70% grasses and hay such as timothy, orchard, bermuda, wheat, or rye
- 15% weeds such as clovers, dandelions, and plantain
- 10% flowers and leaves such as hibiscus, geranium, mulberry, and cactus
- 5% commercial pellets such as Mazuri 5M21/LS, Zoo Med Grassland, or Lugarti Premium Pellets

A great source of tortoise safe plants can be found at <u>The Tortoise Table</u>.

A good amount of salad should be about the size of your tortoise's shell.

To ensure complete nutrition is being met, supplement their meal with a sprinkle of calcium powder twice a week and vitamins bi-weekly.



Leopard Tortoise

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What not to do

- Keeping the substrate wet
- Feeding only one type of food
- Housing in open-top enclosures during baby years
- Leaving food overnight
- Using heat mats for belly heat

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