

Green & Brown Anole Care Guide

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Basic Info

Species: *Anolis carolinensis* (Green Anole), *Anolis sagrei* (Brown Anole)

Lifespan: 4-8 years in captivity

Adult Size: 5-8 inches including tail

Temperament: Skittish, quick, and best observed rather than handled

Best for: Beginner to intermediate keepers

Enclosure Setup

Tank Size:

- Minimum 10-gallon vertical tank for a single anole
- 18x18x24 or larger for groups (only one male per enclosure)
- Secure screen lid is a must

Temperature & Heating:

- Basking area: 88-92°F
- Ambient temp: 75-82°F
- Night temp: 65-72°F
- Use a low-watt basking bulb on a thermostat

Humidity:

- Maintain 60-75% humidity
- Mist 1-2 times daily
- Use a digital hygrometer to monitor

Lighting:

- UVB required (T5 HO 5.0 or Arcadia 6%)
- 12-hour light/dark cycle
- Provide full access to UVB and basking areas

Substrate:

- Coconut fiber, cypress mulch, or bioactive substrate
- Must retain moisture but not remain wet

Décor & Enrichment:

- Provide vertical climbing surfaces: branches, vines, plants
- Add multiple hides and shaded areas

Diet & Feeding

Feeding Frequency:

- Juveniles: Daily
- Adults: Every other day

Diet:

- Crickets, small dubia roaches, black soldier fly larvae, fruit flies
- Insects must be gut-loaded and properly sized

Supplementation:

- Calcium with D3: 2-3x/week
- Multivitamin: 1x/week
- Dust insects before feeding

Water & Hydration:

- Mist to provide droplets for drinking
- Optional shallow water dish (not always used)

Handling & Behavior

Handling:

- Not recommended - very delicate and fast
- May drop tail or become stressed

Behavior to Expect:

- Diurnal and very active
- Will display head-bobs, dewlap flares, and territorial behavior
- Change color depending on mood and temperature

Supplies Checklist

- 10-20+ gallon vertical terrarium
- UVB bulb and low-watt basking bulb
- Digital thermometer and hygrometer
- Misting bottle or automatic mister
- Moist substrate and live/fake plants
- Gut-loaded insect feeders and supplements
- Climbing branches and shaded areas

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