



## **House Gecko Care Guide**

*Presented by Custom Creatures Pet Shop*

### **Basic Info**

Species: *Hemidactylus frenatus* (Common House Gecko)

Lifespan: 5-10 years in captivity

Adult Size: 3-5 inches

Temperament: Fast, shy, and best kept as display pets rather than for handling

Best for: Beginners seeking a small, low-cost reptile with minimal handling needs

### **Enclosure Setup**

Tank Size:

- 10-15 gallon vertical enclosure for 1-2 geckos
- Secure, escape-proof screen lid is essential

Temperature & Heating:

- Daytime: 78-85°F
- Basking spot: 88-90°F
- Night: Can drop to 70-75°F
- Use a low-wattage basking bulb or ceramic heat emitter

Humidity:

- Maintain 60-70% humidity
- Mist once or twice daily

- Provide good ventilation to avoid mold or respiratory issues

#### Lighting:

- UVB is not required but a low-output UVB (5.0) may benefit long-term health
- Maintain a 12-hour day/night light cycle

#### Substrate:

- Coconut fiber, eco earth, or paper towels
- Spot clean regularly and replace as needed

#### Décor & Hides:

- Provide cork bark, fake plants, vines, and vertical branches
- Multiple hides at different heights increase comfort and security

## **Diet & Feeding**

#### Feeding Frequency:

- Juveniles: Feed daily
- Adults: Feed every other day

#### Food Options:

- Crickets, small dubia roaches, black soldier fly larvae, fruit flies
- Prey should be appropriately sized and gut-loaded

#### Supplementation:

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

#### Water & Hydration:

- Mist enclosure to allow drinking from surfaces
- Provide a shallow water dish and change water daily

## **Handling & Behavior**

#### Handling:

- Not recommended for frequent handling
- Can be extremely fast and fragile - better as a display species

#### Behavior to Expect:

- Nocturnal and arboreal
- May chirp, squeak, or drop tail when threatened
- Active climbers and wall walkers

### **Supplies Checklist**

- 10-15 gallon tall tank with screen lid
- Basking bulb or ceramic heat emitter
- Digital thermometer and hygrometer
- Misting bottle
- Humidity-retaining substrate
- Hides, branches, and climbing décor
- Shallow water dish
- Insect feeders and supplements

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