



Baby Crested Gecko Care Guide

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Basic Info

Species: *Correlophus ciliatus*

Lifespan: 15-20+ years in captivity

Adult Size: 7-9 inches (including tail)

Temperament: Calm, curious, and good for handling (with supervision)

Best for: Beginner-friendly and low-maintenance

Enclosure Setup

Tank Size:

- 10-20 gallon vertical terrarium or 12x12x18 for babies
- Vertical space is more important than floor space

Temperature & Heating:

- Ideal range: 72-78°F
- Avoid temps over 82°F - can cause stress or death
- No heat lamp needed unless room drops below 68°F

Humidity:

- Maintain 60-80% humidity
- Mist enclosure 1-2 times daily
- Allow humidity to drop between mistings to prevent mold

Lighting:

- No UVB required but low-level UVB (5.0) can be beneficial
- Provide 12-hour light/dark cycle

Substrate:

- Paper towels for babies (easy to monitor waste and clean)
- Eco earth, coconut fiber, or bioactive mixes for older geckos

Décor & Climbing Surfaces:

- Include branches, cork bark, foliage, and vertical climbing options
- Provide multiple hides, including leaf cover

Diet & Feeding

Feeding Frequency:

- Offer food every day for babies

Diet:

- Commercial crested gecko diet (CGD) mixed with water (primary food)
- Occasional feeder insects (1-2x/week): small crickets or dubia roaches
- Insects must be gut-loaded and dusted with calcium

Supplementation:

- Most CGD diets are complete, but supplement insects with calcium + D3

Water & Hydration:

- Shallow water dish available at all times
- Mist daily for drinking opportunities off leaves and walls

Handling & Behavior

Handling:

- Wait at least 1-2 weeks before handling after purchase
- Gently scoop them, avoid tail grabbing
- Babies may jump - handle over a soft surface

Behavior to Expect:

- Nocturnal and arboreal (active at night, loves to climb)
- Tail loss is permanent and not harmful - called a 'frog butt'
- Vocalizing (chirps or squeaks) is normal for stress or social behavior

Supplies Checklist

- Vertical terrarium with screen top (10-20 gal)
- Branches and climbing décor
- Water dish and shallow food bowl
- Commercial crested gecko diet (CGD)
- Small feeder insects (optional)
- Hygrometer and digital thermometer
- Mist bottle or automatic mister
- Substrate (paper towel or coconut fiber)

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