

Baby Leopard Gecko Care Guide

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Basic Info

Species: Eublepharis macularius

Lifespan: 10-20 years with proper care

Adult Size: 7-10 inches

Temperament: Calm, curious, and easy to handle

Best for: Beginners and experienced keepers alike

Enclosure Setup

Tank Size:

- 10-20 gallon tank for one juvenile

- 20 gallons or more for multiple geckos (females only - no cohabitating males)

Temperature & Heating:

- Warm side: 88-92°F (use under-tank heater with thermostat)

- Cool side: 75-80°F

- Night temps can drop to low 70s

- No UVB required, but optional for enhanced wellness

Humidity:

- Maintain 30-40% general humidity
- Provide a humid hide for shedding (use moist moss or paper towel)

Substrate:

- Paper towels, reptile carpet, or tile for babies
- Avoid loose substrates (sand, walnut shell) due to impaction risk

Hides & Décor:

- Minimum of 3 hides: warm side, cool side, and humid hide
- Add climbing structures and artificial plants for enrichment

Diet & Feeding

Feeding Frequency:

- Babies: Feed daily

- Juveniles: Feed every other day as they grow

Food Types:

- Small crickets, mealworms, dubia roaches, and black soldier fly larvae
- Feed insects no larger than the space between their eyes

Supplementation:

- Calcium with D3: 4-5 times/week

- Multivitamin: 1-2 times/week

- Lightly dust insects before feeding

Water & Hydration:

- Provide a shallow water dish at all times
- Keep it clean and filled with fresh water daily

Handling & Behavior

Handling:

- Allow 1-2 weeks to adjust before frequent handling
- Start slow, be gentle, and never grab from above

Behavior to Expect:

- Active during evening and night (nocturnal)

- Tail waving can indicate nervousness
- May vocalize softly or wag tail before hunting

Supplies Checklist

- 10-20 gallon tank with secure lid
- Under-tank heater with thermostat
- Digital thermometer
- Three hides (warm, cool, humid)
- Feeding tongs
- Calcium and multivitamin powders
- Water dish
- Appropriate feeder insects
- Paper towels or solid substrate

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