



## **Tokay Gecko Care Guide**

*Presented by Custom Creatures Pet Shop*

### **Basic Info**

Species: Gekko gekko (Tokay Gecko)

Lifespan: 10-20 years in captivity

Adult Size: 10-14 inches

Temperament: Defensive, territorial, and not recommended for handling

Best for: Experienced keepers due to aggression and size

### **Enclosure Setup**

Tank Size:

- Juveniles: 10-15 gallon vertical tank
- Adults: Minimum 18x18x24 enclosure
- Vertical climbing space is essential

Temperature & Heating:

- Daytime: 80-88°F
- Basking spot: 90-95°F (optional)
- Night temps: 72-78°F
- Use a ceramic heat emitter or low-wattage heat bulb as needed

Humidity:

- Maintain 60-80% humidity

- Mist enclosure 1-2 times daily
- Provide adequate ventilation to prevent mold

#### Lighting:

- No UVB required but low-level UVB (5.0) may improve long-term health
- Provide a 12-hour light/dark cycle

#### Substrate:

- Coconut fiber, eco earth, or bioactive substrate
- Add sphagnum moss or leaf litter to help retain humidity

#### Décor & Climbing Surfaces:

- Cork bark, vines, bamboo, and branches
- Include multiple elevated hides and foliage
- Cover 3 sides of the enclosure to reduce stress

## **Diet & Feeding**

#### Feeding Frequency:

- Juveniles: Feed daily
- Adults: Feed every 2-3 days

#### Food Options:

- Crickets, dubia roaches, black soldier fly larvae, superworms, occasional pinkies
- Insects should be appropriately sized and gut-loaded

#### Supplementation:

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

#### Water & Hydration:

- Mist enclosure to provide droplets for drinking
- Offer a shallow water dish, changed daily

## **Handling & Behavior**

### Handling:

- Not recommended - tokays are aggressive and may bite hard
- Use tools or protective gloves when enclosure maintenance is needed

### Behavior to Expect:

- Nocturnal and extremely vocal
- Will bark, growl, or lunge if threatened
- Territorial and best enjoyed as a display animal

## **Supplies Checklist**

- Vertical terrarium (18x18x24 or larger)
- Ceramic heat emitter or low-watt basking bulb
- Digital thermometer and hygrometer
- Mist bottle or humidifier
- UVB bulb (optional)
- Bioactive or coco-based substrate
- Climbing décor and hides
- Feeder insects and supplement powders

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