



Chinese Cave Gecko Care Guide

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Basic Info

Species: Goniurosaurus spp. (commonly Goniurosaurus luii or G. araneus)

Lifespan: 10-15 years with proper care

Adult Size: 7-9 inches

Temperament: Shy, reclusive, but usually calm and handleable

Best for: Intermediate keepers due to humidity and temperature sensitivity

Enclosure Setup

Tank Size:

- 10-20 gallon tank for one adult
- Low-profile horizontal tanks are ideal (no vertical climbing needed)
- Secure lid required

Temperature & Heating:

- Ideal range: 72-78°F during the day
- Night temps: 65-72°F (cooler temps tolerated better than hot)
- Avoid basking bulbs or high heat sources
- Use a low-wattage heat mat on the side or bottom if needed

Humidity:

- Maintain 60-80% humidity

- Mist lightly once or twice a day
- Include a moist hide and monitor with a hygrometer

Lighting:

- No UVB required, but a soft light for a 12-hour day/night cycle is recommended
- Keep enclosure in a low-light or shaded room

Substrate:

- Moist eco earth, coco fiber, or bioactive substrate
- Avoid dry or dusty substrates like sand

Décor & Hides:

- Provide multiple hides: warm, cool, and humid
- Add cork bark, rocks, and foliage to create a dark, secure environment

Diet & Feeding

Feeding Frequency:

- Juveniles: Feed every other day
- Adults: Feed 2-3 times per week

Food Options:

- Small crickets, dubia roaches, and black soldier fly larvae
- Occasional waxworms or mealworms as treats
- Insects should be appropriately sized and gut-loaded

Supplementation:

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

Water & Hydration:

- Keep a shallow water dish available at all times
- Change water daily
- Ensure moist hide is always slightly damp

Handling & Behavior

Handling:

- Handle gently and infrequently at first
- Avoid daytime handling - they are crepuscular/nocturnal
- Do not grab their tail; it can drop if threatened

Behavior to Expect:

- Nocturnal and secretive
- Will spend most time in hides or exploring at night
- May hiss or flee when startled but rarely bite

Supplies Checklist

- 10-20 gallon horizontal tank with secure lid
- Moist substrate (eco earth or similar)
- Digital thermometer and hygrometer
- 3 hides: warm, cool, and humid
- Shallow water dish
- Insect feeder supply and supplement powders
- Low-watt heat mat (optional)
- Misting bottle or humidifier

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