



Starry Night Geckos

Tokay Gecko Care Sheet

Introduction

Congratulations on your decision to welcome a Tokay gecko into your home! Tokay geckos are known for their vibrant colors and distinctive vocalizations, making them fascinating pets to observe. This care sheet will provide you with essential information to ensure the well-being of your Tokay gecko.

Housing

1. Enclosure

- Provide a vertically oriented glass terrarium with secure, escape-proof lids. A 20-gallon tank can accommodate one adult Tokay gecko, with larger tanks recommended for multiple geckos.
- Incorporate branches, cork bark, and other climbing structures to mimic their natural habitat.
- Ensure adequate ventilation to maintain proper air circulation within the enclosure.

2. Substrate

- Use a substrate that retains moisture well, such as coconut fiber or cypress mulch.
- Avoid substrates that may be ingested and cause impaction, such as sand or gravel.
- Provide a substrate depth of at least 2-3 inches to allow for burrowing and moisture retention.

3. Temperature and Lighting

- Maintain a temperature gradient ranging from 75-85°F (24-29°C) during the day, with a slight drop at night.
- Utilize a basking spot with a temperature of around 90°F (32°C).
- UVB lighting is not mandatory but can benefit their overall health and calcium metabolism.



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Diet

1. Main Diet

- Offer a varied diet consisting primarily of gut-loaded insects such as crickets, roaches, and mealworms.
- Supplement their diet with occasional pinkie mice or small reptile-safe fruits, such as papaya or figs.
- Dust insects with a calcium supplement powder before feeding to ensure proper calcium intake.

2. Feeding Schedule

- Feed juvenile Tokay geckos daily, offering an amount of food they can consume within 10-15 minutes.
- Adult Tokay geckos can be fed every other day, adjusting the portion size based on their appetite and activity level.
- Ensure fresh water is always available in a shallow dish and mist the enclosure regularly to maintain humidity.

Handling

1. Cautious Handling

- Tokay geckos are by nature very aggressive and will bark and bite when startled. With time, tokays can be tame, but it will take work.
- If you wish to handle your Tokay gecko, do so with care and confidence, avoiding sudden movements that may startle them.
- Support their body properly and avoid grabbing towards their face.
- If the gecko becomes handleable, limit handling sessions to short durations to minimize stress on the gecko.
- If you decide to breed your tokay, keep in mind that they will guard and raise their young. Eggs are laid inside the cage and allowed to hatch. The parents will raise the offspring once they leave the egg.



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Health

1. Regular Monitoring

- Monitor your Tokay gecko for signs of illness, including lethargy, loss of appetite, or abnormal behaviors.
- Seek veterinary attention promptly if any concerning symptoms arise, as early intervention is key to successful treatment.

2. Hygiene

- Maintain a clean enclosure by spot cleaning feces and soiled substrate regularly.
- Clean and disinfect water dishes and climbing structures periodically to prevent bacterial growth and maintain a hygienic environment.

Enrichment

1. Environmental Enrichment

- Provide a variety of climbing structures, hiding spots, and artificial plants to create a stimulating environment for your Tokay gecko.
- Incorporate live plants (non-toxic) to enhance the aesthetic appeal and provide additional hiding places.
- Offer different textures and materials for exploration, such as cork bark, rocks, and PVC pipes.

Conclusion

Tokay geckos are unique and rewarding pets that can thrive with proper care and attention. By following this care sheet and providing suitable environment, diet, and surroundings, you can ensure the health and well-being of your Tokay gecko for years to come. Remember to observe your gecko regularly and seek professional advice if needed to address any concerns promptly.