

## Leopard Gecko

# CARE SHEET

Leopard Geckos are easy to care for and make great beginner reptile pets.  
Here's a basic care sheet to get you started:



### Enclosure:

- Minimum size for adults: 36" L x 18" W x 18" H (40-gallon breeder style enclosure)
- Young geckos: Temporary enclosure 10-20 gallons
- Shape: Wider than tall – terrestrial (ground-dweller) set up
- Ventilation: Well-ventilated enclosure with screen top

### Habitat:

- Substrate: A mixture of organic topsoil (50%), play sand (30%) and clay such as ZooMed's Excavator Clay (20%)
- Decor: Live plants such as succulents, reptile-safe faux plants, and cork bark tubes provide the necessary hiding places
- Rocks create various levels to assist the gecko with getting closer to the heat source
- Water Dish: Shallow dish with fresh water should be accessible at all times
- Humid Hide: a hiding place that contains moist sphagnum moss located on the cool side of the enclosure
- Additional hiding places should be located across the enclosure so the gecko can choose the right temperature to hide

### Daytime Temperature:

- Cool Side of Enclosure: 70-75°F (can be slightly cooler at night)
- Hot Side of Enclosure: Basking spot should be at about 95-100°F
- Any heat source should be regulated by a proportional thermostat (Herpstat) to prevent heat related injury or death

### Humidity:

- Maintain humidity at 30-40% by having well ventilated screen or mesh top

### Lighting:

- Low-level UVB bulb (5%) recommended for vitamin D3 synthesis

### Diet & Feeding:

- Offer live insects, such as Dubia roaches or crickets (dusted with calcium powder) daily
- Offer treats such as superworms or horned worms weekly
- Fresh water changed daily

### Cleaning:

- Leos often pick a 'potty spot' and use that same spot in the cage every time they potty!
- Spot clean daily, unless completely bio-active (you have added isopods and springtails to assist with cleaning)
- Fully clean every 4-6 weeks, with reptile-safe disinfectant

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*This is in no way meant to be a complete care guide, rather a helpful reference to get you started*

