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# Life Style

Leopard Geckos are one of the most marvelous creatures on earth. From their tiny heads, to their droppable tails, leos are a beautiful work of art. Leos come in different morphs (varieties), and all leos are unique. Some of the morphs include high yellow, hypo, lemon frost, and the most expensive, a black night. A leo's tail can drop (fall off) if a predator threatens them. They drop their tail, and scurry away. The tails grow back, and it takes months for it to be fully grown. Some of the places they live are Afghanistan and Iran. They like to hide, and can live 15 years in the wild. They are nocturnal creatures, and are mostly active at dawn and dusk.



# Diet

Leos are mainly omnivores and eat a variety of different foods. They eat gut loaded crickets, mealworms, superworms, wax worms, dubia roaches, phoenix worms, and on occasion, small pinkie mice. They need calcium powder sprinkled on their food once or twice a week, but you can get broken down calcium powder as well.





## *Fun Facts*

- Leopard geckos lick their eyeballs because they don't have full eyelids
- A baby leo sheds every 2 weeks, and a juvenile leo sheds once a month
- Leos can change colors, like for example, go from a lot of spots to barely any
- They can live in desert like areas, such as grasslands, and rocky shrub-steppes
- Some leo morphs are mac snows, high yellows, carrot tails, hypos, albinos, and tremper albinos
- You need to have a place to hide, some rocks, and a water bowl in a leos cage
- If you incubate leo eggs at 80 degrees, they will be 100% female. If you incubate them at 87 degrees, they will be a mix of female and male. If you incubate the eggs at 90-98 degrees, you will get all males



# Be unique

Leos come in all different morphs! If you look at this table, you can see a whole bunch of them!





## *Leos as pets*

Here is everything you need to know about having a pet leo! First, you need to buy a cage, some heat lamps, a water dish, a hide, and a thermometer. It needs to be between 80 degrees through 90 degrees for the best habitat. Leos shed, so you need to keep it moist when they turn gray, and look like they are going to shed. It is normal for leos to eat their skin while shedding. For you products, I recommend buying a desert lizard bundle from Zilla. I got all my supplies at Petco, and my leo as well. If you don't want to buy from a pet store, and want to buy from a breeder, there are plenty of breeders, and plenty of geckos. To help your new leo get used to you, don't pick them up, as they may hiss, chirp and "scream" if you try to touch them. First, just put your hand in the cage and let the gecko come to you. Leos may lick you, and it might feel weird at first feeling a gecko for the first time, but you will get used to it. A leo needs to be at least 3 months or 4 months old to be able to find out their gender. If your gecko has a skinny tail, that could mean they're sick, or they're malnourished. If they have a fat tail, that's a good sign. In captivity, leos can live up to 20 years. Who knows, maybe you and your leo will be best friends! Good luck! Have fun with your new leo!

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