New Caledonia Gecko Care Sheet



This care sheet covers basic care for Gargoyle, Crested, Leachianus, and Chahoua Geckos.

*Enclosure and Habitat*

* Baby Geckos can be started in a 12” x 12” x 18” enclosure. Adults can live in an 18” x 18” x 24” enclosure or bigger. Being arboreal geckos, they need a lot of vertical space.
* New Caledonia geckos are solitary and do better on their own.
* Give them plenty of branches and plants to climb and hide under.
* Substrate: Reptisoil, EcoEarth, Forest Floor, or a mixture of the three can be used as as substrate for your gecko.
* You can get food and water bowls that attach to the glass of the enclosure, so they are suspended off the ground.
* Geckos do well in temperatures between 70-80°F, they do not need supplemental heating or lighting unless house temperatures drop below 70°F.

*Diet and Nutrition*

* Geckos will eat a varied diet of insects and a premade diet.
* For their premade diet we recommend Repashy or Pangea. It is 2 parts water to 1 part powder diet, blended to a paste, this should be offered nightly to every other night.
* Insects: 10-12 crickets once a week as a protein source and enrichment is recommended. A calcium/ multivitamin supplement can be sprinkled on the crickets as an added boost.
* Mist your gecko 1-2 times a day, they will lick the water off the leaves and glass; this is where they will get most of their hydration, but a water bowl should also be present.

*Handling*

* New Caledonia geckos can drop their tails as a defense mechanism from stress because of this it is important to never grab them by the tail. Avoid restraining them when you hold them, try to keep an open hand and let them walk through your hands to get their energy out.
* Being arboreal geckos, they can be very jumpy, when you first begin holding your gecko it can be helpful to hold them over your bed or table to avoid any injuries if they jump out of your hands.

## *Veterinary Care*

If you notice your gecko experiencing lethargy, dehydration, appetite loss, or injury, consider reaching out to any of the following vets:

* Exotic Bird Hospital on Beach Blvd. (904) 256-0043
* Riverside Animal Hospital Downtown (904) 388-3494
* Birch Island Veterinary Center on Philips Hwy. (904) 717-6840
* Forever Vets Animal Hospital on Bartram Market Dr. (904) 490-8228