



Crested Gecko

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FUN FACT!

Crested geckos must be one of the cutest lizards in the world. They have an almost puppy-like quality about them, as they can be so clumsy going after prey. They are also called eye lash geckos for the eye lashes above the eyes. They stay relatively small, typically 5-8 inches, and are gentle and tame creatures. They make wonderful pets for almost anyone and could possibly live 10 to 15 years. These cute lizards are excellent leapers, and will enjoy leaping from your arm to your chest, shoulder etc. With many geckos the tails grow back, but this isn't the case with the Crested geckos. Once lost they do not grow back.



General Diet

Crested geckos are Omnivores, so they eat insects such as crickets, Dubia roaches, wax and mealworms. They will also eat commercial fruits and baby foods (peach, banana, and apricot)..

Wax worms make great treats and most geckos take well to eating them. Make sure not to feed them too many, as wax worms are higher in calories. Fruits are also great



Vitamins/Supplements

Reptiles need to have a vitamin/mineral supplement with calcium w/D3. This supplement should be sprinkled on the adult's food items once a week or 2 times a week for very young reptiles. We will be glad to explain how often to feed and give supplements to your new pet.

Housing

Crested geckos stay relatively small, so a juvenile individual can be kept in a ten-gallon tank. Although a 20 high tank or taller terrarium is better for an adult A screen should be used on top as they can climb glass.

Reptiles are cold blooded. This means they get their heat from an outside source, unlike humans who can make their own heat. Different areas of the habitat should be at different temperatures, so reptiles can move around to heat up or cool off. Crested geckos are comfortable with a daytime temperature in their tank of 75 - 80 degrees and a nighttime temperature of 60-68. Heat pads can also be used in addition to the heat bulb if the tank especially large or if the room is cool.

Crested geckos like high humidity in their tank and should be misted two to three times a day. Keep a medium dish of water in the tank as well. Have caves available as these reptiles like hiding places. Use the appropriate reptile litter or substrate on the bottom.

Sanitation/General Care

Change the water every other day and clean out the water dish thoroughly twice a week. The litter or substrate used on the bottom should be cleaned as often as needed, and this will depend on tank size, the reptile's size, and the number of reptiles in the tank, as well as type of substrate used.

General Maintenance

Mist the tank two or three times a day. Reptiles will shed their skin periodically. Mist them more often during these times to help them shed the skin more easily. Be sure the tank is at the right temperature at all times.



Health Care

Crested geckos are generally very hardy and healthy when kept in the right conditions. They do not require any yearly check ups or vaccines.

Special Section



Reptiles can carry one disease that can be transmitted to people called salmonellosis. It is always important to wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water after you have handled your pet or anything in your pet's cage. Keep your pet out of the kitchen area and do not allow very small children to handle any reptiles.

SUPPLIES CHECKLIST

Terrarium	Water/Food Dish
Screen Cover	Forest Floor
Hygrometer	Thermometer x2
Heat lamp with nocturnal bulb	Timer
Heat lamp with day bulb	Vitamin/mineral Supplement
moss	Decorations
Heat Pad	
Plants or Caves for hiding	



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