

# leopard gecko care sheet



## habitat

10-20 gallon terrarium with secure lid. Multiple hiding areas. Climbing branches. Alfalfa based pellets (rabbit pellets), calcium sand or reptile carpet. Chlorine-free water should be provided in a shallow bowl that cannot be tipped over.



## lighting

Provide 10-12 hours of light daily. Because geckos are nocturnal they do not require UVB lighting.



## temperature

Temperature should range from 78F(low) to 88F(high) and a basking area of 95F. An incandescent basking light (50 watt per 10 gallon, 75 watt per 20 gallon) should be used during daylight hours only. A ceramic heater or black heat bulb should be used at all times as primary heat. 50% Humidity to help proper shedding.



## diet

Crickets, meal worms, wax worms. Dust food with calcium powder daily and a vitamin supplement once or twice a week. Feed adults every other day and juveniles every day. Pinkies can be feed to add weight to your leopard gecko.

## shopping list

- bedding
- terrarium with secure lid
- food supplements
- calcium & mineral supplements
- climbing branches
- fluorescent light
- hiding box
- incandescent light or ceramic heater
- food & water dish
- thermometer
- humidity gauge
- under tank heater
- book about geckos

## fun facts

### average size

6 to 9 inches

### average life span

20+ years

### misc. information

leopard geckos shed their skin to prevent their scent from being detected

they can't climb smooth surfaces since they don't have toe pads like most geckos

males should be housed separately

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