



Gecko Care Introduction

Please read the following care notes, regardless of your level of reptile care experience. It's simple and proven to be effective for Chahoua, Crested Gecko, and Leachianus gecko care. Please set your gecko up **as described below** for at least four (4) weeks so it can best acclimate to your home.

1) Enclosure set-up

We raise all of our individual geckos the following way:

- **Plastic bin** (available at Target, Walmart, Kmart, Container Store, etc.); create at least **4 air holes per side** (use a "Step drill bit" or soldering iron in a very well-ventilated space)
 - Geckos less than 20 grams, we recommend a 6 quart shoe box
 - Geckos 20 – 35 grams in size, we recommend 12 – 20 quart plastic bin*
 - Geckos 35+ grams in size, we recommend 27+ quarts

*For Leachianus, we keep them in the 12 – 20 quart plastic bin range longer (until they reach ~50 grams) as they seem to do better in smaller enclosures
- **Paper towel** substrate
- **Hides**, such as cork bark, plastic plants (sold specifically for reptiles), and cardboard egg crates, where the gecko can fit comfortably but snugly
- Fresh **water** dish (always available to the gecko)
- Food dish (~16 oz. water bottle sized shallow caps for babies is key to help them eat)
- Each gecko housed alone/individually

2) Diet/feeding

- **Pangea** Gecko Diet offered twice weekly, several days apart (we alternate between the **purple** Fig & Insect and **red** Insect types)
 - Prepare the food as the directions state; leave it in the enclosure for ~24 hours
- Appropriately-sized **crickets** once weekly (generally 5 – 10 per feeding, depending on the geckos' appetite)

3) Humidity

- Finely **Mist**, 1 – 2 sprays while aiming at the walls of the enclosure, the bin one time per day using a spray bottle; do not let the paper towel get sopping wet
- Ideal humidity fluctuates from approximately 50 – 70 percent

4) Temperature

- **Mid-70 degrees** Fahrenheit is ideal; a range of 68 – 78 degrees is acceptable

5) Handling

- Please limit handling to a couple of gentle, short five (5) minute or less periods each day for the first one – two weeks so the gecko can settle in comfortably without any added stress
- Do not grab the gecko by the tail as it can fall off

Disclaimer:

You can keep geckos successfully many different ways, however, this is how we have chosen to successfully keep our geckos for more than a decade. This is intended to be a practical, introductory care guide only. Please observe your gecko daily and consult expert advice if you have any concerns.

Examples:

