



Crested Gecko

Scientific Name: *Correlophus Ciliatus*

Enclosure

Regardless of whether you are a hobbyist breeder or a pet owner, our advice is the same. That is to keep it simple! For pet owners, a great option for caging is a glass enclosure (terrarium). For those keeping several geckos, a rack system may be a better option. Juvenile geckos will do well in a 12x12x12 terrarium or shoe box style tub. While adults will require a minimum of 12x12x18. Geckos should be housed individually with the exception of for breeding purposes.

Heating & Lighting

Crested geckos do well at room temperature. They should be exposed to a normal light cycle. Because they are nocturnal they do not require a UVB light, although, study show that they can benefit from UVB if provided.

Substrate

For ease of cleaning and health purposes we recommend using a paper substrate such as newspaper, butcher/packing paper or paper towel. You can also use substrate like coco fibre to help with humidity levels.

Food/Water/Supplements

Crested geckos can live a lifetime on gecko diets like Repashy and Pangea. They will feed on crickets, mealworms and other bugs as well but it is not necessary. Feeding should be every 2-3 days. Provide a fresh bowl of water daily.

Humidity

General humidity of the enclosure should be kept at 60-80% with a dry period between misting. Mist daily.

Shelter

Crested geckos are nocturnal so shelters within their enclosure will provide them with a peaceful retreat to sleep or hide in. These can be as elaborate as you like or can be as simple as a plastic container turned upside down with a door cut into it to allow the gecko's passage. Egg crates work very well and allows them to climb as well.

Shedding

Crested geckos will shed their skin approximately every four to eight weeks. Prior to each shed the gecko will start to appear dull in coloration. Shedding typically takes a few hours to complete and while you may see some of the shed skin at the bottom of the cage, it is often eaten immediately by the gecko. If your gecko has any unshed skin, which can happen in areas like the toes, we suggest letting your gecko soak in a shallow container of lukewarm water for 15-30 minutes. You can then assist the process by gently removing the skin using tweezers. Alternatively to soaking in water, there is a product called "Repti Shedding Aid" that works well.

Disclaimer

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