

# MARITIME GECKOS



## **Dune Gecko**

**Scientific Name:** Stenodactylus Petrii

### **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). Dune geckos can live comfortably their whole life in a 12x12x12 terrarium. Geckos should be housed individually with the exception of for breeding purposes.

### **Heating & Lighting**

Dune geckos require a hot spot of 90 degrees. This is best achieved with a heat pad or a heat lamp. UVB is not necessary as they are nocturnal but they can benefit from it if provided.

### **Substrate**

These geckos are sand dwelling geckos. An inch of washed play sand is ideal for them.

### **Food/Water/Supplements**

Dune geckos are insectivore. They eat a variety of insects including: crickets, mealworms and other small insects. Provide a fresh bowl of water daily.

### **Humidity**

General humidity of the enclosure should be kept at 30-50%. A light mist once or twice a week is beneficial.

### **Shelter**

Dune 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.

### **Shedding**

Dune 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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