



Mourning Gecko

Scientific Name: *Lepidotactylus Lugubris*

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). Mourning geckos are very small and can escape in the smallest of hole. It's important to chose an escape proof enclosure. PVC enclosure with small air holes or large style jars with mesh tops are best to keep these geckos in. Mourning geckos should be housed 2 or more in one enclosure. They are very social within their colonies. Mourning geckos are parthenogenetic. Meaning they are all females and reproduce without males. Keeping them in colonies will encourage them to produce eggs.

Heating & Lighting

Mourning 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

Mourning geckos diets consists of mainly fruit flies and powder gecko diets. Feed every second day and dust fruit flies every second feeding with calcium/vitamins.

Humidity

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

Shelter

Provide lots of plants, foliage and branches to hide in and rest on.

Shedding

Mourning 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.

Disclaimer

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