



Cat Eyed Gecko Care Sheet

Species name:

Aeluroscalabotes felinus

Adult size:

20cm

Lifespan:

15-20 Years

Breeding age:

7-8 Months Old



Cat-eyed geckos, or *Aeluroscalabotes felinus*, are striking reptiles found in the forests of Southeast Asia. Named for their feline-like vertical pupils, they possess a distinct appearance. These arboreal geckos thrive in lush, humid environments and are skilled climbers.

Captive care requires spacious vertical enclosures with plenty of branches and foliage for climbing and hiding. They primarily feed on insects and should be supplemented with calcium and vitamins. Maintaining optimal temperature and humidity levels is crucial for their well-being. With proper care, cat-eyed geckos can display fascinating behaviours and become captivating additions to reptile enthusiasts' collections.

Housing:

Enclosure: A vertically oriented terrarium is ideal, as cat eyed geckos are arboreal. An 18"x24"x18" terrarium is recommended for adult geckos.

Substrate: Use a substrate that retains moisture well, such as coconut coir or orchid bark. Ensure that the substrate is deep enough for burrowing and provides humidity.

Temperature:

Maintain a temperature gradient within the enclosure. Provide a heat source, such as a heating pad or ceramic heat emitter on one side, to achieve a warm side.

Warm side temperature of around 25°C

Cooler side around 22-23°C

Night-time temperature: 22°C

Lighting:

Cat eyed geckos do not require UVB lighting however there are studies that indicate it has benefits towards their health and well-being. A shade dwelling UVB light can therefore be used at the owner's discretion.

They will also require a day/night cycle. It is recommended they are provided with around 14 hours of light during the summer and down to 10 hours in the winter.

Feeding:

Diet: Feed a well-balanced diet consisting of live insects like crickets and small mealworms. Supplement this diet with a calcium or multivitamin dust at least twice a week.

Feeding Schedule: Feed every other day for adults and daily for juveniles.



Hydration:

Water Bowl: Provide a shallow water dish for drinking. Mist the enclosure daily to maintain humidity levels around 75-90% and provide water droplets for the gecko to lick.

Handling and Enrichment:

Gentle Handling: Cat eyed geckos should only be handled when it is necessary, these geckos stress very easily and can be very fragile.

Enrichment: Provide climbing opportunities and branches. Artificial plants and hiding spots can help create a more stimulating environment.

Health Care:

Health Checks: Regularly observe your cat eyed gecko to see if you notice any changes in behaviour, appetite, or appearance. If something does not seem right seek professional advice promptly.

Hygiene: Keep the enclosure clean, removing waste and uneaten food promptly.

Quarantine: Quarantine new geckos before introducing them to existing ones to prevent the spread of disease.

Cat eyed geckos make fascinating and low-maintenance pets when provided with the right care. Always do thorough research and consult with a veterinarian for specific advice based on your gecko's individual needs.