

## Check List

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2. Hiding Cave
3. Substrate
4. Calcium(Rep-Cal)
5. Vitamins(Herptivite)
6. Water Dish
7. Food Dish
8. Thermometer
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# Leopard Gecko Care Sheet

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## Size/Lifespan

Adult leopard geckos can grow to be 8-10 inches long. Leopard geckos are a long-lived species, able to live 15-20 years in captivity.

## Caging

Baby leopard geckos can be kept in a 5 or 10 gallon aquarium. Adults can be kept in a 10 gallon or bigger tank. Multiple adults can be kept in a 20 gallon or larger aquarium. Never house 2 adult male geckos in the same cage, they will fight.

## Substrate

Babies should be kept on reptile carpet or newspaper so they don't ingest the substrate going after their food. Juveniles and adults can be kept on carpet, slate tiles or eco-earth bedding.

## Heating/Lighting

Leopard geckos need a heat source on one side of the cage so they may warm up their body temperature. A heat light or a heat pad underneath the tank will provide this. The warm side of the cage should be 85-90 degrees with the cool side in the 70's. Because they are nocturnal they do not need any supplemental lighting.

## Feeding

Leopard geckos are insectivores. Babies should be fed every other day with small crickets or mealworms. Juvenile and adult geckos should be fed 2-3 times a week on larger crickets, mealworms, superworms or roaches. Mealworms and superworms should be fed in a dish so they do not bury themselves in the substrate before the lizard can eat them. Because insects do not have bones, calcium and vitamins need to be added to the diet. These can be dusted on the crickets when they are fed or be put in a separate dish so the gecko can eat the supplement at will.

## Water

Leopard geckos will drink from a water bowl so fresh, clean water should be available at all times.

## Cage Setup

Leopard geckos are not great climbers, but they will utilize low sloping branches, shelves, and caves. They need a hiding cave to feel secure. Caves can be purchased or made with cork bark, grapevine, rocks, etc. A humid hiding area should be provided to help in the shedding process. This can be accomplished by putting some moss or coconut bedding under a cave.

## Handling

Leopard Geckos are generally easy to handle. Young geckos are sometimes jumpy and defensive but usually settle down with age and gentle handling. Be careful not to roughly handle a gecko or pull on its tail because they will lose their tail.



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