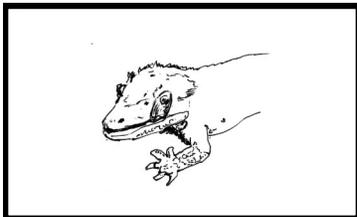


## Check List

- 1 Climbing Braches (cork bark, grapevine, etc.)
- 2 Plastic Plants/Vines
- 3 Water Dish
- 4 Food Dish
- 5 Substrate (Eco-Earth, Lizard Liner, Bark, etc.)
- 6 Crested Gecko Diet
- 7 Calcium Supplement (Rep Cal)
- 8 Vitamin Supplement (Herptivite)
- 9 Heat Source (if needed)
- 10 Good Book (Crested Gecko in Captivity)

**Buy 6 or more items on the checklist and receive 10% off regular price on items purchased**



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Crested geckos have become one of the most popular pet lizards. They are very hardy, get good size but not too big, are easy to feed, generally become tame and easy to handle, and come in a variety of colors. They can live 10-20 years in captivity. The average adult size is 8-10 inches. They are wall-climbing type geckos with the ability to climb most surfaces, including glass.

## Diet

One of the biggest advantages of the crested gecko is their diet. They are omnivores in the wild, eating a variety of fruits and insects. In captivity this is easily accomplished in a number of ways. There is a commercially available powdered diet that you mix with water made by Pangea and Repashy that are a nutritionally complete diet for crested. Alternately, you can also supplement their diet with insects like crickets. Crickets should be less than half the size of the head of the gecko. Roaches and crickets need to be supplemented with calcium and vitamins since they are not a complete diet. For babies this should be every feeding, for adults 2-3 times a week is sufficient.

Crested Gecko diet should be feed in a small clean dish.

Crested geckos will drink out of a water bowl, so they should be provided with clean water at all times. Misting the cage with a clean spray bottle daily or every other day is beneficial as well.

## Housing

For young crested, a plastic Kritter Keeper works well. Keep the cage simple so they can find food and water easily. Use a lizard carpet or paper towel for the substrate, a piece of bark or wood for climbing, a small plastic plant, a water dish, and a feeding dish.

Cresteds are good climbers. A vertical cage is best for their long-term care. A glass cage with a screen top or a full screen cage both work well. Minimum size for an adult is 12x12x18 inches, but the bigger the better. Climbing places in the form of cork bark and grapevine work well for furnishing for the cage. Make sure to include both horizontal and vertical surfaces in the cage. A thick, bushy plastic or live plant works well as a hiding place and climbing area.

The substrate of the cage can be a lizard carpet or any reptile bedding that holds humidity such as Eco-Earth.

## Temperature

One of the other benefits of crested is they do well at room temperatures in most instances. Ideal temps for crested is 72-78 degrees. If the room is too cold, a small heat light can be used to raise the tempera-

ture. Never let temperatures reach above 80 degrees.

## Handling

Crested Geckos are good climbers and like to jump, but with gentle care usually become easy to handle. Because they are fairly quick, children should always be supervised when handling the gecko. They will lose their tail if handled roughly, threatened, or the tail is pulled on. Always wash your hands after handling any animal.

Get a good book on these fascinating creatures, as there is a lot more to learn.

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