



Technical care sheet

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African fat tail gecko

Classification

Order : Squamata
Family : Eublepharidae
Genera : Hemitheconyx
Species : *Hemitheconyx caudicinctus*

Description

Adult length : 7-9" (18-23 cm)
Adult weight : 45-75g
Lifespan : 15-20 years
Time of activity : Crepuscular (mostly active at dawn and dusk)

Climatic parameters

Basking temperature : 30-33 degrees Celsius
Average temperature : 26-28 degrees Celsius
Cold side temperature : 24-26 degrees Celsius
Night temperature : 20-24 degrees Celsius
Humidity : 50-70%*

Terrarium

Size :
- Baby/Juvenil : 20*10*12"
- Minimum adult : 24*18*18"
- Ideal Adult : 36*18*18"
Substrate : - Zoomed's ReptiSoil, Zilla's Jungle Mix, Coco fiber

Lights

Heating : Incandescent heat bulb or ceramic heat emitter



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UVB : Arcadia Shadedweller 7%

Feeding

Type : Insectivorous diet

- Insects : Crickets, wax worms, black soldier fly larvae, meal worms, superworms, goliath worms, silk worms, roaches, Night crawler

Depending on prey item size, gecko should eat around 6-12 prey items per meal (1-3 for big prey items).

Supplements : - Dust calcium on every insect meal (with D3 if no UVB)

- Dust vitamins once a week

Frequency : Baby/Juvenil : Feed every day

Adult : Feed 2-3 times a week

Hydration : Fresh water every day.

Cohabitation

Males are territorial and will fight each other for territory. They shouldn't be housed together. Females can be housed in groups if the cage is large enough. Beware that fights and problems can appear even with only females. Cohabitation should be reserved for experienced keepers.

Manipulation

Babies can be a bit nervous but will calm down with time and size. Fat tail gecko are usually clamer than leopard gecko. Those gecko can let go of their tail if they feel threatened. Tail will regrow but without the segmentation. For geckos of less then 6 months, 2-3 manipulation a week max is recommended to not over stressed them. Keep in mind that each gecko is different and they have their own personality. Adjust manipulation accordingly.