



CARING FOR YOUR GIANT DAY GECKO

Scientific Name: *Phelsuma grandis*
Native to: Northern Madagascar
Maximum Length: Adult males up to 12 inches, Females up to 10 inches
Life Span: Average 8 years, have documented



CHARACTERISTICS:

Giant Day Geckos are visually stunning geckos that are best kept as display animals for moderately experienced keepers. It is recommended to avoid handling due to their sensitive skin that is at risk of sloughing if handled. They are arboreal and come from a tropical environment. Giant day geckos do best when housed individually or in pairs. Males cannot be housed together. At times, pairs will reject each other's company and fight. When this occurs, they will have to be separated. Some male/female pairs will bond for life and never fight. These individuals should not be separated, because they may not accept another mate.

CARE TIPS:

Enclosure: Giant day geckos thrive in well-planted naturalistic terrariums. A tall enclosure for climbing is recommended. Screen and glass enclosures measuring 24 inches tall by 24 inches long by 12 inches wide will comfortably house an adult pair.

Substrate: Many substrates designed for rain forest terrariums can be used successfully, including peat/soil mixtures, coconut fiber and various bark chips.

Habitat: Bamboo is ideal for climbing and basking. Live plants will add to the naturalistic design and increase enclosure humidity.

Temperature and Lighting: As well as maintaining a humidity level between 60-70%, provide a basking spot at 95 degrees Fahrenheit. The ambient temperature should range from 82 to 86 degrees during the day and 75 to 82 degrees at night. UVB light is required.

Food and Water: Crickets, Mealworms, Waxworms and Commercial Day Gecko food. All insect prey should be dusted with a calcium/vitamin supplement at every feeding. A multimineral supplement should also be used once per week.