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22.25" X 10.5" X 12.6"

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The My 1st Reptile Leopard Gecko Starter Kit is the ideal set-up for the beginner herpetoculturist! This 10 Gallon Leopard Gecko Starter Kit is easy to install and maintain, and comes with all the components necessary to give your terrarium hobby a successful start. Exo Terra® offers a complete range of accessories to customise and optimise your Leopard Gecko Starter Kit set-up. For more information, visit our website www.exo-terra.com.

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LEOPARD GECKO - CARE SHEET

The Leopard Gecko is an ideal reptile for the beginning reptile enthusiast as well as for the advanced hobbyist. It is a docile and “easy-to-care” for species that has been captive bred in the USA and Europe for more than 30 years. The Leopard Gecko is available in its natural color and pattern, but also in various designer color morphs.



SCIENTIFIC NAME:

Eublepharis macularius



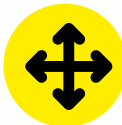
FAMILY:

Leopard Gecko's belong to the subfamily Eublepharidae or eyelid geckos



DISTRIBUTION:

Iran, Pakistan, Afghanistan and the North-Western part of India



AVERAGE ADULT SIZE:

7-10 in (18-25cm)



AVERAGE LIFE SPAN:

10-25 years (some individuals even live longer)



HOUSING

The Leopard Gecko Starter Kit is ideal for housing 1 Leopard Gecko male and 1 female.
IMPORTANT: males should never be housed together!

SUBSTRATE

The Exo Terra® Reptile Carpet is a safe & hygienic substrate substitute for your reptiles. The Exo Terra® Reptile Carpet is easy to place, but also easy to remove for cleaning purposes. Spot-clean the Reptile Carpet as often as possible, remove feces, dead insects and uneaten food and rinse the Reptile Carpet with water when soiled. Compared to loose sand or soil, the Reptile Carpet will reduce the risk of impaction from accidentally ingested particles.

DECORATION

Exo Terra® decor items, like Cactus, Outcrops, Skulls or Dinosaur Eggs, provide reptiles with an additional elevated basking area and increased 3-D dwelling space. Exo Terra® offers a wide variety of innovative decor items which add personal accents, and enrich the animals environment. Visit our website www.exo-terra.com to find out more about our innovative decor items (sold separately).



LIGHTING

Leopard geckos are mainly crepuscular, meaning they're most active during dusk and dawn. The energy efficient Exo Terra Day & Night LED Fixture (2W only) or Full Moon (1W) provide optimal light for viewing pleasure as well as to simulate a 12-hour day-night cycle.





HEATING

Leopard Geckos are ectotherm and thus tend to thermoregulate their body temperature by moving from the warm end to the cold end of their habitat and vice versa, in order to keep their body at the preferred temperature.

With this knowledge in mind, it is best to create a temperature gradient inside the Leopard Gecko terrarium by heating approximately 1/3 of the floor space by placing an Exo Terra® Heat Mat on one side of the terrarium floor, so 2/3 will remain cool.

The warm area should remain between 88-95°F (30-35°C) and the cold end around 80-82°F (26-28°C) during daytime, and an average of 70-72°F (20-22°C) at night.

FOOD

Leopard Geckos are strictly insectivorous and should be fed with a variety of live, canned or vacuum-packed insects of appropriate size. As a general rule the maximum size of the insects should be the width of the gecko's head. Feed juveniles daily and adults every other day, and always dust your live feeder insects with a 1:1 mix of Exo Terra® Multi Vitamin and Calcium +D3 powder supplement.

Offer as much variety of insects, in your Leopard Gecko's diet, as possible, to make sure that your gecko receives all possible essential nutrients. All live insects should be gut-loaded with nutritious foods, like apple slices, sweet potato, oranges, cereals, bee pollen, etc. 24-48 hours prior to being fed to your gecko.

Exo Terra® offers 11 varieties of Canned and Vacuum-Packed Foods which allow you to bring more variety in your Leopard Gecko's diet. Leopard Geckos will readily accept canned or vacuum-packed foods if you use tweezers to make the insects appear to be alive.

Exo Terra® Canned or Vacuum-Packed insects can be fed right out of the can or pouch as these insects are well fed and vitamin-calcium coated.



HYDRATION

Although Leopard Geckos come from a rather arid environment, it is extremely important that you always provide them with clean, fresh drinking water.

Do not use an overly large Water Dish, as this might increase the overall relative humidity too much. An Exo Terra® Small or Medium Water Dish or Water Well will suffice.

Always treat tap water with Exo Terra® Aquatize to remove harmful heavy metals, chlorine and chloramines, necessary to provide safe healthy water for your captive reptiles and amphibians.

To keep your Leopard Geckos happy and healthy, we recommend that you always add Exo Terra® Electrolyte & Vitamin D3 and Exo Terra Liquid Calcium to the drinking water.

The combination of Exo Terra® Electrolyte & Vitamin D3 together with Exo Terra® Liquid Calcium will ensure that your Leopard Geckos stay well hydrated, keep a healthy appetite and maintain a strong bone structure.



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LEOPARD GECKO - FUN FACTS

1. Leopard geckos can reach adult size in 12-16 months and live up to 25 years if well fed & maintained

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2. Leopard geckos are crepuscular/nocturnal ground-dwellers

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3. Leopard geckos can close their eyelids, but they can also clean their eyes with their tongue

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4. Leopard geckos have tiny claws to secure their grip in the compacted sand and rock environment they live in

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5. Leopard geckos can store fat and water in their tails for emergency use

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6. Leopard geckos shed their skin while growing, because they outgrow their "costume"

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7. Leopard geckos tend to go to the toilet in just one corner of their habitat, making it easy to spot-clean their terrarium

