



# Leopard Gecko



## OVERVIEW



- Scientific Name: *Eublepharis macularius*
- Origin: Middle East
- Ease of Care: Beginner
- Potential Adult Size: 7 to 9.5 inches
- Life Span: Upwards of 15 years
- Behaviour: Crepuscular
- Diet: Insects
- Handling: Beginner
- Humidity: 20% to 40%

## TOP TIPS

- ✓ A Vivarium is best suited for adult Leopard Geckos.
- ✓ Vary your Leopard Gecko's food to keep it stimulated
- ✓ Use a sand scoop when spot cleaning
- ✓ Provide a moist hide in their enclosure

## HOUSING

For a hatchling/Juvenile Leopard Gecko, the HabiStat Hatchling Leopard Gecko Starter Kit (HSLGSK) has all that is needed for your hatchling/Juvenile Leopard Gecko.

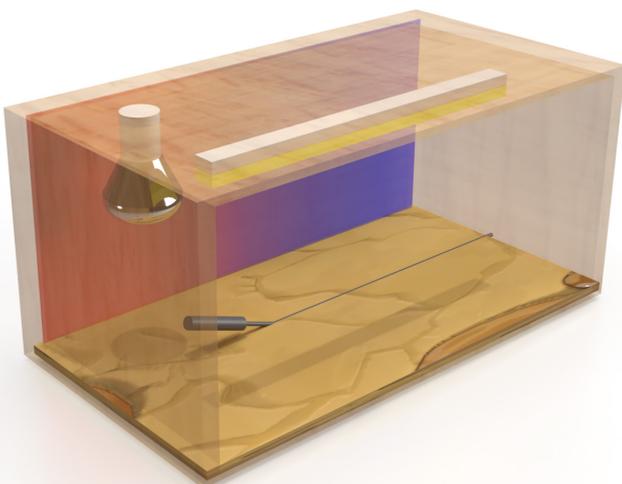
We recommend the HabiStat Standard Vivarium - 36x24x24 Inches (DVF3624) once the Leopard Gecko reaches adult size.

## EQUIPMENT NEEDED

- Housing: Vivarium
- Heating: Heat Bulb
- Lighting: UV Tube (Light Cycle: 12 hours of light)
- Substrate: HabiStat Leopard Gecko Bedding
- Water: Water bowl

## ENVIRONMENT

### Terrestrial Vivarium Setup



### Heating

The HabiStat Leopard Gecko Accessory Kit (HSLGAK) provides all the light, heat, and safety elements for the enclosure in one handy kit.

Leopard Gecko's are a crepuscular species and require a suitable light and heat gradient in the enclosure to simulate a complete 24-hour period.

- Background Temp: 20°C-24°C (68°F-75°F)
- HOT Spot: 30-32°C (86-90°F)
- Night-Time Temp: 18°C-23°C (68°F-74°F)

Provide a warmer/hot area towards the one side of the enclosure, using an overhead heat source to offer a heat gradient.

Use an Arcadia Pro Ceramic Lamp Holder & Bracket

(RADCHP) with a HabiStat Heat Bulb (HBB100) running through a HabiStat Dimming Thermostat (HTDW).

Dimming thermostats are designed to regulate temperatures using a thermostat probe (also known as a sensor). Correct placement of the probe is critical to avoid overheating and injury to the Leopard Gecko.

Check temperatures regularly, using a reliable dual thermometer and hygrometer to ensure that there are no extreme fluctuations.

## Lighting

Fit an Arcadia Pro T5 ShadeDweller UVB Kit, 7% (RARTP8S) to the inside roof of the vivarium.

Ensure that it is fitted correctly and within the manufactures recommended distances.

## Substrates and Decoration

Personal choice will dictate how you decorate your enclosure, but we recommend the following as a guide:

- Leopard Geckos can be housed on HabiStat Leopard Gecko Bedding (HSLGB10)
- HabiStat Cork Branch (HDB1), HabiStat Grapevine (HSGV) and HabiStat Tea Tree Branch (HSNTB) will offer shelter and enrichment within the enclosure.
- Live or artificial plant decoration will provide darker areas for the Leopard Gecko to also sleep and hide under.
- The use of the HabiStat Moss Hide (HSNMH) filled with HabiStat Sphagnum Moss (HSMS250) in the middle of the enclosure is essential for the species.

## DIET & WATER

Ensure a Leopard Gecko has a varied diet, with a mixture of insects

Insects such as Crickets (HOUSECR), Locust (LCST) and Roaches (LDL8) are some of their favourites.

Always provide a source of fresh water. The HabiStat Sandstone Water Dish (HRSSCM) will provide a safe and sturdy option.

To maintain and regulate humidity within the enclosure, mist as required.

## SUPPLEMENTATION

Leopard Geckos need additional supplementation in the form of a calcium and multi-vitamin powder such as Arcadia Earth Pro-A (RAREP100) and Arcadia Earth Pro Calcium Mg (RAREPCM80).

Please follow the packaging instructions.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This is a lizard species that will benefit from a moist/humid hide in the middle of the enclosure. This will provide an accessible humidity boost that will hugely benefit the animals shedding process, should they choose to use it.

# HEALTH & HYGIENE



We recommend the following cleaning routine to keep your Leopard Gecko healthy and happy:

	Water	Substrate	Enclosure
Daily	Change old water for fresh water	Spot clean	Check vents on enclosure are not blocked and allow air to pass through freely
Weekly	Disinfect water bowl or dish	Agitate substrate to prevent any bacterial build-up and remove any dirty bedding	Wipe down glass and walls with a reptile safe disinfectant
Monthly		Take out old substrate and replace with new substrate	Wipe down inside the enclosure and disinfect décor with a reptile safe disinfectant

Always wash your hands, surfaces and equipment with warm water and disinfectant immediately before and after handling or feeding your Leopard Gecko, their food, enclosure and any other equipment.



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