



Veiled Chameleon

Origin: Saudi Arabia and Yemen

Size: Females: 10-14 in, Males: 17-24 in

Life Span: 6-8 years with proper care



Heat and Lighting:

- Daytime basking spot 85-95 F. Use a daytime incandescent light bulb for the basking spot. 72-80 F in the rest of the habitat
- Night temperatures-Not lower than 65-70 F
- UVB light is necessary for 12 hours a day. Fluorescent tubes are better for their eyes.
- A ceramic heat emitter on top of the screen can be used at night to provide heat if your house is cold.

Tank setup:

- Screen enclosure is better than glass. The air flow helps prevent respiratory issues.
- Vines and plants give the chameleon items to climb. Non-toxic live plants can be used.
- Substrate is not necessary. Paper towels can be used for easy clean up.

Water and Humidity:

- Chameleons will not drink from a bowl. They drink water droplets off of leaves.
- A drip system or a mister will help maintain humidity levels and provide drinking water. A spray bottle will work too as long as the habitat is misted several times per day
- Humidity level should be 60-80%

Temperament & Handling:

- Chameleons generally do not like to be handled
- If you must handle yours, approach it calmly and slowly so you do not scare it and make it fall.



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Diet:

- Chameleons are mostly insectivores. Crickets make a great staple. Other insects such as superworms, dubia roaches, wax worms, mealworms, and hornworms are great for variety.
- Babies and juveniles should be fed at least twice per day. Adults can be fed every other day.
- Adults can be offered calcium-rich greens such as dandelion, mustard, collard and turnip greens 1-2 times per week
- Fruit can be offered to adults as a treat. Some to try are apple, strawberries and raspberries, mango, papaya, carrot and squash.
- For juveniles, dust insects with calcium powder 2-3 times per week. Dust about once per week for adults