

# CREATURE CARE SHEET

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## Dakota's Leaf Toed Gecko

Other Species or Phases this Care Sheet may also cover:  
House Geckos (*Genus hemidactylus*)

### Characteristics:

Keep singly or in male – female trios with a ratio of one male to two females. These geckos are nocturnal. That means they hide in the day and are active at night. They DO NOT like to be handled.

During the day they can be found pressed into various nooks and crannies around the vivarium. Members of the genus *Hemidactylus* are often extremely fast movers. Be sure to lock your cage because if they climb up the tank wall they will take a leaping jump to the ground and hit the ground running before scaling the nearest wall!

### Substrate and Water Needs:

Mist cage at least several times a day with chlorine free water. Give them a bowl big enough to climb in with shallow chlorine free water. Make sure they have at least a 70-75% humidity at all times even at night but it's OK if it falls to around 60% humidity at night. Give your geckos a lot of room to hide and climb.

### Lighting and UVB:

Provide fluorescent light for 10 to 12 hours a day and you should also supply at least 6 hours of UV light . If you don't have a basking light make sure you get a thermometer and a heating pad.

### Temperatures and Humidity:

Have your geckos cage at least 29 degreesC for the warm end and 22C for the cool end. Have humidity at 70-75% at all times. If you find this difficult to maintain at night the a dripper or put a towel partially over the cage with a shallow water bowl. NEVER have a heating rock in your lizards cage it will burn your lizards skin.

### Caging Provided:

Vivariums vary according to needs and budget but the minimum is usually a glass cage, a heating pad, a heat light, moss bedding, calci sand or even carpet - which ever one you prefer. Also a water bowl, food bowl for meal worms, and a lot of climbing and hiding spots.

### Diet:

Carnivorous. Calcium powder meal worms, gut loaded recently feed crickets, waxworms and small locusts are all suitable. A varied diet through feeding gut loaded animals is essential. Supplements, Nutrition and Usage: Gut loaded cricket feed, and calcium powder.